

"AM I BORN TO DIE?"

Rev. William M. Johnson, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, 1898, would have been familiar with the old gospel hymn, "Am I Born to Die?" The Sweet Singers of Israel made the song a part of their gospel concerts in Maryville. The answer to the song's question came to him when Rev. Johnson pitted his strong convictions against the racism of his time.

After the Civil War, the power of the lynch mobs emerged. This record of horror multiplied during the 1880's, a decade in which more than 1,200 Americans suffered that agony. Between 1890 and 1900, mobs lynched 1,665 persons in the United States, most of them black. No decade in American history has written a sorrier record.

It was in the period, 1890 to 1900, that Rev. Johnson, age 35 or 40, came to Maryville with his wife to be pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist church, 1001 East Fourth. He had come from the south, but had also been a minister in Kansas. William Johnson's education was exceptional for a black of that period. First documentation of Rev. Johnson's stay in Maryville was the Emancipation Day celebration, August 4, 1898, when he was one of the orators for the day.

At a time when most blacks voted Republican, William Johnson was a Democrat. However, his attempt to change his Maryville brethren to Democrats and to organize a "colored Free Silver Club" met with failure. His beliefs were so incompatible with those of his congregation that he was no longer permitted to serve as Baptist pastor. He made a living after 1898 doing odd jobs in Maryville.

Soon after the November election, 1898, Rev. Johnson made the Maryville newspapers again with a controversial statement against lynching. It seems likely that he was also aware of the local lynching of Omaha Charley, white man, since it took place a block away from his Baptist church just four years prior.

The following paper was presented by William Johnson to black brethren in Leavenworth, Kansas, and printed in Maryville, December 1, 1898, by the Tribune.

NEGROES SHOULD FIGHT. Rev. W. M. Johnson of Maryville, evangelist of the African Baptist church of Missouri and Kansas, has some very decided opinions on the matter of how the race question should be dealt with which he has just given expression to in an article which he expects to have published in all the official papers of his church throughout the country. The article is highly aggressive and suggests negroes should take up arms to protect themselves.

"This thing (the lynching and killing of negroes) must be stopped, Friends and brothers in Christ, we must rise up against this evil against our brethren by prayer and by force. If we must die for right and justice, God will be pleased with us. The United States claims that they cannot interfere on behalf of the

negro. Are not all of the states of the U.S. under the same law and ruled by the same power?

Scarcely a day passes without a lynching of negroes somewhere in the South. Why? Are negroes worse than other races? Is it really the crime of rape? I say it is not. It is on account of his color, and because he does not raise his hands to protect himself. Then brothers, this thing of lynching negroes must be stopped. We must unite ourselves as a race against it and protect ourselves. If it causes death we will die in a good cause, and God will be pleased with us as he was with his servants of old when they achieved victory over the evil one.

The time is at hand for the negro to act in self defense, by the skillful use of a repeating rifle. With a Republican president, house of representatives and senate, and thousands of friends in the Democrat party, as well as in his own, it does seem that something could be done to befriend us. But if not, we must fight it out like men. "A ship for the horse, a bridle for the ass" (Proverbs 20:3) and a few rifle balls for the lyncher's backs should be the battle cry of every assaulted negro. When one is assaulted, we all ought to band together throughout the country for our mutual protection.

If the citizens of this country will not protect us we must long or short protect ourselves. If we cannot receive protection at home, we have an example in the case of the Cubans who appealed to a foreign power to relieve them from their oppressors.

I hope the words I have written will find their way to every negro in this country so that if the negroes have any friends in the white race they will get a slight idea of the feelings that are working in the negroes' breast. We are determined to no longer submit to the frightful indignities that are being heaped upon us."

Rev. Johnson occupies a prominent place among negro preachers of Kansas and Missouri and is a well-educated and intelligent colored man."

Federal and state governments had made little effort to stop the oppression Rev. Johnson described. The Afro-American League, controlled by Booker T. Washington, avoided any confrontation, and their weak approach appealed to the whites. However, black women, under the auspices of the National Association of Colored Women, took a more militant position. Their verbal assaults against man's inhumanity to man carried modern overtones. They advocated, in 1895, self defense, "...the more the Afro-American cringes and begs, the more he is insulted, outraged, and lynched." This was Rev. Johnson's position also.

Thus, the tragic stage was set and the actors in place on that fateful day, August 30, 1899, Maryville, Missouri.

The Maryville papers and the St. Joseph Gazette all give a different view of what occurred. But the headline of the Maryville Tribune outlines well the story: AFRICAN BAPTIST MINISTER, CONVICTED OF MAKING INDECENT PROPOSAL TO WHITE WOMAN AND SENTENCED TO NINE MONTHS IN JAIL, DECLINED TO ACCOMPANY THE OFFICERS AND DREW A GUN: WAS WRONG IN UPPER STORY AND FEARED HE WOULD BE MOBBED AND BURNED AT STAKE LIKE NEGROES IN THE SOUTH IF HE WENT TO JAIL.

One newspaper wrote that William Johnson was selling hair restorative and in conversation insulted the woman. Another said he went to the home to borrow a washtub and mentioned the hair vigor which he claimed to have made himself. When he brought the tub back, he brought a label and according to the woman made the indecent proposal.

Her husband swore out a warrant and Johnson was charged with disturbing the peace. The doctor who was attending Rev. Johnson's wife went bond so the minister could stay home with Mrs. Johnson who was very ill of typhoid. Next day, the doctor asked Johnson to give himself up to custody so he (the doctor) could be released from the bond. He also asked the constable to come and take Johnson to jail. Rev. Johnson agreed to go if he could take his two pistols. The constable said he didn't care, so Johnson put one in each of his front coat pockets. Just before they got to the jail, Johnson asked what was to be done with him. The constable said he would have to be incarcerated.

The night before in Maryville there had been some "loud talk of lynching and it had reached Johnson's ears." He became alarmed, "I will die sooner than go in there and be lynched," Johnson declared, and broke away from the officer.

Since he had no papers to hold him, the constable let the minister go. Johnson went home and got his bicycle; after riding around for a bit, he went to the home of the prosecuting attorney in south Maryville. He asked for advice and turned himself over to the attorney. The prosecuting attorney said he would have to move the trial up, and the two men came to town together. A jury was immediately selected and a trial held. One of the lawyers for Johnson's defense was so "disgusted" with the evidence, he left the other lawyer to defend Johnson alone. Rev. Johnson was found guilty and sentenced to jail for nine months.

There was a large crowd in Maryville for the trial. The Gazette said hundreds of people were in the streets. Rev. Johnson had previously given up one of his pistols to the prosecuting attorney, but still kept one in his front pocket. He was not searched. Johnson appeared to be desperate so extra deputies were assigned to bring him down the courthouse stairs to jail, about 6:00 in the evening. When the minister reached the sidewalk, he asked to be taken to Anderson's furniture store for safekeeping. But the officers told him this was not a choice.

Johnson backed away from the officers, "I will die before I will go down there and be lynched. I came from the south and I know how white people treat negroes who are in jail."

The constable pulled his pistol and told Johnson to throw up his hands. As the officer grasped Johnson by the arm, a deputy called, "He has a gun."

The deputy fired once and the constable fired his pistol twice, with one shot striking Johnson's chest. The minister started to run, turned and fired back one shot, staggered and fell on the sidewalk in front of the Baker Bank. He died almost instantly.

Ironically, Johnson was then taken to Anderson's furniture store, which was also an undertaking parlor. A coroner's jury was selected and witnesses called; one witness who testified (again there is irony here) was Sam Gunn, black man. The verdict was that the shooting was justified.

The Democrat Forum wrote, "Johnson probably wrought himself to fear a lynching, but poor misguided fellow, nothing of that kind would have occurred."

The townspeople milled around until midnight discussing the affair. The black population of Maryville also gathered denouncing the killing of Rev. Johnson, but soon gave up and returned to their homes. To the newspaper reporters, they denied that Rev. Johnson was a part of their church family. When the news was broken to the seriously ill Mrs. Johnson, she collapsed.

There is no indication of what became of Mrs. Johnson; the couple had no children. The newspapers did not tell if relatives came to claim the body of Rev. Johnson or if he was buried in Oak Hill cemetery. In fact, the local newspapers never commented on the incident or Rev. William M. Johnson again.

Martha Cooper

KU KLUX KLAN

June 21, 1871. Editorial: The Herald, a Radical sheet in St. Joseph will want all the Ku Klux news in the county, as an instance of the kind that will suit: There was a negro taken out of our jail some days ago since which time he has not been heard from. Of course, none other than the Ku Klux could have done such a deed and in all probability the darkey's bones are bleaching in one of the wells around the public square.

Nodaway Democrat

April 29, 1984. QUITMAN FIRES, Harold Hoyt: When I was pretty young (1920's) the K.K.K. burned a cross in the old church yard about two blocks south of the old school where the road makes a little jog. A family of colored folks were moving into town about that time and I think that may have been the reason for the burning. We could see the cross from our house about two blocks away.

Country, Maryville

November 16, 1923. Author of blackmail notes demanding money from several Maryville men over the past few years... letters signed "Ku Klux Klan of Nodaway County."

Tribune

November 17, 1923. Negroes in Helena Montana protest the movie, "Birth of a Nation."

Tribune

February 15, 1923. Klan Makes Threats in Bradley Case. Evidence may be introduced that the K.K.K. had made threats in the case of State vs. Ellis Bradley which started trial today in Circuit Court. Rumor is that if Bradley (age 16) is not convicted or trial is delayed, drastic action would be taken. Each potential juror was asked if a member of the K.K.K. and not seated if affirmative.

Democrat Forum

May 11, 1922. The Angel(1) Comedians are playing in Hopkins in a big tent; the paper had published a letter received by Billy Angel, manager of the comedians that if the show did not leave town the K.K.K. would burn the tent. People came to see, but the show went on, the performance carried out. "I was worried," Billy Angell said. "I put the matter in front of Constable Bock and wired employer, Angell in San Diego, California, who said to pull out and go to Iowa if Missouri would not give protection."

The show was booked for Maryville but will not take place and will go to Iowa instead. An organizer was in Pickering Tuesday. He said K.K.K. had nothing to do with the threat; said that K.K.K. is organized in Pickering and has been in Maryville for several months.

Democrat Forum

March 26, 1923. The first public appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in Maryville was made last night when 13 Klansmen in full regalia walked into the Tabernacle meeting and deposited \$100 on the altar.

They requested by note that the Tabernacle soloist, Hamilton, sing a song which they handed him and following the song for the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass to lead in prayer.

The Klansmen came into the meeting following the song service. They walked slowly down the aisle and formed a line before the altar. The center man handed the pastor a note and a sheet of music. The note read, "Have Hamilton sing this song and then you lead in prayer." The song was written and composed especially for the Ku Klux Klan and was entitled, "Why I'm a Klansman." The chorus follows:

This is why I'm a Klansman and wear the Klansman mask,
And raise my hands toward heaven and shoulder a Klansman task,
I vowed that I'd be faithful wherever I would roam,
I love my God and country and honor a Klansman's home.

Following the prayer, the spokesman for the 13 gave a short talk and gave a letter to Rev. Snodgrass to read:

To the Leaders of the Tabernacle Meeting held in Maryville,
Missouri: Greetings: Please accept this token of appreciation
of the principles advocated during the union meeting in your city
supporting and defending the Christian civilization and progress
which is our heritage.

Our nation has accomplished more for the uplift of humanity in
150 years of Protestant government than has been accomplished by
any nation and to our God, our country, our home, and our fellow-
men, we pledge ourselves...

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

Tribune

**Knights of The Ku Klux Klan
and Its Mission**

By NATIONAL LECTURER
UNDER AUSPICES of NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

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The Maryville Public Library :

I am not sending this material proudly, but, thought it should be preserved in the historical papers of Nodaway County. I would be interested to see an article or ~~comment~~ comment in the daily Maryville paper as to whether there is other material on file concerning the K.K.K. past activities in Nodaway County .

Thank You --- But No Name

St. Joseph, Mo.
Sept. 19, 1924.

Dear Sir:

(Owing to the Imperial Klouvation to be held in Kansas City this next week, it will be impossible for me to get to you for a meeting, but I have set Monday night, Sept. 29th, for your next meeting.

This will be a combination meeting for Clarmont, Elmo, Quitman and Burlington Mo. I am sending this letter to each member. Am also sending each member 5 tickets of admission which you will present at the door for each man you bring with you. Am putting you on your honor as a Klansman to help make this meeting a success by bringing eligible men who are not members as well as bring present yourself. This meeting ought to be a big success and will be if each of you men will do your individual part.

Hoping to see you and believing that I will on that evening, I remain

SINCERELY YOURS, IN THE
SACRED UNFAILING BOND.

IDEALS

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WE have been passing through the formative period of the organization, and now we have come to the period of constructive planning and activity. We must know what we are, and the things for which we stand in order that our activity may rightly contribute to the upbuilding of character and of a high-grade citizenship. The time has now come when the world will know the Ku Klux Klan in its true character. Before we can correctly interpret this Order and the things for which it stands we ourselves must know ourselves and the principles and ideals of this Order.

IDEALS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

1. THE CHARACTER OF THE ORGANIZATION.

And here it is necessary to repeat briefly some things with which you are already familiar.

1. THIS IS A WHITE MAN'S ORGANIZATION, exalting the Caucasian Race and teaching the doctrine of White Supremacy. This does not mean that we are enemies of the colored and mongrel races. But it does mean that we are organized to establish the solidarity and to realize the mission of the White Race. All of Christian Civilization depends upon the preservation and upbuilding of the White Race, and it is the mission of the Ku Klux Klan to proclaim this doctrine until the White Race shall come into its own.

2. THIS IS A GENTILE ORGANIZATION, and as such has as its mission the interpretation of the highest ideals of the White, Gentile peoples. We sing no hymns of hate against the Jew. He is interested in his own things and we are exercising the same privilege of banding our own kind together in order that we may realize the highest and best possible for ourselves.

3. IT IS AN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, and we do restrict membership to native-born American Citizens. The records show that recently, at least, the aliens who have been flooding our land have come into this country, not because of any love for America, but, because of intolerable or unfavorable conditions in the land they left behind. They come to this country, not that they may contribute in any way to its growth and development, but that they may find opportunity to advance themselves and to serve their own interests. They are here to serve the interests of the land from which they came, regardless of the interests of this land in which they make their homes and seek their fortunes. They come to obey the mandates of governments of which they are still the subjects, even to the extent of

endeavoring to break down the government under which they find protection while seeking their nefarious ends. In their hearts there is the tie that still binds them to the home-land; to them it is still the Fatherland. Their sympathies are still there; their thoughts have been shaped by the currents in the old country. They do not easily re-adjust themselves. Thus we find the groups: Irish-Americans, German-Americans, and all kinds of hyphenated Americans. What pleasure would they find or what service could they render in this organization which is distinctively an American-American organization? We have organized to engender a real spirit of true Americanism—that Americanism which is a system based on a principle of utter antagonism to monarchism, whether represented by emperor, king, potentate, or pope.

4. IT IS A PROTESTANT ORGANIZATION. Membership is restricted to those who accept the tenets of true Christianity, which is essentially Protestant. We maintain and contend that it is the inalienable right of Protestants to have their own distinctive organization. We can say to the world without apology, and say truly, that our forefathers founded this as a Protestant country and that it is our purpose to re-establish and maintain it as such. While we will energetically maintain and proclaim the principles of Protestantism, we will also maintain the principles of religious liberty as essential to the life and progress of this nation, and we will vigorously oppose all efforts to rob the American people of this right.

II. RACIAL IDEALS.

1. WE STAND FOR WHITE SUPREMACY. Distinction among the races is not accidental but designed. This is clearly brought out in the one book that tells authoritatively of the origin of the races. This distinction is not incidental, but is of the vastest import and indicates the wisdom of the divine mind. It is not temporary but is as abiding as the ages that have not yet ceased to roll. The supremacy of the White Race must be maintained, or be overwhelmed by the rising tide of color.

2. WE MUST KEEP THIS A WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY. Only by doing this can we be faithful to the foundations laid by our forefathers.

a. This Republic was established by White Men.

b. It was established for White Men.

c. Our forefathers never intended that it should fall into the hands of an inferior race.

d. Every effort to wrest from White Men the management of its affairs in order to transfer it to the control of blacks or any other color, or to permit them to share in its control, is an invasion of our sacred constitutional prerogatives and a violation of divinely established laws. Every effort to wrest from the White Man the control of this country must be resisted. No person of the White Race can submit to such efforts without shame. One of the sad facts in American political life is the readiness of so many politicians to sell their noble white birthright for a mess of black potage. They would betray their race in order to win a few black votes.

e. We would not rob the colored population of their rights, but we demand that they respect the rights of the White Race in whose country they are permitted to reside. When it comes to the point that they cannot and will not recognize and respect those rights, they must be reminded that this is a White Man's country, so that they will seek for themselves a country more agreeable to their tastes and aspirations.

f. Purity of the white blood must be maintained. One of the crying evils of the times is the mixture of white blood with that of Negro. This evil has gone on since Colonial days until perhaps more than half of the Negroes in the United States have some degree of white blood flowing in their veins. This condition is not only biologically disastrous but is giving rise to grave social problems. Mulatto leaders who, under present social conditions, are forced to remain members of the negro group and who aspire to white association because of their white blood are boldly preaching racial equality in all of its phases. The guilt for this state of affairs rests upon those members of the white race who for a moment of sexual pleasure have betrayed their own kind and bartered their own blood. It has become necessary to devise some means for the preservation of the white blood in its purity, because, despite prohibitive laws, racial intermixture is continuing and the problem of mixed blood is becoming more and more acute.

III. CITIZENSHIP IDEALS.

1. Development of the highest standard of citizenship. We ourselves must come to know what it means to be citizens of the foremost nation in all the earth. We need to have knowledge of the privileges and responsibilities and glories of our citizenship. And we need to be under the necessity of exercising our citizenship intelligently. We must learn and practice these things in order that we may teach them to others.

2. Rightful use of the ballot. Thank God, the day of partisan politics is past. Time was when parties stood for great principles. But today the difference between them is that of "tweedledum and tweedledee." One of the parties must be induced to champion great fundamental American principles that will hasten the development of our country, or else a new party must come into being. As the matter now stands we must cast our ballots for the right as it is most nearly represented and championed by men regardless of party.

3. We stand for the enforcement of law by the regularly constituted authorities. This order does not take the law into its own hands and will not tolerate acts of lawlessness on the part of its members. Any man of any color or creed who charges the Ku Klux Klan with being an organization which fosters and perpetrates acts of lawlessness and deeds of violence is either wilfully blind or is a malicious, slanderer, lying fool who, because of some inborn prejudice, seeks to destroy an organization that is lawabiding, and that demands the enforcement of laws by those who have been duly elected to office. We are within our rights as American citizens when we demand of men who are put in offices of trust that they shall faithfully perform the duties of their offices. It is quite evident that those who oppose us on this principle do not want the laws of our country enforced, and are seeking to cover their anarchistic spirit by impugning our motives and imputing criminality to us.

IV. PATRIOTIC IDEALS.

The men of this Order stand for the purest and most practical type of patriotism toward our great and glorious country.

1. We take our stand upon the Declaration of Independence as the basis of popular government. This Document denies the dogma of

despots, that kings rule by divine right. It asserts that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. It solemnly affirms the right of the American people to govern themselves as a free and independent nation—dependent of all outside sovereignty and control.

2. We believe in upholding the Constitution of the United States. This Document reduces to practice the precepts of the Declaration and must be recognized as the supreme law of the land. It guarantees that liberty which must be cherished as the precious heritage of the American people. It establishes the freedom of institutions dear to the American heart. It guarantees Religious liberty, freedom of speech and of press, and all the rights that pertain to the people who constitute this nation. It depicts ideals and defines institutions that must be made real and kept secure. The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are sworn by a solemn oath to uphold and defend this immortal Constitution.

3. Allegiance. We teach that the citizen's first and highest allegiance is to the Government of the United States. No other government, potentate, or person of any kind shall share in this allegiance. We maintain that a divided allegiance means no allegiance. There can be no half American, and any sort of hyphen absolutely makes impossible any kind of loyalty to the American government, its ideals and institutions.

4. We stand for the American Flag against enemies without and within. We emphasize devotion to the flag of our country as the ensign of our American Nationality and the emblem of our national honor. A man stands wholly for the Stars and Stripes or else to him his country's flag is only a dirty rag. We insist that no flag shall fly above our flag, and that no flag shall float by its side.

5. Neither domestic traitors nor foreign foes of any kind shall be permitted to destroy this nation.

6. None shall be allowed to circumscribe the influence and hinder the progress of American institutions on this Continent. And this involves the welfare and development of the public school system. To those who seek to undermine or destroy this American institution we say, "hands off," and we will defend this institution against every enemy, whether it be political or ecclesiastical.

JIM CROW AND OTHER INDIGNITIES

First on the heel tap,
Den on de toe,
Ebery time I turn about,
I jump Jim Crow.

"...The lecture was followed by songs of the Sweet Singers of Israel, choir of the A. M. E. church....A section of seats was reserved for members of that church and others of Maryville's colored residents. The rest of the floor of the church and the main balcony was filled with white listeners...."

JIM CROW AND OTHER INDIGNITIES

March 8, 1871. Round about' We are in possession of what might be the necessary facts for a first-class story: "Beautiful she-male with kinky hair and complexion a la camp kettle, sable suiter, camp kettle gal No. 1 goes for strychnine, arsenic, blue mass, calomel, etc. The case has not terminated and there is a prospect for a healthy job for the coroner."

Nodaway Democrat

July 17, 1873. "Some vilest things have the sweetest names -- hogs, mules, and niggers even.

Nodaway Democrat

August 20, 1874. John C. Terhune has recovered his pony that was stolen last week. A "colored cuss from Africay" 10 or 12 years of age, proved to be a thief and he is now languishing in the "Hotel d' Nodaway" in the court house square awaiting the decision of a jury of his peers.

Nodaway Democrat

September 17, 1874. The little darkie, formerly an attache of Baileys circus who stole Judge Terhune's pony several weeks ago was sentenced last week by Judge Kelly to ten days in the county jail. The fact of this young scamp being only ten years of age kept him from serving a term in the pen.

Nodaway Democrat

June 17, 1875. The little darky who stole John Terhune's pony last summer is again in town and is edifying the boys on the street corners by singing songs. He does not dance now as formerly from the fact that he is badly crippled, having lost a leg and the half of one of his feet by an accident in a coal mine in Kansas last year. The little fellow seems very happy and we imagine he is rather proud of his peg leg on which he hobbles around so actively.

Nodaway Democrat

February 2, 1882. Horrors of small pox described by Clarinda Star: A family consisting of eight persons and three of their girls have died. Dr. Shaw explained that the dead body is put in a coffin by the father, coffin nailed up and shoved outside the door. Then Shavis, the colored man takes it and conveys it to the grave. Shavis is protected by old clothes and disinfectants.

Nodaway Democrat

September 6, 1883. SQUIB BOB: Down by the Kansas City depot, Maryville, I met a portly well-dressed negro and bid him the time of day. I told him at once that I recognized that he was a man of superior attainments for one of his color, and engaged him in conversation.

"Do you reside here," said I.

"No, sir, I reside in St. Joseph."

"You are here attending the fair."

"No, sir. I suppose I am here on a fool's errand."

"How so," said I.

"A man named Prof. Edwards had been corresponding with someone to take Prof. Donovan's place as principal of Maryville school. I saw the letter and answered it. I wrote him frankly that I was a graduate of Lincoln Institute and gave him my experience and that I would accept the position with pride. In a day or so, he wrote asking me to come at once, and I came. I found him in his office and introduced myself. 'I am J. B. Hayden and with whom you have been corresponding about your school.'"

"Oh yes," said he, "but we have a teacher for our colored school."

"Very good," said I, "you wrote that you wanted a principal for your high school."

"Well," said he, "why didn't you write me that you was a colored man?"

"I wrote you that I was a graduate of Lincoln Institute and presumed you knew Lincoln was maintained for exclusive education of colored people."

Mr. Hayden was coal black darkie, but of fine address and rare culture and intelligence. I wondered again how twenty-five years ago the darkies here were chattles and whoa, haw, gee, buck to an ox team was their dialect, but a new era has dawned and they are a free race fighting the great battles of life upon terms of equality under the law.

Nodaway Democrat

September 6, 1883. SQUIB BOB: ... a story Uncle Isaac Cox used to tell on himself: He, it will be remembered though an honorable, clever old gentlemen is almost as dark complexioned as a gentlemen I saw recently who they called Elder Cook. Well, one of Uncle Isaac's young horses strayed away and he went in pursuit of the wayward quadrupled until he reached Uriah Graves' place. Uriah, it will be remembered, then owned some slaves, and Uncle Isaac inquired of one of the darkies about his lost horse. The old darkey eyed him closely and said, "Where does you b'long?" "I live over the White Cloud," said Uncle Isaac. "Well," said the old darky, "There ain't but few of us in this country, 'n lets git together on Sundays 'n 'joy ourselves. Who you b'long to anyhow?"

"I ain't no darky or slave, I am a freeman." "Ha," said the old darky. "Can't fool dis chicken." Uncle Isaac would laugh heartily when he told the story.

Nodaway Democrat

June 29, 1898. SCARED THE MAN. Attorney Blagg's Black Client Almost Turned White; Released. Kit O'Dell, a colored man who lives near Bolckow, was brought to Maryville, Missouri and charged by a girl of somewhat questionable character with having raped her. Her case was investigated by Attorney Cook and Attr. Blagg who was retained by O'Dell. The prosecutor determined that the woman's reputation was so bad it would be useless to attempt to secure a conviction.

Mr. Blagg, however, decided to have a little fun with his client when he returned to tell him the result and said:

"Well, O'Dell, the prosecuting attorney and I have agreed that your sentence should be two years in the pen and if that's satisfactory we'll plead guilty."

O'Dell's jaw dropped and his big black eyes rolled until the whites showed.

"Dat's not satisfactory to me Mistah Blagg, it's not satisfactory at 'tall. I tells you I nevah touched dat woman and I'll swear to it. No, sah, I never touched her. Why Mistah Blagg if I wuz to go to the pen my five little niggers wouldn't have no paw. Oh Mistah Blagg, I'll never agree to dat."

Mr. Blagg almost convulsed at this heart rendering outbreak but repressed a smile and said solemnly: "Well, perhaps we can get him to agree to a year in jail."

This made a deeper impression on poor Kit's scared faculties. He grew more scared all of the time.

"No sah, Mr. Blagg," he pleaded, "I can't agree to that either. I tells you I nevar done nothin to go to jail for. Everybody knows I am a straight colored man and works hard and I can't go to jail."

Mr. Blagg took his client to the justice's office and there he learned he was free. He was probably the happiest Ethiopian in Northwest Missouri.

"Oh Mistah Blagg, I'm the happiest nigger livin'. What do you think my poh little niggers would a done if that jedge had stuck to sending me to the pen for two years?"

Mr. Blagg was sure he didn't know.

Tribune

September 15, 1898. Mr. King, colored, requests K. C. pay him. William King, colored, has brought suit against the K. C. St. Joseph, and Council Bluffs railway company in the Nodaway Circuit Court, for \$2,000.

King went to St. Joseph August 24 to attend the ex-slaves convention. He alleges he bought a round-trip ticket and the return coupon was handed back to him by the conductor on the trip down.

He spent the day in St. Joseph and got on the train to return; the train pulled out at 8:00. Around Amazonia, the conductor asked for the ticket, but he could not find it. The train was stopped and the old man put off. He was ejected a long way from a station or dwelling house, the Missouri river was on one side and a high bluff on the other. He had to crawl on his hands and knees because he was afraid he would fall off the trestle. He was in great misery.

He finally reached St. Joseph water works where he spent the night.

1898. Case of William King, overruled his motion to file as a poor person. Must file cost of bond, \$30, before next term of court.

February 23, 1899. The case of William King against K. C. St. Joe, and C. B. railroad was dismissed by the plaintiff. King who is an aged colored man brought suit against the company for putting him off the train between Maryville and St. Joseph and as a result was greatly injured in person.

Tribune

May 18, 1899. EGGED THE PREACHER: A colored preacher who says his name is Thomas had been exhorting all who would hear to flee from wrath, had been on different corners in the business part of Maryville for several days and has been giving some exhibitions of fancy bicycle riding every afternoon. Last evening he talked for an hour on the corner of Main and Fourth streets and cited his small crowd of hearers to numerous instances of where people who did just as he asserted they were doing were consigned to a part of the country whose climate is noted for its great salubrity.

After finishing his sermon he mounted his bicycle and rode away. A number of unregenerate young men decided they would have amusement at his expense. They went into a grocery store and bought some eggs. They then sent some colored boys in search of the exhorter and offered him inducements to see how quickly he could ride his wheel to and from the K.C., St. Joe, and C. B. station. The street that leads to the K. C. is similar to Jordon in that it is a hard road to travel and it was expected that by the time he began the high hill on Third street he would be pretty well exhausted. They were correct, and when the colored man began to climb the hill his wheel was moving slowly. At that moment he was greeted with a heavy shower of eggs and was badly spattered with hen fruit of various stages of decomposition.

Thomas did not say anything. He merely braced himself for another hard pull and was soon speeding around the square out of reach of his persecutors.

Tribune

March 29, 1900. Willis Wilson, a Savannah colored man came to Maryville for the purpose of taking treatment at Dr. D. C. Wilson's infirmary in north Maryville. He is almost blind but took to walk by himself to Dr. Wilson's house. At the corner of 5th and Vine he lost his way and caused a great stir in that particular neighborhood. Finding himself unable to locate and get to the house, he sat on J. C. Donnell's porch. Meanwhile the women in the neighborhood became frightened and called for the marshal. When it was discovered he was blind, he was taken to Dr. Wilson's.

Tribune

April 28, 1904. A. Goodlow, negro, of Hamburg, Iowa, in company of several white men entered a joint on the Iowa-Missouri line. The place has been in operation several years and part is in Iowa and part in Missouri. The men imbibed freely and finally the negro made a remark which was taken as an insult by the whites.

The white men said they would teach him a lesson and hanged him by his feet. They drank some more and went back to cut him down. He was dead.

They carried his body to a corn crib and left it. When the body was found the face was eaten away by rats. The identity of the men is not established.

Republican

October 10, 1907. GAUSS WOULD SUE SEVERAL CITY OFFICERS: Oscar Gauss, the colored professor of music if not the professor of colored music evidently has it in for Maryville and a few of her distinguished residents... He will bring suit against Marshall Wallace, Sheriff Evans, Policeman H. Shipps and George Holmes, a negro. From State of Kansas, County of Douglass, Oscar J. Gauss... sworn upon his oath says that during the winter of 1907 at Maryville Missouri the (above named) did damage this affiant to extent of endangering his health and causing great bodily suffering, without cause or reason... falsely care... did cruelly and brutally beat him in and upon his head and body... without cause or reason... and drove him from the city without his property consisting of music instruments and clothing (\$600 value). This affiant committed no crime and that said actions of said officers and George Holmes ruined his health.

The affiant is a professor of music and was in said city working and studying music and said officers and Holmes destroyed his violin and wrote false articles concerning his character causing friends of the community to turn against him. The affiant has lived in Lawrence, Kansas since he was one year of age and has a good reputation. Also his parents are well-known and highly respected citizens of the city.

O. J. Gauss

(In February 1907, case of State vs. Oscar Gauss for carrying a concealed weapon. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, Maryville.)

May 29, 1907. Oscar Gauss came to Maryville Tuesday and the police force of Maryville escorted the negro to the Burlington depot; they even purchased a ticket for St. Joseph. The police force turned out en masse to do him the honors...

Gauss dropped off at Arkoe and came back to Maryville. If the sheriff locates him he will tell him goodbye and to forget there is a town of Maryville on the map. It was here last winter that he became "overjoyed" and in attempting to fresh away from Wallace who wanted him for disturbing the peace, the dusky gentleman pulled a gun and was put in jail.

Tribune

July 4, 1907. Lincoln Nebraska: O. F. Gauss told his troubles to the Governor. "Ah'm trying to earn my livin' by ma profession," declared O. F. to Gov. Sheldon. "Ah'm a better player than any colored person in Lincoln." Just now some cook living near the Lindell hotel has in his possession a choice violin and is holding it for board bill of \$2... just one of a long string of problems besetting this son of Ham. At Maryville he was arrested and given a good thrashing. Lawrence Kansas is his home and he longs to take his violin and go home.

Democrat Forum

July 11, 1907. The Fourth of July had one bad accident and brought sadness into one home. As a colored family were making their way down the street, someone threw a giant cracker at the feet of the party. In the explosion, the lower limbs of the middle-aged colored woman were badly torn. A younger companion had the skirts of her dress badly burned. (no names)

Nodaway Democrat Forum

July 12, 1900. Last Friday evening, Sam Nash, who lives on the 102 River reported the presence of a nude nigger on the river. A large posse of men started in search of Mr. Nigger but an old pair of pants found near where Mr. Nash saw the darkey was the only reward... when seen nude he was likely taking a bath before putting on clean clothes stolen from somebody.

Hopkins Journal, reported by Republican

August 27, 1908. For creating a disturbance Wednesday evening at the Negro camp meeting on East 2nd Street, two men were arrested Thursday. Both taken to jail and charged with drunkenness and disturbing the peace. Both men (white) were drunk and disturbed the minister and the congregation by swearing and talking noisily. (Also see Churches, 1880, for similar indignity)

Republican

AD

EMPIRE THEATRE TONIGHT

Blind Boone Concert Company, Price 50¢ and 5¢
25¢ and 3¢

Also Basil King Production "The Street Called Straight"
and Sunshine comedy

Right Hand Side in Balcony Reserved for Colored Folks

October 21, 1921, Democrat Forum

May 31, 1928. A MINISTER'S VIEW ON THE SOUTH AND THE NEGRO. No favors but a chance is all a real man wants. Put the negro over the negro schools to have pride in own race. Advice by Rev. L. E. Lakin, pastor of the First Christian church, before a large audience which included most of Maryville's negro population.

The lecture was followed by songs of the Sweet Singers of Israel, choir of the A. M. E. church of which Rev. A. J. Bell is pastor. A section of seats was reserved for members of that church and others of Maryville's colored residents. The rest of the floor of the church and the main balcony was filled with white listeners.

Rev. Lakin lived in Mississippi for nine years. Separate schools and churches for whites and colored people in the towns... white quarters and colored quarters... negro laborer and white man is the superintendent. White man's world and black man's world, the line is drawn very clearly. To break down the barriers that separate white and black would rob the negro of what he has. "Segregation makes for peace," throw the races together and murder will be the rule.

Democrat Forum

May 12, 1910. THE COLOR LINE DRAWS TIGHT: A dispatch to the daily paper says that David of Maryville, the William Jewell College orator who was chosen to represent Missouri in the interstate contest in Omaha, May 15, does not know whether he will be permitted to speak or not. The orator from Iowa is a negro.

George E. Whitten, president of the Missouri Association, has been notified that Mr. David will not speak in competition with a negro and that William Jewell will withdraw from the Missouri Association. The University of Missouri withdrew from this association several years ago.

Nodaway Democrat

August 19, 1915. Senator James Vardeman of Mississippi speaker at the Chautauqua in Maryville... gave tribute to the "old time" negro... never has been a previous time when white and black men sent out into the world side by side and on equal terms... present conditions must change... political and social equality impossible...

Vardeman wants nothing more harsh than to relieve the negro race of its voting privilege... he would continue to educate them and give them other opportunities except the vote...

Vardeman an able polished gentleman of the southern school...

Democrat Forum

April 14, 1933. Two delegations from Graham were in Maryville today conferring with Sheriff Wallace and Judge Kidder of the county court regarding the importation of negroes into the vicinity of Graham. It is said that one truck load was brought from Kentucky and another load is on the way. They are being brought to plant and raise tobacco on the Billy Wilson farm. Opposition is based on the fact that sufficient help is in the community and the negroes might demand a school if they brought their

families. Sheriff Wallace heard both sides of the question; there is a fear that there might be violence.

Forum

April 17, 1933. The situation in Graham cleared today. Twenty colored persons had been imported but a fund of \$100 was raised to send the negroes back to Powell County, Kentucky, near Lexington. They had been brought in by Bill Wilson to work on shares to raise tobacco. A committee waited on Wilson on Friday night and demanded the negroes be returned. He agreed.

Forum

To de court house in de sky,
I will raise my wings and fly,
You must stand examination,
In de court house in de sky.

Poor white out in de night,
Huntin' for niggers wid all der might,
Dey don' always ketch der game,
D'way we fool um is er shame.
Run, nigger, run

But some ob dese days,
My time will come,
I'll hear dat angel; I'll hear dat drum,
I'll seedem armies marchin' along
I'll lef' my head and jine der song.

CAKE-WALK "400" - MASONS - OES - BLACK WONDERS

Jenny shake her toe at me,
Jenny gone away.
Jenny shake her toe at me,
Jenny gone away.

"The fellows went under, over, and through each other, stood on heads, danced on their heads and hocks, and played the merry deuce."

CAKE-WALK "400" - MASONS - OES - BLACK WONDERS

February 1880. Big 4 Minstrels at Union Hall. Smith, Waldron, Morton, and Martin negro eccentricities kept the audience in a roar. Did the cake walk, etc. and an act called "Wonders." The fellows went under, over, and through each other, stood on heads, danced on their hands and hocks, and played the merry deuce.

Republican

May 27, 1881. The colored people of this city gave a grand ball last Thursday night in Union Hall. The party was largely attended by colored people from Stanberry and Savannah.

Republican

November 12, 1891. The colored population of Maryville gave a dance last night in the rooms formerly occupied by Ewing Commercial College on the east side of the square.

Nodaway Democrat

THE COLORED "400"

Maryville's Colored "400" are preparing to give an unique entertainment at Union Hall Monday night February 27. Festivities and fun for fun-loving public.

Lily Lucas
Prof. George Beckman
Della Palmer
B. Frank Palmer
"Mica" Slaughter
Alex Lucas

Artistic Toe Twinkler of St. Joseph
Piroutte Performer of St. Joseph
Dainty Dansuese, Maryville
Great Heel & Toe Dancer, Maryville
The Glorious Glide
Buck & Wing Dancer, St. Joseph
(in a new and original manner)

Sparring match between St. Joe Kid and Lightfoot Vance, the Maryville Bantam.

6 Music by St. Joseph colored orchestra.

February 16, 1899. The Colored "400" are high flyers of the latest and most improved rendition and will give entertainment better than ever before. Prize of \$5 for the best cakewalk. #2 prize, \$2.50; #3 prize, a big cake.

Tribune

March 2, 1899. The cake walk given at the opera house Monday night by the "Colored 400" of Maryville was a great success and its projectors cleared up a large sum of money.

There never was a larger crowd in the house than that night. Six couples took part in the cake walk, the prize finally carried off by Kid Vance and his lady from St. Joseph. The competition was warm, however, and before the judges could decide, two walks were necessary.

March 16, 1899. The recent cake walk and sparring match drew a big crowd in which was included a large delegation of the local "400" white and black.

Tribune

April 20, 1899. Two colored men of St. Joseph languished in Maryville jail charged with assault. Jim Palmer of Maryville and a number of other ladies and gentlemen of color have been traveling about the country giving cake-walk entertainment. A short time ago they were in Skidmore. It appears that while there they got into trouble with the wife of one of them and it is alleged that the two men took a shot apiece at Jim Palmer with a 38 revolver. They later patched up their differences and started giving exhibitions again. A warrant was issued however for their arrest and they were picked up in Shenandoah.

Tribune

May 11, 1899. Fined \$50 each and in default of payment sentenced to jail for 90 days, one said, "My God, when I get out of here I'll be the whitest nigger in town." Beckam, Banks, Palmer, and several ladies and gentlemen of color from Maryville and St. Joseph had been giving cakewalks in towns of Northwest Missouri.

Tribune

September 6, 1900. The "Coontown 400" will be at Arnold's Opera House one night only, Tuesday September 11. Bonton of the Colored aristocracy presenting an entertainment repleat with all that is characteristic of the ebony hued race. A program accepted everywhere by crowded houses.

Republican

January 23, 1902. The colored talent from Maryville gave a genuine nigger entertainment in the Bell Loudon building Friday night and went from here to Pickering. They styled themselves the "Turner and Palmer Colored Cake-Walk Company."

Hopkins Journal

June 17, 1922. REAL BLACKFACE: Paul Shike Smith, Charles Page, and Lee Hicks, put on a program of song, banjo, music and dancing for Maryville Chamber of Commerce. C. C. Helmer is chairman of the program. Meeting at the Bainum Hotel.

Tribune

March 18, 1915. A banquet to more than 50 business and professional men of Maryville was served last night in the club rooms directly east of the opera house (on east Second Street). The proceeds will be used to fit up the quarters and otherwise improve the hall. Sixty-eight tickets were sold at .50¢ each virtually every business in town buying one or more tickets.

The meal was cooked by Henry Wilson of considerable culinary fame and served by half-dozen members of the club. George Wilfrey acted as toast-master. He praised the members of the club for their effort. The club "will do much to keep them from mischief."

A statement of purpose of the club was made by Clarence Baker president of the club and prime mover of its organization. Purpose is to secure

literature and magazines for the club room and to be entertaining and instructional.

Officers: Clarence Baker, president; A. A. Williams, secretary; Thomas Jackson, treasurer. Board of Directors: Henry Wilson, J. L. Gooden, Charles Martin, W. M. Palmer, E. O. Boone, Fred Fields, B. F. Smart, J. L. Malcome.

The club was organized several months ago with 24 members. All but eleven have been dropped for failure to pay dues of \$1 a month. An initiation fee of \$2 is charged.

Tribune

February 17, 1916. The Afro-American club gave its first of a series of social affairs at their club room on East Second street last night. These entertainments will be held each Thursday night and will consist of literary programs. The social committee of the club is composed of Prof. Boone, Earl Martin, and Charles L. Martin. Guests present last night were: Aaron Williams, Earl Martin, Charles L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gooden, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Allen, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. James Malcome, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Page, William Palmer, Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Stephen Martin, Chester Williams, Ernest Oscar Boone, Jr., Theodore McMasters, Dossie Allen, Gertrude Wells, Gloria Wilson, Dorel Carriger, Sonora White, Lula White, LaVoyd Page, Paul Smith, Everett White, Herbert Palmer, Raymond Gunn, George Williams, and Bud Campbell.

Democrat Forum

August 20, 1917. The Afro-American club of this city is soliciting funds today for the emancipation day celebration on September 22. They want to raise \$385. Up to noon they had secured \$120. Plans are not yet made... waiting for the soliciting for funds.

Democrat Forum

March 23, 1916. BIG COLORED MEETING: Tonight will be a big night for the colored population of Maryville when prominent speakers from the middlewest will come to this city to organize a negro Masonic lodge. The meetings will be held at the Mt. Zion Baptist church. The principal speaker will be Nelson C. Crews of Kansas City, Grand Master of Masons and editor of the Kansas City Sun, whose subject will be "Preparedness." Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley of St. Louis will speak on "Womanhood of the Race." She is Royal Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and representative of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs.

Other prominent speakers will be: Dr. M. O. Ricketts of St. Joseph, former member of Nebraska legislature; Mrs. Kate Wilson of Omaha, past Grand Lecturer; George W. K. Love, Grand Secretary of Masons and Royal Grand Patron; the Rev. T. G. McCampbell, Grand High Priest; W. W. Fields of Cameron, Grand Relief Secretary; Prof. W. H. Jones, Principal of Bartlett High School, St. Joseph.

All are invited to the meeting which will begin at 7:30 tonight.

Democrat Forum

November 21, 1872. The colored people of Maryville will have a Thanksgiving supper at Union Hall on Friday, November 29. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Palmer of St. Louis, also by B. K. Davis and J. V. McMillan Esq. There will be vocal music. Admission \$1.25 a couple, children half price.

Nodaway Democrat

June 30, 1887. On last Thursday evening, A. H. Hatton organized a literary society of the young colored folks of the city. Thirteen joined and an invitation is extended generally to those within of this or neighboring towns who wish to be members of the society.

Republican

July 19, 1900. Nelson Crews the negro politician of Kansas City delivered a lecture at Union Hall last Thursday evening on "The Future Possibilities of the Colored Race," under the auspices of the Independent Order of Good Samaritan, a benevolent colored society. His advice to his audience was along the line of personal improvement and character and was calculated to do good. He deprecated any ideas of a separate party, saying they should be Americans first, last and all the time.

Republican

SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS MENTIONED IN THE SUN

Whatsoever Club	March 1914
Literary Society	March 1914
Afro-American Club	April 1914
Ladies Embroidery Club	May 1915
Busy Art Club	May 1915
Eastern Star	November 1917 (Haley Chapter)
Cyrene Lodge #58	September 1917
Mother's Club	1917
Red Cross, Lincoln Auxiliary	
J. G. B. Club	
Booker Art Club	1920
XYZ Club	1923
Idle Hour Club	1924

"Black Wonders" were famous

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Country, Week of August 26-Sept. 1, 1984,

Most of the U. S. A. was hot for baseball at the turn of the century, and Nodaway County residents, black and white, certainly had the fever. Racism had entered baseball in 1867 when the National League banned blacks. By 1900, managers were trying to smuggle in black players, but the color line drawn by whites usually prevailed.

"Pick up" teams in Maryville often broke that color line, yet the organized baseball teams were segregated. Maryville's black population could just about support one team at a time, so their competition was white or black teams of Northwest Missouri and Southwest Iowa.

The Republican, July 1894, commented about a black man playing on the local Maryville white team: "The Stanberry baseball nine kicked when they played Maryville nine because one of their opponents was a colored man. The fact that they were badly beaten also gives 'color' to their reason for kicking."

By 1902, the blacks had organized a team called the "Black Wonders." It is described in the Tribune, June 13, 1902: "Maryville's Black Wonders is the name of a baseball team organized at this place which is going through everything it meets. They have met and defeated four local teams and have never been defeated but once since their organization. Their fame is spreading, and on Saturday they will meet Blanchard Iowa's famous Irish team, at Blanchard. George Palmer is the manager, and it is made up of the following members: Frank Palmer, Jim Palmer, Tump Palmer, Ollie Andrews, Fred Fields, Shine Graves, Babe Keene, Lige Holmes and Rufe Palmer. Substitutes: Roland Johnson and George Ousley." The Black Wonders lost to Blanchard at the end of the 11th inning, score 17-16.

June 25, 1902, the Tribune followed with this account: "Maryville's colored team, the Black Wonders, is making a record for itself and finding plenty of people anxious to take a fall out of them. They are to play Clearmont Paralyzers on the 4th of July at Clearmont. Wonders have lost only two games."

July 29, 1902, Tribune: "The Black Wonders, Maryville's colored ball team, which is fast gaining fame as the warmest thing on the diamond in Northwest Missouri, went to Bedison Sunday to play at that place. Wonders 11, Bedison 0. A large crowd of Maryville people went to see the game. The Wabash sold 74 tickets, and many drove over."

A game was announced for the Aug. 1, 1902, Emancipation Celebration at Burlington Jct., "A warm game is anticipated. Just to show they are playing for blood, the two teams (Wonders and B. J.) agreed the winner shall have all of the gate. Fifteen cents admission charged."

Aug. 10, 1902. "The Black Wonders left Tuesday and returned Friday with \$8 each on six games.

At Blanchard, 7-9 in favor of Black Wonders.

At Blanchard, 5-6 in favor of Blanchard.

At College Springs, Black Wonders won.

At Clarinda, Black Wonders won.

At Clearmont and Coin, Iowa, Black Wonders lost."

Aug. 11, 1902. "Wabash is giving reduced rates to Stanberry on Sunday when the Black Wonders will play Stanberry. Twenty dollars is up and winners take the gate."

Aug. 21, 1902. "Maryville Black Wonders and an Indian team from Haskell Institute should be patronized by everyone, even if the Germans are getting the best deal as far as the color scheme is concerned, Red and Black, you know."

Aug. 23, 1902. "Maryville's Black Wonders keep other fellows wondering how to find their curves." Benny Frank Palmer, son of George Y. and Anice Prather Palmer, was described as a "well-known and popular baseball player" and was the pitcher.

It seems likely that the team was playing right after that successful year of 1902, but their games were sparsely reported and seem to be "pick up" games associated with the annual Emancipation Day Celebrations.

In 1907, the Black Wonders came alive again and once more made the Maryville papers. "The Black Wonders, a colored baseball team that has been organized in this city, is uniformed in red suits contributed by the businessmen of the city. Red and black will be the club's colors, the suits furnishing one color and the players the other. The team will play at Pickering on the 4th and after that will not turn down any team in the U. S., Kentucky or Texas. The Black Wonders think they know the game and are ready to make any team on earth wonder. The captain is J. M. Palmer, 501½ North Walnut Street, and all communications should be addressed to him. He will see to it that the goods is torn off and wrapped up for all times."

The 1907 season was not a repeat of the banner year, 1902. The Wonders, on a losing streak, were defeated 20-4 in a July game by a local white team, the Red Sox. "The black man pitching for the Wonders, Frank Palmer, did not have support. The field behind him could not stop anything in sight, and the catcher, a

man named Brown from Creston, Iowa, failed to deliver the goods in Maryville. McKenzie and Cummins were at the points for the Sox."

July 29, 1907. "Maryville's negro team not daunted by their recent defeat challenged the Red Sox for a game and threaten to win. Lineup as follows: S. Mack, first base; A. Alexander, second base; L. Perry, shortstop; R. Dorsey, catcher; Frank Palmer, left field; A. Thomas, right field; A. Hardy, third base; A. Lankford, pitcher; J. M. Palmer, center field." The line-up reflects what the newspaper later confirmed — manager James Palmer went for outside help to fortify his losing team with this result:

Aug. 2, 1907. "BLACK WONDERS WON. The Red Sox failed to Tree the Coons. The Wonders, reinforced by seven players from St. Joseph, among them Lankford, who is a kind of black wonder all by himself. On the whole the game was the funniest exhibition seen on the grounds this year. Before the game ended the Sox had used one-half of their team as

pitchers. The black men fairly played horse with McKenzie's pitching. He was hit for three home runs and one three-bagger. In the 7th, the batting of the black boys was too much. What these black men did is too sad to tell. The crowd was yelling 'shut the gate' as the black men came running over the home plate. The chocolate man named Lankford hit the ball into a ditch and while the Sox organized a search party, Lankford loped in with two men in front of him.

"Right here the crowd had a spasm, and the air was full of all kinds of fan talk. But the funniest performance was that of the black players. Some of them did a turn at buck dancing while others cut pigeon wings or indulged in a 'walk around.' McKenzie will tell his grandchildren of the terrible bombardment during the Black Wonders engagement Aug. 1, 1907. Score 13-5, Wonders. Red Sox players: Barrock, Weekly, Clifford, Jones, McKenzie, Cummins, Collins, Williams and Gibbs. Umpire, Markwell." Black Wonders players, same as above.

The next year, 1908, the Black Wonders were located playing Gallatin Flyers. An August, 1908, newspaper article describes Charlie Martin (son of Stephen and Dolly Hooker Martin) as a "young baseball fan and enthusiast, expert homeplate sweeper and grounds rule authority..." and shows the black men of Maryville were still having a good time with the game.

In 1911, the Wonders were found playing Co. F. of Maryville and the Clarinda Giants. Then in 1913, a new team called the Black Sluggers formed in Maryville. It was still playing in 1915, against a team up in Federal Park. Battery for the Sluggers was Palmer and Casey; for the white team, Buhler and Wiles.

A still later attempt was made to form a team. In July 1920, Paul "Shike" Smith organized a baseball team called the Maryville Brownies. It apparently did not gain momentum. In August, Shike and Harold and Herbert Palmer went to Clarinda to play with the Clarinda team for the rest of the season. Raymond Gunn and William Vance were also playing local baseball that summer.

A Black Wonders team, with some imports, played again in Maryville in 1921, against a local pick up team. Many of the young black men had gone to Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City; and St. Joseph by that date, making it impossible to keep a baseball organization together.

The Black Wonders were apparently the first organized black team in Nodaway County and the last. It was also the team which caught the fancy of Maryville's baseball fans.

Comment from local resident after this article was published indicated that the black men were playing ball later than 1921.

BLACK SOCIETY AS REPORTED IN THE KANSAS CITY SUN
1914-1924

Often times my sky is clear,
Joy abounds without a tear.

...beautiful music from the victrola floated through each room...
the magnificently gowned guests were a pleasing sight. Each
guest had a place card with suitable toasts which were read...
guests enjoyed whist and dominoes. Menu served, hot cocoa,
pressed chicken, peas in thimbles, bread and butter sandwiches,
fancy cut potatoes, fruit salad, pink and white brick ice cream,
pink and white cake, mints and cigars."

**BLACK SOCIETY AS REPORTED IN THE KANSAS CITY SUN
1914 - 1924**

Much of what is learned about this period in the history of the black families of Maryville is shown through the columns of the Kansas City Sun. Nelson C. Crews, late editor of the Sun, each summer for the emancipation day celebration from about 1898 to 1923 when he died, came to Maryville. Crews was a good friend of Frank Smart, indicating that they once had been schoolmates. Not only was Crews honored and respected by the black population of Nodaway County, the local white citizens turned out in great numbers to hear his great oratory.

The motto of the Sun, "A Fearless Defender of the Race", which was carried on the front page of the Kansas City Sun, would also describe its editor. Although Editor Crews had little formal education, he became one of the most powerful politicians in the black community of Kansas City. He was born in Howard County, Missouri, on October 15, 1866. During the period, 1912-1923, Nelson's ancestral family lived in Chillicothe, Missouri. His brother, James Crews, was employed in the post office on Vine Street, Kansas City.

When Nelson Crews died, April 24, 1923, his loss was especially felt in the black communities on the west side of Missouri. Through the Sun, Crews wielded tremendous political power, not only in Kansas City, but also in St. Joseph and other cities and towns which the paper served. In Maryville, it was the paper. In addition, Crews was orator at many political events, including the August 1 emancipation celebrations throughout the area. Comments from descriptions of these events call him, "really great orator," "America's greatest colored orator," "one of the best-known negroes in the Middle West," "standby of the colored people in this part of the state."

In 1917, in Kansas City, Editor Crews, with the assistance of C. A. Franklin (who would later establish the Kansas City Call), launched a campaign for a negro hospital. No hospital in Kansas City would permit negro physicians to practice and only one would admit negro patients. Then in 1921, Nelson Crews took up the crusade for improvement of the schools for black children. He attacked the idea that "anything is good enough for the nigger," and asserted that members of the race should demand "an end to discrimination at the hands of public officials..."

At times, Crews took a cautious position and some of his orations reveal a moderate stance. His theme was "a square deal" rather than integration. Yet, when angered, he was true to his paper's motto and became a defender. In 1917, Editor Crews called for action concerning the atrocities in the race riots of East St. Louis, "The Sun believes and fervently prays that God will damn every male negro in East St. Louis yet living if that Pole (murder of 17 negroes) is not sought out and brought to justice."

A devoted mason and Grand Master for Missouri in 1915, the Hon. Nelson C. Crews spent a great amount of time assisting others in the A. F. and A. M. lodges. Crews told how T. G. McCampbell induced him to join the

masonic fraternity and how McCampbell had also encouraged him on to be Grand Master. At times, the Sun was identified as the "organ" for black masons.

When Nelson C. Crews died in 1923, he was still a relatively young man. In looking back at the turn of the century and his powerful position as orator and spokesman for black people, one can speculate that had he lived on a few years, Crews might have moved his causes forward. Kansas City and western Missouri greatly mourned his loss -- and with good reason.

In the Kansas City Sun editions (on microfilm) is located a Maryville column. This was written by E. O. Boone, Mildred Boone, and Madge Gunn over the period 1914-1924. Through these columns the reader can find the social life of black Maryville described just prior and during World War I. Not all columns were copied entirely, at times abstracted to save space. Yet effort was made to keep descriptions of events and the geneological data.

Maryville, March 28, 1914, Sun:

Rev. D. A. Brown assisted by Rev. M. B. Bryant of St. Joseph District is conducting revival services.

Rev. Thomas was called home from Oregon where he was assisting in a revival because of the illness of his wife.

The Whatsoever Club met last week with Mrs. D. A. Brown. The Literary Society met at the A. M. E. church Thursday night.

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dooley went to St. Paul, Minnesota.

Miss Goldie Smith returned home to Omaha from a visit with her parents Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smith. Mrs. J. L. Gooden is on the sick list.

Mr. W. L. Vance returned to Clarinda, Iowa after a weeks visit with his parents, O. R. Vance and family. Mr. & Mrs. Everett Page were visiting friends Sunday.

Mr. Joe Graves is somewhat improved. XXXXX

Maryville, April 14, 1914, Sun:

(Editor (Crews) was called to Chillicothe on account of the illness of his sister, Mrs. Amy Green who is at the family residence in Chillicothe. Item in Sun.)

Thomas Jackson Jr. 13 month old son of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Jackson died March 27. Funeral at the home. Rev. D. A. Brown officiated.

Mrs. P. Thomas is ill. Miss Isabel Palmer has been ill all week.

Prof E. O. Boone visited his parents at Booneville, MO. Mrs. Bessie Maudling of Oregon, MO returned home after spending the winter in Maryville.

Mr. Augustus Romanus the Republican candidate for mayor (white man, Maryville) was born and reared in Maryville and from a boy was friend to colored people and has support of colored voters.

The school was opened Monday after being closed for 10 days on account of scarlet fever. Not a single case was among the colored people.

Maryville, K.C. Sun church page: Trustee board was called together by Brother Allen, president, last Monday to devise plans to have the church raised and a foundation built. Each member agreed to assess himself and give rather than to make up the amount. Rev. F. D. Welyls preached two sermons and Rev. C. C. Baker was present. The choir rendered good music. Miss Dorsie Allen, organist is on the sick list. Mrs. Campbell has been quite ill but is improved. Mrs. J. Gooden is ill. (Feb. 6, 1915.) XXXXX

Maryville, April 18, 1914, Sun:

Rev. & Mrs. P. Thomas and A. Schooling (en) returned to Oregon where they spent Easter with friends.

The colored men of our city met April 6 at AME to organize a business club for the betterment of the colored race.

Mrs. William Floyd of St. Joseph spent Easter with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Martin. Mr. William Vance returned after a visit to California. Mrs. Ollie Andrews of Chillicothe, Mrs. O. Gunn of Arkoe spent Easter with parents, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smith.

Mr. J. M. Palmer was operated on Sunday and is doing nicely.

An excellent Easter service was rendered by Rev. Brown. Collection of 10 dollars. XXXXX

Maryville, October, 1914, Sun:

Mr. Alfred Allen and wife, Mrs. James Malcome, and Mrs. John Fields went down and renovated the parsonage Friday. The Trustee board met at the church and all members were present except one class leader. John Gooden raised \$13; Alfred Allen \$21; Mary Gooden \$4. We are hoping to do more this year.

Rev. C. C. Baker and wife and daughter took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Allen on 3rd Street. Brother Charley Martin read the report Sunday night and reported \$850 for the year.

(Note: Nelson Crews married Margaret A. Bass, October 21, 1914.) XXXXX

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Maryville, August 1914, Sun:

The celebration was the greatest ever held in this beautiful and prosperous city. There were more colored people than ever before in attendance; 200 came from Atchison and St. Joseph; 100 came from Omaha. More than 5,000 white people were present on the grounds. Colored people actually were lost in the crowds. Music by the K & P band of Omaha played, the best negro band in American except the 8th Regiment band.

Addresses by: Dr. M. O. Ricketts, St. Joseph; Nelson Crews, K.C.; Hon. C. F. McCaffrey of Maryville.

Entertainment: greased pole, foot races, sack races, ball game between white teams of Maryville and the colored team of Atchison; exhibition drill by the Palantine Guards of Atchison and the K & P band played on the square under the brilliant leadership of Prof. Dan Desdunes, most brilliant and versatile company of the race. The band evoked storm of applause from thousands on the square. Committee for the event: Frank Smart, Oliver Vance, and James Palmer.

A special train to Maryville for the August 5 celebration was scheduled from St. Joseph. XXXXX

Maryville, April 10, 1915, Sun:

The Easter services at the AME was well attended and under the auspices of Miss Willita Wells, Missionary Supt. The resurrection sermon was preached by Rev. J. D. Wells and Mr. A. A. Williams...Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Welsh spent Easter in St. Joseph. We are glad to see sister Charlotte Ousley out again. Miss Nola Brown of Blanchard Iowa was a welcome visitor earlier. We appreciated her on the Easter program.

Prof. E. W. Baylis of Savannah made an excellent address Sunday seening. Mt. Zion Baptist church just closed a two week revival having five converts. Rev. J. W. Harris is pastor.

The Afro-American club is progressing nicely and opening up new avenues to Maryvillians. It should have the loyal support of all interested in the betterment of the race.

Douglass school is doing nicely. Parents should be more interested and keep their children in school, for it is not a creditable showing for a parent nor child that is out of school. XXXXX

Maryville, May 1, 1915, Sun:

Mr. Oliver Vance gave a fish fry at his home, 716 E. 3rd, for the benefit of the Stewardess Board. Everybody enjoyed the evening and the receipts were \$8.10. Rev. L. W. Harris of Carrolton, Missouri, baptized Miss Dorothy Palmer and Mrs. Ruth Carter last Tuesday evening at Market Street Baptist church. They were converted in the recent revival.

Mr. Theo Lamaster is on the sick list. Helen R. Vance, youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. R. Vance, united with the AME church Sunday. Rev. Wells is pastor.

Mrsrs Aaron Williams and Charles Martin spent Sunday in St. Joseph.

The Ladies Embroidery Club was entertained last Thursday by Mrs. Gertie Wells at her sister's home, Mrs. James Malcome, 618 E. 2nd St. A delightful and beneficial afternoon was spent.

Mrs. Henry Wilson is on the sick list. Mr. C. C. Baker was called to Omaha on account of the illness of his mother.

The Busy Art Club met Saturday at the home of Mrs. C. C. Baker. The children have furnished one quilt and it is for sale and are taking their first embroidery lessons.

Mrs. B. F. Smart is able to be out after two weeks illness. Mr. B. F. Smart was called away Monday on business. The Home Missionary Society met last Wednesday at the home of Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart. All enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Mattie Williams was called to Omaha on account of serious illness of Mrs. Baker.

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Welsh left for Topeka where they will reside. We hate to lose those two persons who during their lives here made many friends.

If you are looking for joy and bliss and willing to aid work begun and progress for the race don't miss subscribing to the progressive Kansas City Sun. (Eighth year for the Sun in 1915.) XXXXX

Booker T. Washington dead -- Negro schools to fly flags at half-mast, November 21, 1915.

Maryville, January 15, 1915, Sun:

Mrs. Charlotte Ousley who has been ill several weeks is about the same. Mrs. John Fields is on the sick list. Rev. C. C. Baker is ill with grippe.

Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Welch, Lawrence, Kansas, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Fields.

Mr. & Mrs. A. Allen and Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Gooden, Mr. Aaron Williams were invited to Columbia Missouri to spend New Years with Prof. E. O. Boone and wife at the residence of her parents Mrs. E. Williams, 714 Broadway. Prof. E. O. Boone, wife and small son have returned from a vacation trip.

Mr. & Mrs. George Tillman and daughter are visiting their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Benton Welch, Oregon, Missouri. Thursday, they visited Mr. & Mrs. Allen. Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Page will return to Lathrop the first of next week. Rev. J. D. Wells was called to Trenton to preach a funeral.

Mr. Charles L. and Earl Martin left this evening for Kansas City to spend a few days hoping they will get plenty of hog head while gone. XXXXX

Maryville, January 27, 1917, Sun:

Dr. Matthew O. Ricketts of St. Joseph died January 15, 1917. Among those attending his funeral were James Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smart, and others from Maryville.

Maryville, August 12, 1916, Sun:

HUMAN FLY. Paul Smith, colored youth thrilled people of Maryville last week by exhibition of high building climbing. Smith reached the top of a three-story brick building by climbing up the corner without help of windows or rope. He wore ordinary shoes. He also came down. An immense crowd watched. XXXXX

O Pride! O Prejudice, when they pass by,
Hail them, the Brave, for you now crucified!

"Negro Soldiers"
Roscoe Jamison
Sun, Sept. 15, 1917

Maryville, November 24, 1917, Sun:

Prof. E. O. Boone, Jr. returned Saturday from K.C. Missouri where he attended the State Teachers Association.

The Eastern Star gave a social at the Masonic Hall Saturday evening. Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr. and son, Mr. E. F. Montgomery and wife. Prof. & Mrs. Boone and son and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell and daughter motored to Hopkins Sunday afternoon. Mr. & Mrs. E. F. Montgomery motored down from Clarinda Iowa in Mr. L. A.'s car.

Mrs. Hattie Williams entertained at a dinner in honor of Mrs. G. F. (P?) Martin, Monday.

Mr. Clarence Stewart and Mr. Joseph Henry of St. Louis are in the city. They brought a special train of delegates to the State Sunday School Convention.

Mr. B. F. Smart is home from a few days visit from Camp Funston. Mrs. Lewis of Palmyra was in the city on business last week connected with the McBrady toilet articles. Grand Master W. W. Fields was a visitor in our city Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Josie Crisman of St. Joe was here visiting her mother and friends. A fine daughter was born to Mr. & Mrs. Frank Boyd, Thursday morning. Both mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Herbert Palmer fell and broke his arm last Sunday. It is mending nicely. Mr. J. H. Malcome has been on the sick list but is convalescent at this writing.

Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Palmer wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy Mae to Euell Montgomery of Clarinda, Iowa. The marriage is to take place during the holidays. Miss Dorothy is one of the leaders in our younger set. She is a charming girl with all the requirements to make an ideal wife. She has grown, budded, and blossomed here and we regret very much to lose her from our midst. Mr. Montgomery comes from one of the best families in Iowa and we join in wishing them much success and happiness.

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Maryville, September 15, 1917, Sun:

All hail, the Afro-American League will hold Emancipation Day celebration, Sept. 22; Hon. N. C. Crews will be the speaker. Best accommodations will be at your command.

Cyrene Lodge #58, AF & AM will have open house that day for benefit of visitors and friends.

Prof. E. O. Boone, Jr. returned Sunday, Sept. 2, to open his school. He looks forward to a banner year and asks for the cooperation of parents and friends. Mrs. Boone and son Ernest III did not accompany Mr. Boone.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson entertained Mr. O. H. Schoolen, Prof. E. O. Boone, Charles L. Martin, Mr. & Mrs. D. Carriger to a magnificent chicken dinner Sunday noon. After dinner, Charles L. Martin took the guests and host out for a pleasure ride in his new Cadillac 8.

Mrs. Ella Hensen of St. Joseph is doing hair work in Maryville. John Gooden made a flying trip to St. Joseph, Sunday. Mrs. Ollie Andrews of Omaha is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart entertained to a magnificent 6 o'clock chicken dinner, Prof. E. O. Boone, Jr. and Mr. O. H. Schoolen of Kansas City. After dinner, the host proceeded to entertain his guests with the latest and most popular selections on his Victrola. The guests reported a very pleasant evening. Mr. O. H. Schoolen left Monday after a very pleasant visit with his mother, Mrs. Wm. Palmer and friends. XXXXX

Maryville, October 20, 1917, Sun:

Mr. B. F. Smart left for the Soldiers Training camp where he accepted a position as cook last Tuesday.

Mrs. Ernest O. Boone and son arrived after a month's visit at her home in Colombia. Mr. James Palmer took his daughter Pauline to Jefferson City to enroll in Lincoln.

Rev. J. D. Wells has been paster of AME for past three years and is now at Fulton. We wish for him the same success and results in his new home as he had here. We welcome Rev. Langdon into our midst to keep up the good work.

Mrs. J. C. Cooke entertained to a delightful 12:00 dinner, Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Gooden, Prof. E. O. Boone, Jr. and wife and son. Mrs. Josie Chrisman of St. Joseph visited her mother Mrs. Mosely last week. Mr. Charles Martin returned from his trip to southland. We were expecting Charles to bring a blushing bride but we were deemed to disappointment. Better hurry, Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Page entertained Mrs. James Palmer, Prof. & Mrs. E. O. Boone and son, to a delightful car ride Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. B. F. Smart has set her Victrola to the tune, "I'm a Lonesome Melody."

Mrs. James Malcome was hostess to a beautiful birthday party Thursday October 11 for her husband, James Malcome. The guests spent the evening playing games. At 10:30, the hostess served an elaborate three-course meal then the birthday cake was cut and presents opened. Mr. Malcome received many beautiful and useful gifts. XXXXX

Maryville, October 27, 1917, Sun:

Mrs. Charity Price, mother of Mrs. James Malcome and Mrs. Gertie Wells, who is paralyzed is showing no improvement. Mrs. Carrie Bell of Omaha was called home on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Susan Gunn.

The following masons left Maryville Friday for Bedford, Iowa to conduct the funeral of the Brother Boyd of that city, who was a member of Cyrene Lodge #58, AF & AM Maryville: James Palmer, George Ousley, Harley Page, Ophus Gunn, James Malcome, Frank Smith, Thomas Jackson, William Campbell, Oliver Vance, Prof. E. O. Boone, Jr. Brother Boyd departed from this life October 17 leaving no blood relatives but three adopted children.

Mr. Frank Boyd spent the weekend here with his wife. XXXXX

Maryville, November 10, 1917, Sun:

Miss Dorothy Palmer has returned from a visit in Clarinda, Iowa. Rev. R. Langdon came Friday and held his first service Sunday October 21.

Mrs. Everett Page was hostess to a Kensington Thursday afternoon, October 18, complimentary to Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr. A two course luncheon was served to the following ladies and a pleasant afternoon was spent in conversing, knitting, crocheting and serving: Mrs. Boone, Mrs. Dorril Carriger, Mrs. John Gooden, Mrs. B. F. Smart, Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, Mrs. Mattie Williams, Mrs. J. C. Cooke, Mrs. Page, Mrs. Thomas Jackson, Mrs. Gertie Wells, Mrs. W. M. Palmer.

Mrs. Gunn entertained the younger social set with a birthday party for her brother Paul Smith, October 19. All present enjoyed playing games and

dancing. They were served the following menu: punch, salmon salad, hot biscuits, cocoa, brick ice cream, cake, hot coffee, mints.

The senior class of Douglass school gave an entertainment Tuesday evening. All present had an enjoyable time.

Rev. R. H. Langdon left after services Sunday night to spend the week with his family at Chillicothe. Mrs. J. C. Cooke will have guest Mrs. Emma Phillips of St. Joseph. We are glad to see Mrs. Susan Gunn out after severe illness.

Mr. Paul Smith and Rufus Palmer attended the Halloween dance at Clarinda. Mrs. Everett Page was hostess to a 6:00 dinner for Rev. R. H. Langdon and Prof. E. O. Boone and wife and son.

All loyal citizens should join the Hoover club and help in conservation of food. Do your bit and help the war.

Maryville was shocked and grieved at the sudden death of Mrs. Gloria Mae Carriger. Mrs. Carriger was in the bloom of life only 19. She was a loving and always cheerful adopted daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson. She graduated from school and married Mr. Dorrell Carriger the following year. Those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mrs. Fannie Prior, KC; Mrs. Palmer, Surgeon, Missouri; Mrs. Pearl Phelps and dau; Miss Florence Lewis; Miss Rosetta Lewis, Savannah; Mr. & Mrs. Frank Palmer; Mr. Donald Palmer; Mr. & Mrs. Anderson & son; Mrs. Nanie Misner; Mr. Harold Carriger of St. Joe; Mrs. Myrtle Martin of Montana; Mr. & Mrs. Joe Graves, Skidmore; Miss Iola Brown, Blanchard, Iowa.

Mrs. Myrtle (Helen?) Martin will visit in Missouri for two months before returning to her home. XXXXX

Maryville, November, 1917, Sun:

Prof. & Mrs. Boone had dinner guests: Mrs. Helen Martin, Helena, Mont., Mr. Dorrell Carriger. Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell entertained with buffet luncheon Thursday for Mrs. Helen Martin. Covers were laid for: Mr. & Mrs. Everett Page, Prof. & Mrs. Boone, Miss Ella Mitchell, Miss Dorothy Palmer, and Master E. O. Boone III and the host and hostess.

Prof. Boone is spending the weekend in K.C. attending the State Teachers meeting. The Christian Endeavor under the leadership of Mrs. E. H. Page is doing good work.

The residence of Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Cooke at 414 W. 5th was the scene of a beautiful party Friday, November 9. The color scheme of pink and white was carried out with pink and white evening gown of the hostess and throughout the five-course luncheon. Pink and white carnations were on the table. Mrs. B. F. Smart presided at the punch bowl. The hostess and Mrs. E. O. Boone greeted guests at the door as beautiful music from the Victrola floated through each room, which was manipulated by Miss Helen Vance, Miss Vera Vance and Miss Lula White. Dorothy Palmer served the guests. The magnificently gowned guests were a pleasing sight. Each guest had a place

card with suitable toasts which were read...guests enjoyed whist and dominoes. The menu: Hot cocoa, pressed chicken, peas in thimbles, bread and butter sandwiches, fancy cut potatoes, fruit salad, pink and white brick ice cream, pink and white cake, mints and cigars. (There were 30 guests listed.) Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Henry Johnson and Miss Mabel Johnson of Gravity, Iowa.

Mrs. Helen Martin left for Kansas City where she will visit friends. Mrs. Martin is wife of Rev. G. F. Martin, minister of AME church -- wished a safe journey home. XXXXX

Maryville, December 8, 1917, Sun:

Mr. B. F. Smart returned Thursday to Camp Funston after a brief visit.

The Mothers Club of Douglass school had a social Friday evening and all present spent an enjoyable evening. Mrs. Josie Crisman went home to St. Joseph after a visit with her mother. Mr. W. M. Palmer and Mr. James Palmer were called to St. Joseph on account of their brother, Mr. Frank Palmer being stricken with paralysis.

The members and friends of AME church gave Rev. R. H. Langdon a shower Monday evening of food. He received most all of the useful foods. It was quite a surprise for the Reverend.

Mr. John McGeehee went to St. Joseph to meet his bride to be, Tuesday, and returned on the evening train and went directly to the residence of Mrs. J. H. Malcome, 622 E. Second where the wedding was solemnized with Rev. R. H. Langdon officiating. His bride, Mrs. Ida May Burnett, comes from Denver and is a charming young lady with winsome ways and we extend to them our congratulations for a long happy and prosperous journey on the sea of matrimony.

Prof. Boone and members of the Mothers Club met with the Board of Education and asked for electric lights to be placed in the school. The school house is used as a community center and also the electricity will be used for classroom work in teaching of history and other subjects with slides. The Board furnished the machine.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas came to Maryville from Carrolton and they are excellent people and a credit to the community. We welcome them and only wish we could bring more such families to build up our population. XXXXX

Maryville, December 8, 1917, Sun:

Mrs. J. L. Gooden spent Thanksgiving in Forrest City visiting Mr. Gooden's mother. Thanksgiving dinners given by Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Everett Page, Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Malcome, Prof. & Mrs. Boone, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson.

Mrs. Flora Allen spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. E. H. Page. Mr. George Tillman spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. E. H. Page.

Mr. Derrill Carriger, Miss Laura Vance, and Miss Vera Vance spent Thanksgiving in Savannah. Mr. B. F. Smart returned from Camp Funston for the winter where he has been training the cooks for the army. XXXXX

Maryville, December 15, 1917, Sun:

The V. C. Haley Chapter of the OES, with Mrs. B. F. Smart, R. M., is doing excellent work. New members are being added. Mrs. Smart is an excellent leader and the members give her loyal support.

Mr. & Mrs. Malcome entertained at whist Tuesday evening complimentary to Mrs. John McGeehee. Mrs. B. F. Smart assisted by Mrs. Henry Wilson called the ladies together Tuesday for the purpose of forming a Red Cross Chapter. The following officers were elected: Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr., chairman, Mrs. B. F. Smart, vice chairman, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, secretary, Mrs. Henry Wilson, treasurer.

The Mothers Club had an entertainment at the schoolhouse Friday night. The new lights are now in and all who were brave enough to face the blizzard spent an enjoyable evening.

Little Ella Mitchell was guest of honor at a birthday dinner December 9 at the residence of her grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. W. M. Palmer.

The Douglass children are doing their bit to help win the war. They will call to sell you some Red Cross stamps so do not turn them away. XXXXX

Maryville, January 12, 1918, Sun:

A CHARMING RECEPTION; The coming of New Years brought to Maryville society the greatest most elaborate reception ever held, when on New Years eve at Masonic hall, Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart entertained complimentary to their niece, Miss Pauline Palmer, a student at Lincoln Institute and Mrs. John McGeehee, a recent bride, and Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr.

The hall was beautifully decorated with Christmas bells interlaced with festoons of red and green. Beautiful artistic baskets and antique vases held large bunches of poinsettias, carnations, and misletoe and were so artistically arranged that wherever you looked flowers greeted you.

Mrs. Smart attired in lovely black gown greeted the guests at the door and bade them enter fairyland. Mrs. E. O. Boone presided at the punch table. The first of the evening was given to playing games. Melodious strains of the most popular music floated over the room from the Victrola. When everyone was in the height of enjoyment the hostess sounded the gong calling them from pleasures to refreshments. Menu: pressed chicken, oyster patties, sweet jerga, cream mayonnaise, southern beaten biscuits, brick ice cream in national colors, Scotch chocolate cake, coffee.

The handsomely gowned guests, the elaborate luncheon, the artistic and beautiful decorations and the charming hostess made a scene never equalled or supposed in Maryville. After the guests were served, Miss Pauline

We are going to surpass any social feature in the history of Maryville in the banquet. Look forward to next Sunday for particulars. XXXXX

Maryville, March 9, 1918, Sun:

Lincoln Aux. American Red Cross, gave a supper at the Masonic Hall last Saturday evening. Douglass school was closed the first of the week due to measles.

Mrs. E. H. Page returned to Oregon, Missouri, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Benton Welsh.

Mr. & Mrs. John McGeehee will soon be in their new home on East 5th Street where they will be pleased to greet their many friends.

Master Ernest O. Boone, III, celebrated his 3rd birthday Monday, March 4. Miss Ella Mitchell was guest of honor with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell.

Mrs. B. F. Smart and Mrs. James Malcome are ill with the grippe. Master Ernest Boone III is ill with measles. XXXXX

Maryville, March 30, 1918, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson spent Saturday with Mr. & Mrs. Joe Graves.

We wish to urge all of the citizens of Maryville to take an interest in the new classes of food conservation. Mrs. E. O. Boone is the instructor; Mrs. B. F. Smart the captain.

Mr. Wm. Mitchell Jr. is confined to bed. Mr. Arthur Smith is ill with appendicitis.

The Second Baptist church caught fire and burned. All Maryville extends sympathy to members. The little band of workers were almost through with their indebtedness and the fire to their beautiful church at this time was a sad disappointment.

Mrs. Boone is teaching in the absence of Mr. Boone. The senior class gave a social at Douglass school and it was well attended.

Mr. Green Thomas has opened a barber and shoe repair shop here. We wish for him much success and that he has cooperation of the Sun. This is the first opening of Negro business in Maryville in this field and we must make it go.

Mr. James Palmer and Prof. E. O. Boone Jr. left for K. C. Missouri where former is to be initiated in the Scottish Rite Masons and both in the Shrine. XXXXX

Maryville, April 13, 1918, Sun:

Mrs. E. O. Boone Jr. returned from Columbia where she visited her parents after attending the funeral of Prof. R. A. West in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. J. L. Gooden returned from a few days visit with her children in Omaha. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson of St. Joseph have come to Maryville to make their home.

Mrs. Ida Fields is very sick at home of her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith, on South Water St. Mrs. John McGeehee is very sick.

Mr. Rufus Palmer returned from a visit with his father in Iowa.

Since the destruction of Mt. Zion church by fire, they have been meeting in Douglass school. Douglass school is doing some fine work this year. The boys and girls are to be commended on their ability for making models and designs. It is the aim of Prof. and Mrs. Boone to thoroughly train them in the rudiments so to create in them a fixed aim in life. XXXXX

Maryville, April 20, 1918, Sun:

A few months ago we welcomed to our city, Mrs. Ida McGeehee as a bride. She made a host of friends here. To know her was to love her. She joined the AME church in our city and was a willing worker and active member. She was a member of the OES and charter member of the Lincoln Aux. of American Red Cross.

Mrs. Ida McGeehee departed this life Thursday April 11, 1918 at her home on East 5th where she had been keeping house only a very short time. She leaves to mourn her death a devoted mother, brothers and sisters, one daughter by a former marriage, Frances Burnett, and a husband.

Funeral was at AME church. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. Mrs. Escue, mother of Mrs. McGeehee returned to Denver after the funeral service and took her 6-year old granddaughter with her.

The food conservation class started Monday and was well attended. Mr. Brooks of St. Joseph is here visiting his wife. Mr. Arthur Smith has returned from a visit in Omaha. The Baptist church had a social at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Palmer, which was well attended.

Prof. Boone has been retained as principal of Douglass school with an increase in salary for next year. XXXXX

Maryville, April 27, 1918, Sun:

Rev. Davis of St. Joseph held meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist Sunday. Mr. James Malcome gave a rally at the Masonic Hall for benefit of the Baptist church. X

Mrs. William Palmer received a card from her son, Eugene Schoolen who is now in France. He stated that he was well and receiving fine treatment and liked Army life fine. Arthur Smith, Ned Holmes, and A. Gunn were called into service and will leave Monday on the Burlington.

Mr. A. Gunn and Miss Senora White were quietly married at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Frank Boyd, Monday night. We wish them happiness.

Miss Pauline Palmer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Palmer, came home from Lincoln Institute after a successful year. Miss Pauline is excellent example of young womanhood and her example should be followed by young women today in this community. Mr. & Mrs. Palmer went to K. C. to meet her and accompany her home.

Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Anderson entertained with 5:00 luncheon complimentary to the boys leaving for camp. A two-course luncheon was served. The color scheme was red, white and blue and the house was decorated with flags. There was a small flag at each place. XXXXX

Maryville, May 4, 1918, Sun:

Mrs. Onie Gunn, Mr. Paul Smith, and Mr. Dorril Carriger entertained with a four-course luncheon for the boys who were to leave for Camp Funston. The evening was spent in giving toasts, and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson entertained complimentary to the drafted and volunteer boys Friday with elaborate luncheon. The evening was spent in playing games and dancing.

Women's Mite Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Henry Wilson for luncheon.

Hon. N. C. Crews and Rev. T. G. Campbell set up a chapter, R A M and Commander KTM; while in the city they were house guests of Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart. Prof. & Mrs. E. O. Boone had 12:00 dinner guests, Hon. N. C. Crews, Rev. T. G. McCampbell and James Palmer. Mr. & Mrs. James Palmer had 6:00 dinner guests, Hon. N. C. Crews, Rev. T. C. McCampbell and Prof. and Mrs. E. O. Boone and son.

Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr. received a letter from the Home Economics Department of Columbia, Missouri, stating she has been accepted as one of the volunteer trained workers in HE for conservation of food.

Rev. T. G. McCampbell preached at the AME church while in the city at both services and through combined appeal of Brother Crews, five souls were saved. Prof. Boone lifted the collection in the morning and Hon. Crews at night. Collection for the day was \$18. Both sermons were great lessons to both Christians and sinners, and Maryville awaits the return of Bro. McCampbell to again awaken spiritual side of life. Hon. Crews made a soul-stirring appeal to bring souls to Christ. We thank them with all our hearts. You are both always welcome here.

Mrs. Mattie Williams gave a dinner for Harry Palmer who enlisted for the war. Those present outside of family were Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell and daughter. Sunday afternoon, Misses Laura and Lucy Williams entertained a few friends complimentary to their nephew, Harry Palmer, who left Monday for Jefferson Barracks. XXXXX

Maryville, May 18, 1918, Sun:

Mrs. Henry Wilson, Mrs. W. M. Palmer and Miss Pauline Palmer, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell and daughter, and Mrs. E. O. Boone and son went to Blanchard last Thursday to witness the graduation of Miss Iola Brown. Miss Brown was the only colored one out of a class of 8 to finish Blanchard High School.

Mrs. B. F. Smart had a social as benefit for the Baptist church.

The Christian Endeavor program in honor of Mothers Day and many good papers were read and Miss Josie Chrisman sang a beautiful solo.

The JGBs, a society of young people surprised Prof. and Mrs. Boone Tuesday night and the evening was spent in initiating the young folks. Dainty refreshments were served after which the entire society went to Mrs. Cook's residence for the benefit of the Baptist church.

Dr. E. B. Ramsey of Kansas City made a business trip to Maryville and while here was guest of Professor Boone.

The Mt. Zion Baptist church will have reopening Sunday with a rally and program. The graduation exercises of Douglass will be Monday in the High School Aud. at 8:00.

Mrs. W. A. Mitchell has completed the Red Cross course and will be one of the instructors. Mrs. W. A. Palmer spent a few days in Clarinda, Iowa with her daughter Dorothy who is ill.

Mrs. M. A. Gooden and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell have worked 72 hours in Red Cross shop and gained a cross. XXXXX

Maryville, May 25, 1918, Sun:

The JGBs met at Mrs. Mitchell's home Sunday. Services were held at the Baptist church Sunday with Rev. Davis preaching. Rev. R. H. Longdon was guest with Mrs. J. L. Gooden Sunday.

Mrs. E. O. Boone will instruct Red Cross work through the state this summer having completed the course and signed the oath of allegiance.

PROGRAM, DOUGLASS, HELD MONDAY AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

Song		America
Instrumental solo		Pauline Palmer
Oration "Patriotism"		Novel Tillman
Oration "Value of School in Farming, Industrial Habits"		Vera Vance
Oration "Habit Forming vs Character Building"		Alice White
Oration "Conservation of Food"		Herbert Palmer
Oration "Scholarship is a Factor"		Lula White
Song		I Want to be Ready
Address, Hon. William B. Bruce, Attorney-at-law, Kansas City		
Song		Steal Away
Presentation of the Class		E. O. Boone, Principal
Presentation of Certificates		Hon. L. L. Carpenter
Remarks		Supt. J. M. McDonald
Song		Star Spangled Banner
Graduates: Vera Vance, Alcie White, Lula White, Norval Tillman, Herbert Palmer		

Prof. and Mrs. Boone left Wednesday for Columbia where they will spend a few days. Mrs. W. A. Mitchell has taken Mrs. Boone's place as instructor of Red Cross. XXXXX

Maryville, June 15, 1918, Sun:

The JGBs were entertained by Senora Gunn and sisters at their home on East Jenkins. Several additions were made. Mrs. Mae Ousley entertained the Women's Mite Missionary at her home on East Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Boyd have moved to Des Moines. Mrs. Dorothy Montgomery of Clarinda is visiting her mother here.

Dedication of the Mt. Zion church with Easter Day services was held. Sermon by Rev. T. J. McCampbell. The church is very beautiful and remodeled after the fire. Collection for the day \$38.78. A collection was started by Ella Palmer to be sent to the Educational School Fund for Negroes.

John Cooke is visiting in K.C.; Mrs. Ethel Cooke drove to St. Joe in their new car. Mrs. Laura Williams entertained the JGBs. Mr. Paul Smith entertained the JGBs Friday at Mrs. Onnie Gunn's. Menu, fried fish, cookies and lemonade.

V. C. Haley Chapter, OES, elected officers Thursday, June 6. Mrs. B. F. Smart, Worthy Matron; Mrs. J. C. Cooke, Associate Matron; Mrs. Onnie May Gunn, Treasurer; Mrs. Senora Palmer, Secretary; Mrs. Alice Reed, Associate Conductress; Miss Vera Vance, Conductress; Mrs. B. F. Smart, Worthy Patron.

AME church had children's day exercises. Collection lifted by little Helen Ousley and little Clara Willie Baker for \$5.20.

Mr. Dorril Carriger entertained the JGBs Monday at Mrs. Luella Anderson's at 410 S. Walnut. New members: Mr. Harold Carriger, Mr. Benny Parient, Mr. Robert Fields, Miss Madge Gunn, Miss Lucy Williams, Mrs. Annie May Gunn. Lemonade and cake served. XXXXX

Maryville, June 22, 1918, Sun:

The JGBs had a line party to the show Tuesday which was "Mothers of Liberty." They gave a moonlight picnic at Douglass school Friday.

Mrs. Laura Johnson of Lincoln Nebraska OES was guest of Mrs. J. C. Cooke. Mrs. J. C. Cooke toured to St. Joseph to join her husband who has been on vacation in St. Louis and Kansas City. XXXXX

Maryville, July 5, 1918, Sun:

X Mrs. Carrie Bell of St. Joseph visited her mother, Mrs. Gunn. Women's Mite Missionary society met at Mrs. James Malcome's, 622 E. Second. Mrs. Mattie Williams is visiting her son, Aaron Williams in Kansas City. Vera Vance and her father, Oliver Vance are visiting relatives in K.C. Rev. J. R. Carter of Stephens, Missouri, preached at AME church to a large crowd; collection was \$33.50. XXXXX

Maryville, July 6, 1918, Sun:

(Picture of Mrs. B. F. Smart.) Mrs. B. F. Smart one of Maryville's most cultured and progressive matrons has been spending the last two days in the city (K.C.) at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Crews of 2624 Highland Ave. Mrs. Smart is Royal Matron of the Eastern Star Chapter of her city; the president of Colored Women's Red Cross Aux. of that city, and is foremost leader in social and church life in her home city. During her stay she has been recipient of many social attentions such as dinners, auto parties, musicals, and receptions from Kansas City's foremost people. On Friday, she was tendered an elaborate reception by Mesdames Crosthwait, G. W. K. Love, Richard Allen at N. C. Crew's residence. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and flags of Allied Nations and patriotic music was rendered throughout the afternoon. More than 150 of the two Kansas City's most prominent ladies were in attendance. XXXXX

Maryville, July 13, 1918, Sun:

JGBs held a 4th July picnic on the 102 river at Lee Bridge. Mr. & Mrs. Everette Gunn of Omaha are visiting mother Mrs. E. M. Gunn. Mrs. Bryant of Chicago is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith on Thompson Street. XXXXX

Maryville, July 27, 1918, Sun:

Miss Laura Williams entertained JGBs with fried chicken, peaches and cake. Onnie Gunn entertained JGBs with party honoring her sister Mrs. Savannah

Bryant of Chicago; games and music and punch. Mrs. Mattie Williams returned home from Kansas City where she visited her son and relatives.

Mrs. Mildred Nicholas received a card from her husband saying he arrived overseas safely. Mr. Chester Williams had a card from his nephew Harry Palmer saying he arrived safely overseas. XXXXX

Maryville, August 17, 1918, Sun:

Mr. Chester Williams and LaVoid Page gave the best ball ever given in Maryville Monday. Out-of-town guests were Mr. L. Montgomery and sister, Lydia, Mr. F. Harvey and wife.

The colored people of Maryville gave a celebration on the river and everyone had a good time.

Mr. Chester Williams, Harold Carriger, and Paul Smith left for Kansas to work on the railroad. Mrs. Helen Campbell is very sick. XXXXX

Maryville, September 21, 1918, Sun:

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mitchell Jr. had a dinner for Prof. and Mrs. Boone and guests Mrs. Benjamin Boone. Prof. Boone left on the Wabash for Camp Pike, Ark. to enter officers training camp. Prof. Boone will be greatly missed for his building and betterment of the race. Through him many unspeakable things have been organized in the community. Mrs. E. O. Boone will teach Douglass school.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams Jr. were called to Maryville from K. C. to see Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Vance who left for Kearney, Nebraska to live. Mrs. Everett Page entertained Mrs. Boone and her guest Mrs. Benjamin Boone of Chicago. Aaron Williams of K. C. visited his mother Mrs. George Williams and his sisters Lucy and Laura Williams. Mr. & Mrs. Louis White moved to St. Joseph to live. Their daughter, Mrs. Alphos Gunn will go with them. Roland Johnson of Omaha was in Maryville visiting his mother and friends. Mrs. Louis Crisman is visiting her mother, Lena Mosely in Maryville.

Mrs. Luella Anderson had word from her husband that he is promoted to 1st Sgt. He is in Camp Pike, Ark.

He says it is certainly natural to ride up to a captain for orders. Mr. Anderson was in active service in the Spanish-American war.

Lincoln Red Cross is busy. Mrs. William Mitchell is instructor since Mrs. Boone is teaching school. XXXXX

...You may talk bout your heroes and their deeds of valor won,
But there is none more worthy of our praise than the American Negro son.
by Al Hampton, October 5, 1918, Sun

Maryville, October 5, 1918, Sun:

There was an AME church basket dinner for members only -- had glorious old fashioned sing and prayer service -- held special service for the "boys over there" in the evening. Mr. Charley Martin read a wonderful patriotic theme. Mr. Harry Palmer wrote and asked the church to sing his favorite song, "Where is My Wandering Boy?" which they did. Six of our boys, four being overseas, are in the service.

Mrs. Boone heard from E. O. Boone and he says he is a 2nd Lt. Mrs. William Palmer heard from son Ozie Schoolen saying he landed safely overseas.

Mrs. John Fields called to St. Joseph for death of her brother, Mr. John Carriger. XXXXX

Maryville, October 12, 1918, Sun:

Ned Holmes of Maryville now with Ambulance Co. 367, Sanitary Train 317. He says all Maryville boys are doing well and in good health. Luella Anderson's husband is in training for 5 weeks.

Mrs. William Mulford was called to Maryville for illness of her mother, Helen Campbell.

Mr. E. O. Boone passed exam for 2nd Lt.; is not yet commissioned. XXXXX

Maryville, December 14, 1918, Sun:

Mr. Amos Schoolen is still ill. James Malcome is ill.

Prof. E. O. Boone arrived from Camp Pike, Ark. where he has been in officer training school and will visit Mrs. Boone a few days.

Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Gooden had an elaborate dinner Sunday. Covers were laid for Rev. Brooks (in Maryville for Quarterly meeting), Rev. and Mrs. Bryant, Prof. and Mrs. E. O. Boone and the host and hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Eucl Montgomery of Clarinda have a baby girl. XXXXX

Kansas City Sun, dated November 2, 1918:

Aaron Williams a splendid young man formerly of Maryville died of pneumonia last Monday at General Hospital. His body was carried to Maryville for burial. During his residence in Kansas City he made many friends. XXXXX

Maryville, January 4, 1919, Sun:

Edna Jackson and Mr. Theo McGough were guests at Christmas of Mrs. Blanche Smith. Earl Bryant visited his parents Christmas week. Mrs. E. O. Boone returned from Columbia where she spent the holidays.

Mrs. Mary Gooden has house guest Mrs. Rebecca Caldwell of Mason City, Iowa. Rev. and Mrs. Bryant and son and Miss Geraldine Cooper visited Rev. & Mrs. Bryant at Christmas. Mrs. Eucl Montgomery and small daughter visited relatives in Maryville.

Mr. William Mitchell was called to Clarinda for illness of his father, Rev. Mitchell. Miss Alice Sharp was house guest of Miss Pauline Palmer during the holiday.

The Christmas Tree and "Trip around the World" by Rev. Bryant was a success. Mr. Gooden, Supt. secured a beautiful tree and it was filled with gifts for all. XXXXX

Maryville, January 11, 1919, Sun:

Rev. and Mrs. Bryant and Master Earl Bryant spent New Years in Liberty, Missouri. Mr. John McGeehee is visiting Mr. & Mrs. Malcome.

Mrs. Fred Fields is visiting in St. Joseph; also Mr. Robert Fields and Miss Iva Fields visited friends in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Caldwell, houseguest of M. A. Gooden, returned to Omaha Monday. She will be accompanied home by her daughter, Irma Caldwell. XXXXX

Maryville, January 18, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. J. C. Cooke gave an entertainment at the Masonic Hall for benefit of the lodge. Mrs. Frances Johnson of K. C., Missouri, is house guest of Mrs. Malcome. Mrs. Page and son Sylvanus are visiting in Gallatin. Mrs. Thomas Jackson is out after a serious illness. Mr. Lavoid Page spent the weekend in Maryville.

The small son of Mrs. Maryetta Carriger, formerly of this city, died in Omaha. January 13 was Rev. Bryant's birthday. A large number of friends surprised him. Sandwiches, cocoa, ice cream and cake were served.

Mrs. B. F. Smart gave a chicken pie supper at her residence for benefit of church. Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart attended the Nobleman's banquet in St. Joseph, Thursday, January 16. They were guests of Mr. & Mrs. A. D. Butler.
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Maryville, January 25, 1919, Sun:

The Masonic lodge held memorial services Sunday in honor of the late Ernest O. Boone, grand senior warden. (father of E. O. Boone, Jr.)

Mr. James Palmer had a hunting party for four of his friends. Five of Mr. Palmer's hunting hounds are registered thoroughbred hunting hounds and accompanied them. They returned with a raccoon weighing 40 pounds. Mr. Palmer sold one of his hounds for \$100.

Mrs. Blanche Smith was called to Gallatin for illness of her niece, Mrs. Irene Gaugh.

Women's Missionary Mite society met and named officers: Mrs. May Ousley, pres.; Mrs. Luella Anderson, v.p.; Mrs. Ethel Cook, rec. secy; Miss Lucy Williams, asst; Mrs. Bryant, corresponding secy; Mrs. Malcome, treas; Mrs. Gooden, chaplain, Mrs. E. O. Boone, chairman of exc. comm. Trustee helpers met at the parsonage and made plans for an old folks concert for Feb. 14.

Mr. George Palmer one of Maryville's old and honored citizens and the father of Mrs. Frank Smart and James and Wm Palmer is visiting relatives here. XXXXX

Maryville, February 1, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Price and Mrs. Campbell, two dear old ladies are not able to be out. Visit them and help brighten their days.

Mr. Harley Page and Mrs. Luella Anderson entertained friends Friday with a raccoon supper. After dinner the host entertained with music.

Mr. Guy Martin and Mrs. Lenora Kinslow were married Thursday evening. Mr. John McGeehee and Mrs. Francis Johnson were married in St. Joseph Saturday and are at home in K.C., Missouri, 1317 Vine Street.

The B. F. Smarts entertained for Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Cooke who are leaving Maryville. The evening was spent playing whist and dominoes. We wish Mr. & Mrs. Cooke God's blessings. (17 guests named) XXXXX

Maryville, February 8, 1919, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. Freeman Sweets of Atlantic City, Iowa visited Mrs. M. A. Gooden. They had motored to Appleton City, Missouri in Mr. Sweet's car. Miss Margaret Smith was accompanied to Gallatin by her brother Robert Walker, and Miss Henrietta Williams. Mr. W. M. Carter is visiting in Fulton, Missouri.

Mrs. Palmer received word from her sons in France that they were ready and awaiting orders to sail home. XXXXX

Maryville, February 15, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Lena Mosely went to K. C. to visit her daughter and son-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Johnson. Laura Carter is visiting her father, Mr. William Carter.

The pupils of Douglass school have entered a health crusade. Will parents help them with all health chores for 12 weeks so they may become real Knight Banneret and wear the gold Knighthood pin? XXXXX

Maryville, February 22, 1919, Sun:

The old folks concert given by the Trustee helpers under the direction of Mrs. Boone and took up \$47.30 and cleared \$40.22. They bought a beautiful communion set for the church and had a telephone put in the parsonage.

Little Helen Jackson has been ill. Wm. Mitchell visited his father ill at Clarinda. XXXXX

Maryville, March 1, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Blanche Smith and Miss Margaret Smith called to Gallatin because of the death of their cousin, Mrs. Irene McGauth.

Master E. O. Boone III accompanied by his father will arrive in Maryville, Sunday, March 2 to spend his 4th birthday with his mother. The infant daughter of Onie Gunn is ill. Mr. & Mrs. William Mitchell and daughter attended the funeral in Clarinda Iowa of Rev. W. A. Mitchell. XXXXX

(March 8, 1919 Sun carried a story about the color line on the HMS Olympic, charges presented by James Wiley, colored officer. 317 Sanitary Train, 367 Field Artillery.)

Maryville:

Professor Boone and Baby Boone visited in Maryville this week.

Harry Palmer, Ned Holmes and Arthur Smith arrived safely from overseas.

Mr. Darrill Carriger, known as "Dee" died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anderson, Thursday.

Mrs. B. F. Smart had fried chicken dinner at her residence for benefit of the Baptist church. XXXXX

Maryville, March 15, 1919, Sun:

Darrill Carriger's funeral was at Savannah.

Douglass school was badly damaged by fire Saturday. Fire caused by a defective furnace. School is held in the AME church.

Mrs. Welch visited her daughter, Mrs. Frankie Tillman. Rufus Palmer is ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Smart.

Mr. Mosely, son of Lena Mosely, discharged from service is visiting his mother and sister.

Citizens met in mass at the AME to make plans for a school building. Rev. Bryant was chairman and Prof. Boone secretary.

Mrs. Goldie Kelly of St. Joe is visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary Smith. Misses Christina and Viola Page are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Clara Page. Mrs. Nannie Misner of Denver Colorado is guest of Mrs. Anderson; home for funeral of Darrell Carriger.

Mrs. James Palmer is better after operation at St. Francis Hospital. XXXXX

Maryville, March 22, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Nannie Misner, Mrs. Luella Anderson, and Mr. Carriger wish to thank friends for kindnesses during illness and death of their dear brother, Darrell Carriger.

Much damage was done by the tornado which struck Maryville Saturday.

Funeral services for Rufus Palmer who died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Smart, Saturday, were at the Baptist church, Monday, 2:30. Masonic services, beautiful and impressive were conducted by Hon. Nelson Crews of Kansas City. Floral offerings were beautiful and many. Mr. Palmer was a fine young man. Brother James Palmer and sister Mrs. B. F. Smart did all they could to comfort him during his illness. Out-of-town guests: Hon. N. C. Crews, K.C.; Hon. T. G. McCampbell, Grand High Priest, K.C.; Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Kelly, Oskaloosa; Mr. J. C. Cooke, Mr. A. D. Butler, George Welton, St. Joseph; Mr. & Mrs. Price, Bedford, Iowa; Mrs. Brown, Clinton, Iowa; Rev. H. J. Herring, St. Joseph.

Rev. Kelly preached an excellent sermon at the Baptist Church Tuesday evening. XXXXX

Maryville, March 29, 1919, Sun:

Master E. O. Boone III and father returned to Columbia after three weeks visit in Maryville with Mrs. Boone.

Mr. Alophus Gunn has returned from France and with wife and children is visiting in Maryville. Mrs. Mattie Williams entertained for her grandson, Mr. Harry Palmer, returned home. Mr. Paul Smith and Mr. Chester Williams entertained at the Masonic Hall for returned soldiers, Harry Palmer, Ned Holmes and Arthur Smith.

Ill: Clarawillie Baker, Helen Ousley, Mrs. Ida Fields.

Rev. L. P. Bryant preached two sermons Sunday. The Rev. is a live wire and all who hear him return again. Be sure to enter the grand AutoRace given by the AME church. Charlie Martin and John Gooden are chauffeurs.

Mrs. W. A. Mitchell of Maryville received the following letter from her brother, Gene L. Schoolen, who is with the 312th L.B.N. -- it is also addressed to his mother and sister:

Dear Mother and Sisters:

General Pershing was here February 20 and inspected the battalion, 1200 of us, and reported us to be O.K. We all looked like we had just come out of a band box. Our baseball team plays at St. Sulpice and we have never been beaten since we came to France. I am yard man and checker in an open storage area.

My regards to all,

Gene L. Schoolen

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Maryville, April 5, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. E. M. Gunn each entertained for the soldier boys. Mrs. Boone reported \$16 turned in to the Red Cross.

Seven little boys under the supervision of Mrs. Boone collected \$10 for the AME church. Lester Gunn won 1st prize and Harold Gunn 2nd.

Mr. George Palmer celebrated his 88th birthday Saturday. We wish Mr. Palmer many happy returns of the 29th.

Mother's Club grateful to Rev. Bryant for paying for the ad in the paper.

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Maryville, April 12, 1919, Sun:

At the school election, April 1, citizens of Maryville voted 5000 for a new school building for the negro children.

The Masonic lodge gave a smoker Friday in their new hall. The men of the city were invited.

Mr. Eucl Montgomery is employed as a mechanic at Barmann Auto shop. XXXXX

Maryville, May 10, 1919, Sun:

Rev. L. P. Bryant is in Columbia as guest of his father, who is pastor of the St. Paul AME church, Columbia.

Mrs. Luella Anderson returned from a pleasant visit with her sister in Omaha who recently became the bride of Harry Palmer.

Mrs. Greggs of Clarinda has moved here. We welcome her to our city. AME and Baptist both having Mother's Day programs.

B. F. Smart, William Campbell, and Chester Williams attended the Shriners banquet in St. Joseph, and with J. C. Cooke went a step higher in Masonic order. XXXXX

Maryville, May 17, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. M. A. Gooden celebrated her birthday Saturday with a dinner. Rev. Crutchfield Baptist minister held services Sunday. Mothers day programs were excellent.

Mrs. Blanche Smith was guest of her father, Mr. Alex Walker of Gallatin and her sister Mrs. Maud McGough also of Gallatin.

Mr. Charley Martin is attending Electoral College in Glasgow, Missouri which meets to elect delegates to conference in 1920.

Mr. & Mrs. Jackson have purchased a beautiful piano for daughter Helen.
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Maryville, May 24, 1919, Sun:

Professor Boone is visiting in Maryville. Mr. Eucl Montgomery has gone to Red Oak. His wife and daughter will join him soon.

Miss Margaret Smith the pupils and friends and parents of Douglass school surprised Mrs. Boone at the residence of Rev. Bryant. A bunch of carnations was presented to the teacher as token of love. Three-course luncheon was served and all enjoyed the evening. XXXXX

Maryville, May 31, 1919, Sun:

Mr. A. D. Butler and Mr. Neal of St. Joseph were in our city helping initiate candidates in Cyrene Lodge #58. Cyrene Lodge #58 held memorial service for the late Prof. Kenner of Marshall, Missouri.

Mrs. Boone went to Columbia to visit her parents Mr. & Mrs. J. G. Williams of Columbia. Mrs. Boone is to be congratulated on filling the position as principal of Douglass when her husband went to camp. She has been elected next year as Prof. Boone's assistant and domestic science teacher. Mrs. Boone was surprised and given a beautiful box of linen and crepe de chine handkerchiefs, presented by Mrs. Fleenor as token of friendship.

Royal Carriger of Red Oak is visiting his sister, Mrs. L. Anderson. Mrs. Hattie Kitchen of Omaha is visiting her brother, C. C. Baker. Roland Johnson of Omaha is visiting his parents Mr. & Ms. J. L. Gooden.

Miss Frankie Tillman, daughter of Mrs. Benton Welsh of Oregon, Missouri, will be married to Roland Johnson, son of Mrs. John Gooden, May 28, at AME parsonage, and will be at their home June 1, 2701 Dodge Street, Omaha, Nebraska.

Mr. James Palmer our pioneer race horse man is taking his horses to Maitland to start training for the season. Mr. Palmer has among his breeds a sorrel gelding by the name of Tom Workman and a bay filley named Mildred Boone from the Ben Jones breed. We predict for him a successful track season for this year. XXXXX

Maryville, June 7, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Hazel (?), Lucy and Laura Williams entertained last Wednesday in honor of R. Johnson and F. Tillman. A dainty 3-course luncheon was served. The house was decorated in green and yellow. Punch was served at the door. Mr. & Mrs. James Palmer also entertained for the couple.

Rev. & Mrs. J. R. Young have located in our midst. We welcome them; they come from Omaha. Mrs. Eucl Montgomery joined her husband in Clarinda. Mrs. Rev. L. P. Bryant is visiting in Liberty in the home of her parents. Will then go to Quindaro, Kansas where her son is graduating from Western University.

V. C. Haley OES presented the program Sunday at the AME church:

Opening song	Choir
Prayer	Rev. Crutchfield
Song	
Scripture	Mrs. J. H. Malcome
Paper, Esther	Mrs. B. F. Smart
Paper, Ruth	Mrs. J. M. Palmer
Solo	Miss Maime Hodge
Solo	Miss Lucy Williams
Sermon	Rev. L. P. Bryant
Remarks by Worthy Matron	Mrs. B. F. Smart
Collection	

Grand Master Fields was visitor in Cyrene Lodge #58 Monday and at the meeting Brother B. F. Smart announced his candidacy for Grand Treasurer, AF & AM.

Prof. E. O. Boone left for Jefferson City, Missouri to hold the annual meeting of the Alumni Association. XXXXX

Maryville, June 14, 1919, Sun:

Rev. Crutchfield delivered two excellent sermons at Mt. Zion church. AME boasts the only complete silver service communion set in the St. Joseph District.

Mr. Jenkins of Nebraska (Kearney?) has accepted position as chef at the Linville Hotel.

Mrs. C. C. Baker was operated on at St. Francis hospital Monday. Missionary Mite society of AME met at the home of Mrs. Helen Campbell who has been an invalid for the past few years. Plan to meet with all afflicted ones unable to attend church. Miss Pauline Palmer is home from vacation from Lincoln Institute. XXXXX

Maryville, June 28, 1919, Sun:

Mr. Alophus Gunn was week-end visitor in Maryville. Mrs. Thomas Williams of St. Louis is visiting her daughter Mrs. W. M. Campbell. Mrs. Earlee Brown of St. Joe is spending vacation with Mrs. Lena Mosely, grandmother.

Rev. Harris of Mt. Zion Baptist preached the annual St. John's Day sermon for Masonic Lodge. Never before have the people heard a more scholarly and soul stirring sermon. \$25 was delivered up as offering. Mr. J. C. Cooke is in the city helping the lodge elect officers.

Cyrene Lodge officers: E. O. Boone, WM; Rev. Bryant SW; William Campbell, JW; B. F. Smart, Secy; Thomas Jackson, Treasurer

OES officers: Mrs. J. H. Malcome, RM; Mrs. B. F. Smart, Asso.; Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Cond.; B. F. Smart, Patron; Mrs. J. M. Palmer, Secy; Mrs. Onie Gunn, Treasurer

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Maryville, July 12, 1919, Sun:

AME had a rally with Cadillacs ahead and Buicks second. \$132 turned in. Rev. M. S. Bryant of Columbia visited and preached two sermons. Rev. L. P. Bryant is working wonders among the members. Mt. Zion will have a big rally Sunday.

Mr. & Mrs. E. Montgomery came down from Clarinda to see Eugene Schoolen who has just returned from France.

Miss Frances Fields is visiting her mother this week. Miss Fields is one of the race's successful teachers. She has been teaching in Kansas City a number of years and this summer is helping with summer school at the Attucks school.

Mrs. Loleta Cowens died Tuesday. She leaves a husband, mother, child, brother and sister and many friends. XXXXX

Kansas City Sun, July 12, 1919, carried a picture of B. F. Smart on page 4.

This is likeness of B. F. Smart of Maryville who is in the race for Grand Treasurer of M. W. Grand Lodge AF & AM, Missouri. Brother Smart is a hustling and energetic man and will fill the office with credit.

He belongs to Cyrene Lodge #58 and G. McCampbell Commandry KT and Moslem Temple Shriners, St. Joseph. He is one of the pillars of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and a very useful man in his community. He owns much real estate in Maryville and has a beautiful home all modern. He was Master of Cyrene Lodge for three years and is now a secretary. XXXXX

Kansas City Sun, August 9, 1919:

One of the most successful affairs ever given by the colored citizens of Maryville was on August 1 when together with the colored people from surrounding towns and country, gathering for two-fold celebration of signing the Emancipation Proclamation and the cornerstone laying of the new Douglass school building.

Hon. N. C. Crews of Kansas City who has been coming to Maryville for similar celebrations for the past 19 years and who is well known to both races in the city, delivered the principal address at the celebration at the high school grounds. Mr. Crews touched upon the great question of race prejudice and asked for a square deal for the Negro, and stated that in return the Negro race as a whole wished to be law-abiding and harmonious with whites.

Speakers of the day: Dr. Clement Richardson, Hon. T. G. McCampbell, Prosc. Attorney C. E. McCaffery, Supt. McDonald.

Mrs. W. A. Mitchell read the Emancipation Proclamation in full. The Knight Templar band under the direction of J. Louis Gamble furnished excellent music day and night.

Shike Smith, human fly, delighted the crowds with several dare-devil stunts on top of the Nodaway Valley Bank.

Dr. E. B. Ramsey motored through in his beautiful new car. Mr. Bradbury of St. Louis also was a guest. Prof. Boone and his committee deserve praise for this most excellent celebration. XXXXX

Kansas City Sun, August 23, 1919 published a poem in memory to:

Ernest O. Boone who died August 20, 1918

Signed by: Mrs. Annie Boone, wife
B. R. Boone, Ernest O. Boone Jr., Anna Powers, Cordelia
Boone, children
Helen Boone, Mildred Boone, Alfred Powers, children-in-law
Ernest O. Boone III and Edna Powers, grand-children.
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Maryville, September 20, 1919, Sun:

Mr. Joe Graves one of the wealthiest and best known farmers in Nodaway county died at his home Friday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Bryant. The funeral procession consisting of both black and white people was the longest that ever passed through the streets of Maryville. Mrs. Graves and son have our sympathy.

Miss Laura Williams married Mr. Leslie Lewis Saturday evening.

Little Ella Mitchell is very ill. Mr. Charles Martin returned from western trip and reports a fine time. Dr. E. B. Ramsey of Kansas City passed through Maryville in return from trip to New York. XXXXX

Maryville, September 27, 1919, Sun:

The Trustee Helpers gave Rev. Bryant a new hat and Mrs. Bryant a georgette waist. The church gave Rev. Bryant a new suit. Baptist Mission Circle met at Mrs. Wm. Palmer's.

Mrs. Charlotte Ousley is ill. Rev. Bryant ever thoughtful of the needy lifted a collection of \$3.50 for her, who is a faithful member of the AME church.

Mrs. Leslie Lewis has gone to Bethany to join Mr. Lewis. Mrs. C. C. Baker and daughter are guests of Mr. & Mrs. William Campbell. XXXXX

Maryville, October 11, 1919, Sun:

Mrs. Eulee Brown and Mr. Everett Page married last week.

Ella Mitchell is improving slowly. We hope to see her walking again. Herbert Palmer returned after working a few weeks in Iowa. XXXXX

Maryville, October 18, 1919, Sun:

Rev. and Mrs. Young moved to the parsonage. The rally at the Baptist church was a success. Mr. C. C. Baker held services at the AME church Sunday during the absence of Rev. Bryant. Rev. Jesse Young pastor of the Baptist church has succeeded in getting the church out of debt. He has succeeded where others have failed. He has a broad vision as a minister. XXXXX

Maryville, October 25, 1919, Sun:

Paul Smith entertained a number of friends at his 22nd birthday. The house was decorated with pink and white crepe paper. The same colors were carried out in refreshments which consisted of a 3-course luncheon.

Miss Letha Bolden is spending the winter with her sister in Kansas City, Missouri. XXXXX

Maryville, November 8, 1919, Sun:

The Halloween party at the Masonic Hall was an enjoyable affair. Apple eating, bean races, cracker eating, music and a dainty supper made up the evening's pleasures. Prizes went to Mrs. Euel Montgomery, Mrs. Senora Palmer, Miss Margaret Smith, Mr. Earl Bryant, and Master Raymond Gunn.

Miss Margaret Smith and Helen Ousley are taking piano and piano lessons at the Conservatory of Music. XXXXX

Maryville, November 15, 1919, Sun:

A surprise smoker was held for James Malcome by his wife. Tables were decorated with ferns and the menu was elaborate. Cigars seemed to come from every nook and corner. (Guests were men)

Maurguite Smith entertained for the birthday of her mother, Mrs. Blanche Smith.

Mrs. M. A. Gooden visited the home of Sarah Graves, Skidmore. XXXXX

Maryville, November 22, 1919, Sun:

James Malcome better. Wm. Palmer and Mary Smith ill. Sarah Graves has been ill but is up and about. M. A. Gooden stayed with her the past week.

A "foot" social will be at the AME church. Bring your foot. "The Blues are up the river; the Blues are up the river and can't come down." "Why?" "The Reds are cleaning up this old town."

The home of Mrs. James Malcome, Second Street, was scene of a beautiful wedding Thursday evening. Miss Gertrude Wells married Mr. Benjamin Parrient. The dining room was decorated with ferns and yellow and white mums. The bride was gowned in white charmeuse satin. Miss Wells is sister of Mrs. Malcome and comes to us from Texas. She lives with her dear old mother on 5th street.

Oliver R. Vance former resident of this city died in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Vance was a mason. XXXXX

Maryville, December 6, 1919, Sun:

Henry Fields and wife of Peoria, Illinois are visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. May Ousley has her mother, Mrs. Lee of Savannah as guest. Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Lewis spent Thanksgiving with Mattie Williams.

William Campbell is in Chicago attending the International Horse Show.

AME had a Thanksgiving event: Blue and Red sides served supper. Old folks concert was good. Reds placed the Blues up the river last week.

The Masonic funeral for Oliver Vance was conducted by E. O. Boone. Rev. Bryant gave the sermon. Mr. T. G. McCampbell brought words of consolation from the Hon. N. C. Crews and himself. XXXXX

Maryville, December 20, 1919, Sun:

Mr. Earl Martin of K.C. visited his mother this last week. Mrs. Hattie Baird has gone to K.C. Eugene Schoolen has gone to Ottumwa, Iowa.

Prof. Boone and pupils had open house at Douglass. The building is strictly modern. XXXXX

Maryville, February 7, 1920, Sun:

Many illnesses. William Campbell returned from Denver where he visited the Mid-Western Horse show. XXXXX

Maryville, February 14, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. J. T. Redmond of Omaha is here nursing her mother, M. A. Gooden. Mrs. Aggers of Omaha is visiting her daughter Mrs. Young who is ill. LaVoid Page visiting here.

Mr. Ozie Schoolen has purchased two houses and lots. He is a thrifty young man. Here is your chance girls. It's Leap Year.

James Palmer attended the funeral of his cousin Mrs. Emma Wintersmith, St. Joe. XXXXX

Maryville, January 17, 1920, Sun:

Mr(s) Robert Walker visited her mother and baby sister, Mrs. Blanche Smith and Marguerite Smith.

Miss Frances Fields visited her parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Fields. She is a teacher in Kansas City. Arthur Smith of Omaha spent holiday with mother, Mary Smith. Mrs. Edna Dale of Chicago is visiting her mother Mary Smith. Mrs. Ida Fields of St. Joe spent Christmas with family.

Pauline Palmer and Marguerite Smith had a candy pull Friday.

Mrs. Price fell out of bed and broke her hip. Rev. Bryant fell and wrenched his back. XXXXX

Maryville, February 21, 1920, Sun:

Mary Hardin is in Burlington Jct. Savannah Bryant is visiting her mother, Mary Smith. Guests of their mother, Mary Smith, are: Ida Fields, Goldie Kelly, St. Joe. and Henrietta Andrews, Omaha.

Lincoln program at Douglass was well attended and excellent. Mrs. E. O. Boone organized a Booker Art Club. They will do art work, and take up child welfare. The domestic science department will serve hot lunches at Douglass each day. XXXXX

Maryville, February 28, 1920, Sun:

There will be a masquerade party at Douglass. Leap Year social at AME was well attended. Miss Lennie Armstrong is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Carter.
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Maryville, March 6, 1920 (Sat.) Sun:

The funeral of Charity Price was held at the AME church Friday. The body was taken to Terrell, Texas. Mrs. Price was a beautiful character here and will be missed. Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Parrient and Mr. & Mrs. James Malcome wish to thank all for the assistance during illness and death of mother, Mrs. Price. XXXXX

Maryville, March 27, 1920, Sun:

Cyrene Lodge celebrated their 4th anniversary with a banquet on March 16. The hall was decorated with red and green, large vases of red carnations. The menu was elaborate, chicken down to ham. The treat of the evening was the talk of Hon. N. C. Crews. James Palmer was toastmaster. The Peerless orchestra furnished music for 60-70 guests. Hon. N. C. Crews and Hon. T. G. McCampbell have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Smart.

Mrs. Wm. Vance has joined her husband and will make Maryville their home. William Campbell visited his mother who is ill at the home of her daughter in K.C. Mrs. Thomas Jackson is ill. XXXXX

Maryville, April 3, 1920, Sun:

Mothers Club elected officers. Mrs. Blanche Smith is president.

Mrs. James Malcome assisted with the Batavia Food demonstration Saturday at Schumachers store. Mrs. Malcome is credit to self and race. XXXXX

Maryville, April 10, 1920, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. James Palmer had 6:00 dinner for 89th birthday of father, George Palmer.

Egg hunt at the AME was a success. Mrs. Boone won the prize for the greatest number of eggs found.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Cook (white) talked to the negro men Thursday night at Douglass concerning school election coming up. XXXXX

Maryville, April 24, 1920, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. James Palmer visited her brother in Forest City, Missouri, who is ill.

Spelling bee at Douglass was well attended. William Mosely won the prize for the best speller. XXXXX

Maryville, May 1, 1920, Sun:

Cornelia Martin married to Carl Braden in St. Joseph.

Mrs. Campbell, one of the old members of the AME died in Kansas City. The funeral will be in St. Louis.

William Mitchell and Isiah Anderson are new masons ... a wise step.

Douglass school is grateful to Price & McNeil Furniture Co. for an organ. Miss Josie Mosely had a line party to the show. After the show lunch was served to guests. XXXXX

Maryville, May 8, 1920, Sun:

A beautiful party was at Mrs. Blanche Smith's, 219 West 2nd St. Each guest was given a hand painted basket of nuts and candy and May baskets of flowers. Punch, ice cream, angel food cake, devils food cake was served to 3 guests.

William Campbell returned from St. Louis where he buried his dear old mother.

Rev. Young is leaving the Baptist church. XXXXX

Maryville, May 15, 1920, Sun:

Miss Ford who is to be in our city during the summer, joined the AME church. There was a birthday social at the AME; each paid their age at the door for a chicken dinner. XXXXX

Maryville, May 22, 1920, Sun:

Mothers Club gave a program and spelling bee at the school house Friday.

Mr. Elbert Page of Gallatin is visiting his mother, Mrs. Clara King. XXXXX

Maryville, May 29, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Lena Mosely received a message that her daughter, Mrs. Johnson of Great Falls Montana is ill.

Closing exercises of Douglass were held at AME. The program was a Mother Goose Convention and the graduation exercises of Marguerite Smith. There was a large audience. Refreshments served.

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The picnic at Douglass by parents, friends, and teachers was a success. Mothers Club served ice cream and cake.

Mr. Walker and Mrs. Jackson of Gallatin, father and sister of Mrs. Blanche Smith, attended the school closing exercises. Mrs. Willis Gunn of Omaha is visiting here.

Mr. & Mrs. Vance are moving on E. Second St. Mrs. Vance came to us a stranger but has won many friends here. Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Lewis have gone to Norfolk, Nebr.

Mr. Bunk Gunn is ill. Mr. Curtis Turner of Dallas Texas is in the city. He is sister to Mrs. Vance. XXXXX

Maryville, June 5, 1920, Sun:

Mr. William Winter Smith of St. Joe is visiting his cousin here, Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. James Palmer drove down from Bedford to spend the day with family. Mr. Palmer is training horses at Bedford.

Mr. William Campbell is going to move to Burlington Junction to work for Caldwells. We hate to lose him. XXXXX

Maryville, June 26, 1920, Sun:

Rev. Bryant, active and wide awake, held an excellent quarterly meeting.

On June 18, 1920, at the residence of Mr. & Mrs. James G. Williams, 405 Park Ave., Rev. Cross of Moberly blessed baby Ernest O. Boone, using the Methodist ceremony. Mrs. A. E. Williams, god mother, Miss Alma G. Williams, guardian angel. (at Columbia, Missouri)

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Vance report the birth of a baby girl, 8 pounds.

Mothers Club is arranging for a playground for the school.

Paul Smith has organized a baseball team called the Maryville Brownies. William Molesly, Paul and Arthur Smith went to Clarinda Monday to a grand ball. XXXXX

Maryville, July 17, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Lillian Johnson and two children are visiting her mother, Mrs. Eldora Page. Mrs. Mamie Greeley is visiting her mother Mrs. Dicy Holmes. Miss Dorothy Smith of K.C. is visiting her aunt Mrs. Henry Wilson. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Palmer are back with us again. Miss Saunders of K.C. is visiting her aunt Mrs. Carter.

The Maryville baseball team (Brownies) won today 5-2. The Hum Drums gave an indoor picnic July 5 at the residence of Miss Pauline Palmer. XXXXX

Maryville, July 24, 1920, Sun:

Harry Palmer gave a ball last Friday night. Music was furnished by Johnson and Johnson Jazz Orchestra of Clarinda. A number motored down from Clarinda to attend.

Nannie Fields was buried Wednesday. She leaves a husband, two daughters and two sons: Miss Frances Fields, teacher K.C.; Mrs. Dorothy Martin, St. Louis; Mr. George Fields, Peoria, Illinois; Mr. Fred Fields.

Funeral services of Mrs. Charlotte Ousley, 83, was held at AME June 30. She had been a member of the AME church for 63 years. XXXXX

Maryville, July 31, 1920, Sun:

Mr. Paul Smith is traveling with the Dubinsky Brothers show. Hum Drum club gave a party at the home of Mrs. Malcome Tuesday night.

Mrs. Gertrude Kelly and small son, James, and daughter Mary are guests of Mrs. B. F. Smart, her sister, and other relatives. Mrs. Della Brown of Keokuk Iowa is visiting her sister Mrs. Smart. A family reunion was held at the Smart home, with 24 members of the family there.

Several from Maryville will attend the celebration in St. Joseph, August 4.
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Picture of E. O. Boone, Kansas City Sun, August 7, 1920. Page 7. Then on page 1:

Professor E. O. Boone for many years principal of the public school of Maryville recently was elected principal of Bartlett High School, St. Joseph, Missouri. The school of Maryville has lost a faithful principal and leader. XXXXX

Maryville, August 14, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Guy Martin died Thursday after six months of illness. She is survived by her husband and one daughter, one sister, and 3 brothers.

Quite a number from Maryville went to St. Joseph last week to attend the picnic. There will be a big basket dinner in Savannah September 6. X

Paul Smith is in Clarinda called there to play ball with that team. Harold and Herbert Palmer played ball with Clarinda and will play with them the rest of the season.

We are sorry to lose our teacher and hope some day to get him back.

Mrs. Matilda Lee of Savannah visited her daughter, Mrs. George Ousley.
Mrs. Oliver Vance and daughter are visiting in Maryville.

Mr. Raymond Gunn and William Vance played ball with the Maryville boys at Wilcox Sunday. XXXXX

Maryville, September 4, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Wilson returned from Columbia where she visited her sick sister. Miss Berniece Holmes of K. C. is visiting her grandmother, Dicy Holmes. Adolphus Gunn and family returned to St. Joe; while in Maryville were guests of his brother, E. M. Gunn.

Sarah Graves and son, Mrs. E. M. Gunn and family, Mr. Bunk Gunn and family, Mr. Adolphus Gunn and family held a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Susan Gunn last Sunday; 22 attended. Home grown watermelon was served.

A number of the young folks enjoyed a picnic on the Normal grounds last Thursday. XXXXX

Maryville, September 11, 1920, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. James Malcome, Mrs. Steve Martin, and Mrs. Gertie Parient went to St. Joe to the circus. Marguerite Smith expects to attend school in Kansas City.

Mrs. Mildred Bowman of Oklahoma is visiting her brother, Mr. Harry Palmer. Mrs. Boone is teacher for Douglass; school opened Monday.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson of Great Falls Mont. are guests of Mrs. Lena Mosely, mother. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson entertained guests; after dinner a line party was formed to Empire Theatre. Mrs. Bryant spent a few days with Mrs. Sarah Graves.

Mrs. Carter and son have returned from Leavenworth Kansas where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Carter's niece, Bertha Armstrong. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Palmer moved to Lincoln, Nebraska. Wilson Brothers of Savannah visited friends in Maryville. XXXXX

(Note, Caswell Crews has a collection of poetry in Kansas City Sun, this period.)

Maryville, October 16, 1920, Sun:

Rev. and Mrs. Bryant are going to their new home in Louisana, Missouri; sorry to lose them. Mrs. E. T. Petersen is visiting her mother, Mrs. Gunn.

Mrs. Victoria Clay Haley spoke at the courthouse Thursday. Her lecture was enjoyed by all. Ozie Schoolen is in Kansas City.

Rev. Abbott is the new minister of the AME. Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Kelly are in the city. He is pastor of the Baptist church. XXXXX

Maryville, November 6, 1920, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell have moved into Mr. Schoolen's house which has been remodeled and redecorated. Mrs. Frances Gibson of Clarinda is visiting Mrs. Mitchell. Mr. B. W. Sailes (Sayles) is in Gallatin on business. XXXXX

Maryville, November 20, 1920, Sun:

A grand affair was held at AME to welcome Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Abbott and the new pastor of Mt. Zion, Rev. and Mrs. Matthew Kelly. It was the first time in the history of the churches that a union reception was held. The church was decorated with fall flowers. It was decided to make this an annual affair each November 11.

The church was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, pink carnations, purple iris. There was a friendly feeling of cooperation between churches and pastors. Next year the meeting will be at Mt. Zion.

Those attending in the receiving line: Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Malcome; Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart; Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Baker; Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Gooden; Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson; Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Mitchell; Mrs. Clara Page, Mrs. G. H. Ousely.

Those who served punch: Mrs. I. Anderson; Mrs. W. M. Vance; Mrs. Ella Palmer; Miss Pauline Palmer; Bertha Gunn; Mrs. Blanche Smith; Mrs. James Palmer; Mrs. Fannie Fleenor; Mrs. Corine Sailes; Mrs. Lizzie Ford; Mrs. Shaw.

The young people organized a social club at the home of Miss Leona Kelly. XXXXX

Maryville, November 27, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Boone attended the teachers meeting in Kansas City. Mae Ousley is ill. Mr. Ben W. Sayles is here to reside (and wife).

Mr. Bert Martin and Mrs. Lena Mosely were married Monday by Rev. Abbott. XXXXX

Maryville, December 11, 1920, Sun:

Mrs. Fields and son Victor spent the weekend in Maryville. XXXXX

Maryville, December 18, 1920, Sun:

The children entertained with a Christmas program. The children sold 500 Christmas seals.

Miss Marguerite Smith is attending school at Quindaro, Kansas. Mrs. Graves and Arza were guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Ousley, Sr. XXXXX

Maryville, January 22, 1921, Sun:

In Memory

In sad and loving memory of our dear husband and father, William Palmer, who died one year ago, January 19, 1920.

Mrs. Luella Palmer, wife
Mrs. Isabel Palmer Mitchell, daughter
Mrs. Dorothy Palmer Montgomery, daughter
Herbert Palmer, son
Ralph Palmer, son
Ozie, Eugene and Amos Schoolen, sons
Ella Mitchell and Jean Montgomery, grand daughters
Mr. William Mitchell and Euel Montgomery, sons-in-law
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Maryville, February 5, 1921, Sun:

Funeral for little Harold Williams was held at AME Wednesday. Little Harold was fatally hurt when a car struck him some time ago. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lewis, and Mrs. Mildred Micheson were home for the funeral.

Born to Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Gunn a daughter named Genevive Luella. XXXXX

Maryville, February 12 and 19, 1921, Sun:

George Y. Palmer is very ill. Mrs. Mayme Campbell is in St. Louis due to illness of mother and sister. Goldie Hawkins is visiting her mother, Mary Smith.

Mrs. Senora Palmer is Worthy Matron of OES. Mrs. George Ousley held the meeting of Missionary society, 217 S. Water Street.

(Prof. Boone's picture in Kansas City Sun, p. 1, March 5, 1921.)

March 5, 1921, Sun:

Fish fry at Frank Smarts. XXXXX

Maryville, March 12, 1921, Sun:

Mrs. Mayme Campbell of Burlington Jct. is visiting Mrs. Anderson. XXXXX

Maryville, March 26, 1921, Sun:

Friends here of Roy Willhoite, a mail clerk, will be grieved to hear of the death of his mother.

The body of Mrs. Mary Thompson of St. Joseph was brought for funeral at AME and burial in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Lucille Linda Williams and Herbert Vance were married Saturday by Rev. Abbott. XXXXX

Maryville, April 2, 9, & 16, 1921, Sun:

Members of the AME entertained at the ME church (white) with a concert, Wednesday. The concert was singing of old plantation melodies. A collection of \$105.60 was taken.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Hoy of St. Joseph were guests of Fannie Fleenor.

A farewell party was held for Mrs. Sayles. She sang, "Can you see Jesus in me?" Mr. and Mrs. Sayles are leaving for Gallatin.

AME gave a concert at the Christian church (white) and it was well attended. Work on the AME basement is started. XXXXX

Maryville, April 30, May 7, May 14, 1921, Sun:

Harley Page returned to Omaha. Mr. Percy Wilson has gone to Coin Iowa with James Palmer's race horses.

Mothers Club sent a box of cookies and a box of gingham and some dresses to the Orphans Home in Kansas City.

A social and concert was held at AME. Many dresses and aprons were sold.

The children of Douglass showed their skill in wall paper contest in the window of Maryville Furniture store. Mrs. Boone is elected principal for next year with a salary increase.

AME gave a concert at Pickering. Baptist members gave a concert at Swan Chapel, Sat.

Mr. Wm. A. Mitchell Sr. is ill. Mr. Fleenor fell and injured himself. Mrs. Hattie Beard is visiting her sister, Mrs. Carter. XXXXX

Maryville, May 21, 28, and June 4, 1921, Sun:

Douglass will have a picnic, May 26; program by the children at 10:30.

Mrs. Blanche Smith and Mrs. Luella Anderson are to leave the city soon. Mrs. E. O. Boone and son visited Sarah Graves at their beautiful farm 12 miles from Maryville.

Mr. Bunk Gunn was seriously hurt Sunday when a horse stepped on his hand.

Mr. James C. Williams of Columbia visited his sister, Mrs. E. O. Boone.

Curtis Turner returned to Dallas, Texas, to visit parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Turner. Mr. & Mrs. Lester Lewis of Norfolk, Neb. are visiting her mother, Mrs. Williams.

Mt. Zion ladies held a market at Howard Wray's Hardware Store, Saturday. It was a success. XXXXX

Maryville, July 2, 9, 23, 1921, Sun:

Rev. Abbott, Mrs. James Malcome, Mrs. Wm. L. Vance, and Mr. Charles Martin attended the Sunday School Convention at Richmond, Missouri.

Mt. Zion Mission Circle met at the home of Mrs. Gunn, 1101 E. Jenkins.

Mrs. Gunn gave a shower for Leona Kelly and Lloyd Gibbs who will be married June 29, 1921, and will live in Chicago.

Mrs. C. C. Baker and daughter were in KC on business. Mrs. H. L. Vance is ill at the home of her brother, 722 N. Buchanan.

Frances Fields of Kansas City is visiting her father, John Fields. Mrs. Abbott spent a few days at the home of Mrs. Sarah Graves and son.

Harry Palmer, Paul Smith and Arthur Smith gave a 4th of July part at H. Palmers home, 707 E. 2nd. Mrs. O. R. Vance, Omaha, is visiting at the home of her son and dau.-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. L. Vance, 721 E. 2nd St. XXXXX

Maryville, July 30 and August 6, 1921, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. Smart are repairing their residence on W. 5th St. Mrs. B. F. Smart is in St. Francis Hospital following an accident at her residence.

George Fields of Peoria, Illinois is visiting his father, John Fields. Carrie Bell and Willis Gunn are visiting their mother, Susan Gunn. Stella Foster of St. Louis niece of Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Abbot is visiting them. Mayme Holmes is ill and in St. Francis Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. James Reynolds of Kansas is visiting her mother and aunt, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Armstrong.

Mr. & Mrs. William Campbell of Burlington Junction are visiting in Maryville. He will attend Grand Lodge in St. Louis.

Raymond Gunn and Harold Carriger are attending the fair in Bedford this week. XXXXX

(Picnic in St. Joseph on 4th of August) X

Maryville, October 1 & 15, 1921, Sun:

Madame LaZonto lectured at AME church Wednesday. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Nichols have returned to Maryville. Mr. & Mrs. Isiah Anderson returned to their home.

Mrs. Blanche Smith entertained ladies aid at home of Mrs. E. L. Townsend (white).

Mrs. Fred Fields and children, Miss Frances Fields, came to Maryville Friday with the body of Mr. Fred Fields who died in St. Joseph. Funeral Sunday at AME.

Kansas City Sun, October 29, 1921:

In Memory

In memory of our loving brother and son Aaron Williams

Sadly missed by: Mrs. Mattie Williams, mother
Mrs. H. L. Vance, sister
Mrs. J. L. Lewis, sister
George and Chester Williams, brothers
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Maryville, November 12 & 19, 1921, Sun:

Rev. Mays is the new pastor of AME. Rev. Abbott has gone to St. Louis.

Della Brown and daughter Bernice visited her father, Mr. G. Y. Palmer. Mr. E. O. Boone of St. Joseph had an attack of appendicitis.

Miss Marguerite Smith is attending Western University. Mrs. Annis Sayles of Kansas City is guest of aunt, Mrs. Mary Smith. XXXXX

(Kansas City Sun, picture and Article of Smarts, p. 1, April 29, 1922)

Maryville, July 22, 1922, Sun:

Senora Palmer was guest of Luella Palmer and attended the funeral for brother Rev. M. J. Kelly at Mt. Zion where he was pastor. Mr. & Mrs. Albert Martin of Atchison are here for the funeral of her brother, Rev. Kelly.

Mrs. E. M. Gunn and daughter Madge Peterson of Omaha visited Mrs. Gunns father, Ceasar Finley of Savannah. XXXXX

Maryville, August 19, 1922, Sun:

Mrs. F. Smart is ill; Mrs. Ousley is ill. Miss Nina Magic of Chicago is visiting Mr. Donald Glover and mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Palmer of Chicago stopped en route to Shenandoah fair and spent Sunday with Mrs. Gertrude Kelly and family. Mr. Palmer is racing his horses at the State's fair.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Elders gave Mr. John Redmond a picnic on his birthday, August 5.

Miss Francis Fields had a party in honor of her fathers 74th birthday.

Frank Smart is having a social each week at the lodge so it can be carpeted.

Mrs. Gertrude Kelly purchased a modern cottage last week for \$1000 cash.

Miss Walker who has been employed at Smart's laundry for 6 months is on vacation in Iowa. XXXXX

Maryville, August 26, September 30, November 18, 1922, Sun:

Miss Helen Patterson of Sioux City, Iowa is guest of aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smart.

Ten boys and girls chaperoned by Mrs. John Redmond surprised Helen Ousley on her 14th birthday. The evening was spent on music and games.

E. O. Boone motored up from St. Joseph to visit his wife.

Mr. Gex Green (Keene?) and Miss Mayme Holmes were married Sunday at Mt. Zion Baptist.

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Smart entertained 6:00 dinner Sunday for: Mr. & Mrs. Tom Elders, Mr. and Mrs. John Gooden, Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Redmond, Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Ward. The living and dining rooms were decorated with autumn flowers and lighted tapers.

Rev S. D. Lovell and wife were surprised last week with a pound party.

Maryville, December 9 and December 23, 1922, Sun:

Rev. Curl of First Methodist (white), Maryville, preached at AME Sunday. His wife sang, "Rugged Cross" and rendered it impressively.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom Elders motored to St. Joseph in Haines car and on to Gallatin.

(Down in Columbia, Master Ernest Oscar Boone won a prize at Women's Idle Hour Club.)

Rev. Curl of First Methodist preached the sermon for the quarterly meeting. Rev. M. S. Bryant is ill and could not come.

Julia Elders was hostess to Aid Society at the apartment at Terrace Place. Mrs. M. E. Lovell had a serious operation at St. Francis Hospital, Mondy.

Mrs. Boone had a Christmas Tree program at Douglass school. XXXXX

(Sun reported that 57 persons were lynched in 1922, 51 black and 6 white.)

Maryville, January 6, 13, 1923, Sun:

Mr. John Gooden, Supt. spared no pains in decorating the Christmas tree and having well-filled bags of nuts and candies for each Sunday School pupil for both AME and Baptist churches.

Frances Mitchell Greggs is out of the hospital (appendicitis). Mr. & Mrs. Tom Elders had a line party to the Empire Theatre. Mrs. E. O. Boone spent the holidays in Columbia. Sick: Lovie Nichols, Amos Schoolen, Frank Smith, Ella Mitchell, Stephen Martin.

Clarence Lovell went back to St. Louis after staying here 10 days during the operation and illness of his mother, Mrs. M. E. Lovell. Mrs. Sophia Madison of KC was here during the illness of her sister, Mrs. Lovell.

James Palmer motored up from St. Joseph and spent the day with his father, George Palmer. XXXXX

Maryville, February 3, 24, 1923, Sun:

John Gooden is visiting his mother in Forest City, Missouri. Anna Wade assisted Rev. Lovell with the revival. She is one of the best evangelists in Northwest Missouri.

Mrs. George Ousley is visiting her mother who is ill in Savannah, Missouri. Ella Mitchell is ill; Nina Magic is ill.

Mt. Zion held a Bible Institute Conference, January 18-21, the first ever held here; was a success.

Mr. John T. Redmond died February 16 at the residence of his mother and father-in-law. Funeral at the AME church by Rev. L. P. Bryant, a boyhood chum of the deceased. Floral offerings were the most beautiful seen in Maryville. Attending from a distance: Roland Johnson, Nettie Louise Johnson, Mrs. Dr. Goodson, Omaha, Mrs. Wilks, Mill Hall; Mr. G. D. Redmond, Des Moines; Prof. E. O. Boone, St. Joseph; Mrs. Graves and son, Skidmore.

The entire Negro population is grieved to hear of the illness of Hon. Nelson Crews. XXXXX

Maryville, March 24, April 7, April 14, 1923, Sun:

Mr. Ozie Schoolen of KC spent two weeks here visiting his mother and sister. Mr. and Mrs. Price from Creston are moving here.

Mr. Arthur Smith leaves for St. Paul this year. Mr. Thomas Elders spent Easter in Gallatin Missouri with parents. Eucl Montgomery is here because of the illness of little Jean Montgomery who is staying with her grandmother.

Ollie Fleenor is visiting here this week. Mrs. Ida Page of KC is visiting her mother.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Elders, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Mitchell, and Mrs. E. O. Boone went to St. Joseph to hear Madam Schumann Heink. XXXXX



NELSON C. CREWS

The Kansas City Sun gave information that Nelson Crews, editor and owner of the Sun for 11 years, had died April 24, 1923. Crews was born October 15, 1866. In the list of those sending condolences were Professor and Mrs. E. O. Boone of Maryville.

(James H. Crews, 187-1946, brother of Nelson Crews, came to Kansas City from Chillicothe and was widely known. He was the first negro to be regularly employed by Kansas City post office. A post office station at 1825 Vine Street was named for him. James H. Crews came to Kansas City in 1877. Your Kansas City and Mine, Young, 1950.)

The loss of Nelson Crews was a great loss to the black people of Maryville. He provided a spirit and a hope that was not replaced after his death.

(The Kansas City Sun carried many different photographs of Nelson Crews, one was posed for his Masonic newsstory.)

Maryville, May 5 and May 26, 1923, Sun:

Mrs. E. O. Boone is hired for another year. Mrs. Boone and pupils went hiking last Thursday.

Mrs. E. O. Boone entertained the members of the school board (white) with dinner at her school.

Little Jean Montgomery died at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. William Palmer.

Mrs. Bertha Gunn Page died last week of illness of only a few days.

Mrs. Williams, Miss Williams, and E. O. Boone Jr. of Columbia are here for the graduation exercises of Mrs. Boone's school. They went on to St. Joseph for Prof. Boone's closing exercises. XXXXX

Maryville, June 9, 16, July 14, 1923, Sun:

Sunday was Rally Day at AME; each member taxed \$10. Collection \$259. Little Clarewillie Baker entertained the Missionary society. She was a delightful hostess. Miss Frances Fields spent Decoration Day with her father.

Mrs. Sarah Graves and son Arza attended the Rally at AME. Mrs. Henry Wilson was hostess to ladies aid.

Mrs. Billy Mitchell is taking her daughter Ella to St. Louis for treatment in the hospital.

Charles Martin is delegate to the District Conference. Dora Fields Martin of St. Louis is visiting in St. Joseph where her sister, Miss Frances Fields is in hospital. Her father of Maryville will accompany her.

Julie Elders had a line party to the Empire Theatre complimentary to Mrs. E. E. Mathews of St. Joseph.

Roland Johnson of Omaha arrived to make Maryville his home. Dolly Martin spent the 4th in Atchison with son Albert.

Several friends went to Skidmore to Mrs. Sarah Graves and son's farm to celebrate the 4th. They took baskets and spent the day. XXXXX

Maryville, September 1, 1923, Sun:

(Reported the death of Rev. Ezell at the 5-mile corner.)

Miss Helen Ousley who graduated from Douglass in the spring will go to high school in St. Joseph this fall.

Charles Martin left for a six-week trip through the east. XXXXX

Maryville, September 6, 1923, Sun:

Rev. Lovell preached at AME; Rev. Parker preached at Mt. Zion.

Mrs. George Ousley and three children left for St. Joseph where they will reside. Mr. Ousley will join them in a month.

Mr. Charles Martin writes that he enjoyed New York City.

Mrs. Boone returned to her school here; Frances Fields returned to her school in Kansas City. XXXXX

Maryville, September 15, 29, and October 6, 1923, Sun:

Rev. Parker of St. Joseph preached at Mt. Zion. Mr. C. B. Mason of St. Paul was injured at the same place where Rev. Ezell was killed. (South of Maryville)

Mrs. Julie Riders spent the weekend in Gallatin with aunt, Mrs. F. A. Taylor.

Mr. Roland Johnson attended the Emancipation Day picnic in Omaha Monday.

Rev. Lovell is returned to AME for another year. Mt. Zion parsonage is being repaired. Electrical wiring is put in and expected to be ready for Rev. Parker by October 1.

Billy Mitchell gave a smoker for E. O. Boone and other friends of St. Joseph.

William Campbell has returned from a 7-week trip east and south attending fairs of the Pastene Stable of Thoroughbred horses.

Francis Mitchell Griggs of Clarinda is visiting her mother, Mrs. Maggie Mitchell.

Mrs. J. T. Redmond served three days in the Famous Nickle Plate Coffee booth the week at the Fall Fiesta here.

Paul Smith and Everett Page joined the Baptist church. Mrs. Lena Martin returned to Maryville after two months visit in Spokane, Washington. XXXXX

Maryville, October 13, 1923, Sun:

Ozie Schoolen of KC visited his mother, Mrs. W. M. Palmer. Mr. Bunk Gunn and family went to the country to visit his mother.

The Blackstone Quartet are here as entertainment for the Fiesta and were guests of Mr. & Mrs. John Gooden.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Elders were given a beautiful Jersey by Wells Dairy Farm.

Mr. & Mrs. C. C. Baker and daughter spent Sunday at the Graves farm, Skidmore.

Mr. B. F. Smart demonstrated the New Imperial Electric range at the Fall Fiesta for three days and served hot biscuits, baked ham, and was highly praised by hundreds who dropped in and had a sample of those "oh so good" such as Smartie knows how to bake and serve.

Mr. James Palmer dropped in from Omaha where he has been racing his horses and spent Sunday with his aged father and his sister Mrs. B. F. Smart. He will go from here to Bedford, Iowa where he will race his horses three days, then to Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Palmer recently returned from Canada where he has been racing all season. XXXXX

Maryville, October 20 and November 3, 1923, Sun:

Mrs. Elders entertained the XYZ club. Mrs. Ida Page Brown will return to K.C.

Little Ella Mitchell is able to attend school again.

Jim Palmer is ill and in the hospital in Huntington West Virginia. Susan Gunn is better.

Mt. Zion had a Halloween party; Halloween party at Douglass. Professor Boone and sister Cordelia Boone are visiting in Maryville. Mrs. Boone entertained the XYZ club. XXXXX

Maryville, November 17 and 24, 1923, Sun:

Rev. Lovell preached at AME; Julie Elders sang a solo. Both churches well-attended. First annual dinner of the season at AME was well attended; men served as waiters.

Mrs. Sarah Graves and Mrs. Gooden are visiting in Coin, Iowa this week. George Palmer at 95 is doing well.

A Mask party at B. F. Smart's home on West 5th held; the house was decorated in fall flowers. Mrs. Smart was dressed a handsome tailored coat dress. The guests by twos marched from living room to library to the music room to the guest room then to the dining room while Victrola played. Guests marched through these rooms several times. Costumes were judged by Rev. Lovell, Rev. Parker, and Thomas Elders. Prizes went to: Lena Martin, Tina Carriger, Mrs. Henry Wilson. After the masks were raised guests went downstairs to a feast of fried chicken, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, hot biscuits, baked apples, pumpkin pie, plum ice cream and coffee.

Mrs. Redmond was hostess of XYZ club. Mrs. Lucille Vance Williams of Kearny, Neb. is visiting her mother this week. Sarah Graves and Mary Gooden returned from Coin Iowa where they had visited Mrs. William Montgomery. XXXXX

Maryville, December 1, 3, and 15, 1923, Sun:

Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart will have a dinner at their home for the Baptist church. Mrs. Billy Mitchell is hostess to XYZ club. Prof. Boone is visiting here.

Mrs. Julie Elders received from her husband a Hobert Cable Player piano.

All who were present at AME Sunday were full of the Holy Ghost. Mrs. Carrie Bell is visiting her mother. Mrs. Armstrong is visiting her sister, Mrs. Ruth Carter. Mrs. E. O. Boone is in St. Louis attending teachers meeting. Herbert Palmer left this week for Kansas City. Stephen Martin is ill. XXXXX

Maryville, January 1, 12, 26, 1924, Sun:

Mrs. John Gooden received a Victrola for Christmas from her daughter, Mrs. J. T. Redmond. Ozie Schoolen is visiting his mother, Mrs. Wm. Palmer.

Mayme Gunn's father died in Gallatin, Mr. Finley. Bud Campbell and John Gooden butchered hogs this week.

XYZ club had a bob sled ride to the farm home of Sarah Graves and son.

Joe Miller and Eph Jackson of KC are boarding at the home of Mr. & Mrs. John Gooden.

There was a social affair at the apartment on North Main of Mrs. E. O. Boone. Her rooms were filled with ferns and vases of jonquils were on each table. She gave each guest a card with 12 sentences on it to end with the name or sound of ice. Mrs. J. T. Redmond was the winner of a vanity case.

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Maryville, February 2, March 1, 22, 29, 1924, Sun:

The evening service at AME had a musical program attended by both white and colored. The opening song was by the Missionary society, "Holy Holy"; solo by Julie Elders, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" and also a piano selection by Julie Elders.

Mothers Club gave a Leap Year box social at the school house. Mayme Keene was hostess to the Idle Hour club. Rev. Lovell was surprised on his birthday and showered with presents. E. O. Boone, Jr. celebrated his 9th birthday.

Julie Elders slipped and fell on the icy sidewalk last week, had a painful cut on her knee.

Cyrene Lodge #58 and V. C. Haley OES celebrated the 8th anniversary at the home of Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart. Guests: Grand Master Lacy of Kansas City and Alma Clark of St. Louis, Grand Matron. Thirty guests attended. Menu: Baked chicken, oyster dressing, cream slaw, salmon and potato salad, deviled eggs, coffee, ice cream and assorted cakes.

Ida Baker Martin, daughter of Mary Searcy formerly of Maryville now of Spokane, died. Susan Gunn and son Arthur are both very sick out in the country. Carrie Bell of Wyoming is home taking care of them.

Cablegram received from Jim Palmer saying he made good with his horses in Havanna, Cuba and is on way home to USA. Rev. Lovell has purchased a new Chevrolet car. XXXXX

Maryville, April 12, 19, May 10, 1924, Sun:

Jim Palmer is visiting his father and relatives. He went from here to Omaha where he is resting his horses for the spring races. Mr. Eugene Schoolen and son Harold of Omaha are visiting Mrs. William Palmer.

You should get the Kansas City Sun from Frank Smart; every colored person should get a copy every week.

Mr. Willis Gunn went back to Council Bluffs after visiting his mother who is ill. Clarawillie Baker will go to Kansas City to visit her aunt and uncle, Mr. & Mrs. William Melford. Several went out to see Sarah Graves who has been ill.

Mr. George Lovell caught a black bass fish and several 6-7 pound carp in the river this week. Mrs. Baker and daughter spent the day in the country with brother and wife, Mr. & Mrs. William Campbell.

Douglass will hold its graduation exercises. Walter Page will graduate from his 8th grade. Mrs. Boone is the teacher. XXXXX

Maryville, May 24 and 31, 1924, Sun:

The Old Maids convention at AME was a scream. Roland Johnson played the part of a professor.

LaVoid Page of Shenandoah is visiting his mother here and attended the graduation exercises of his nephew, Walter Page.

AME plans to remodel the interior of the church.

Mrs. Redmond and Mrs. Elders entertained members of Dan Desdunes band members all of Omaha: Holland Harold, T. Adams, E. Phillips, Levi Broomfield, Simon Harrold. Mr. Broomfield sang several solos. Also other musical numbers were rendered. XXXXX

Addition, Maryville column, K.C. Call: Rev. Miller delivered the sermon at the A.M.E. church. Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Smart entertained Mr. & Mrs. Donald Palmer, Kansas City, Mrs. S. F. Graves and son, Arza, Skidmore, and Mr. & Mrs. John Gooden.

Nettie Lou Johnson got a piano from Santa Claus.

You can get your paper (Call) every Friday at the Bee Hive Store.
January 9, 1931, Kansas City Call

BLACK BUSINESS IN MARYVILLE

David Williams and James Williams, barbershop, 1870.
Andrew J. Prather, shoe repair and clothes cleaning, 1870-1880.
Julius Graves, farmer and owner of 130 acres of land, Skidmore.
Clarence and Charles Baker, blacksmiths, 1900-1910.
Frank and Henrietta Smart catered meals and had a laundry in their home, 1920s.
James Palmer kept a string of race horses. Also managed a group called "Colored 400" a cakewalk group.
Green Thomas opened a barbershop and shoe repair, 1918, Maryville.

CEMETERIES, NODAWAY COUNTY

Tell your mother, tell your father,
Dis is de buryin' ground.
Tell all your neighbors,
Tell all your neighbor's chilun,
Dis is de buryin' ground.

O graveyard, O graveyard,
I'm walkin' troo de graveyard,

"...because despite the fact that our skins are dark, the fact remains that we are Americans too and our souls are like all others."

CEMETERIES, NODAWAY COUNTY

BURIAL GROUNDS: Slaves were traditionally buried in the general area of the master and family, except these graves were most often segregated by a fence or isolated in another manner. Rarely were they marked in a permanent way.

Notation of located burials in small Nodaway cemeteries are:

Smith Cemetery (1 1/2 miles north of Skidmore) tradition that a negro slave is buried across the fence west.

Ohio Cemetery (near Burlington Junction) noted in the Nodaway Democrat that an ex-slave named Patterson who died July 1879, is buried in Ohio cemetery.

Monroe Cemetery (south of Ravenwood) Mary Young and son Frank Young buried at fence row. Stone. Frank died March 20, 1910.

Wadley Cemetery (four miles southeast of Maryville) Wyatt Gunn, May 6, 1893; Violette Gunn, November 17, 1908, Wyatt N. Gunn, age 2, died November 1887. All buried in Wadley according to death notices. No markers found. Cemetery is overrun by livestock and is in a pasture. Stones broken. Local residents indicate other members of Gunn family buried in Wadley.

Parnell Cemetery. Jesse McMackin (Morgan) buried in Morgan plot, August 1913; has stone.

Hopkins Cemetery. Wiley Jackson buried at fence row. Died June 9, 1896. Town erected a stone.

Clearmont Cemetery. Aunt Eliza Smith; Row 9 n-s; Stone: 1835-1914.

City of Maryville. Prior to 1870, the cemetery for the town was east of the square on First Street. Due to outbreak of typhoid the city purchased land north of Maryville and burials began there. Many unmarked graves are in the old city cemetery. It is assumed that blacks living in Maryville during the early period would be buried in the old city cemetery.

OAK HILL CEMETERY. This cemetery no doubt also contains many unmarked burial sites of black people. At the outset the city intended to segregate the blacks from whites but over the years the cemetery has grown around the Douglass section of which Ella Mitchell Owens writes in this letter to the editor:

Maryville, Missouri, May 20, 1942

Editor, Daily Forum:

After years go the Mayor saw fit to "jim crow" the Negroes at Oak Hill Cemetery. We accepted the fact silently.

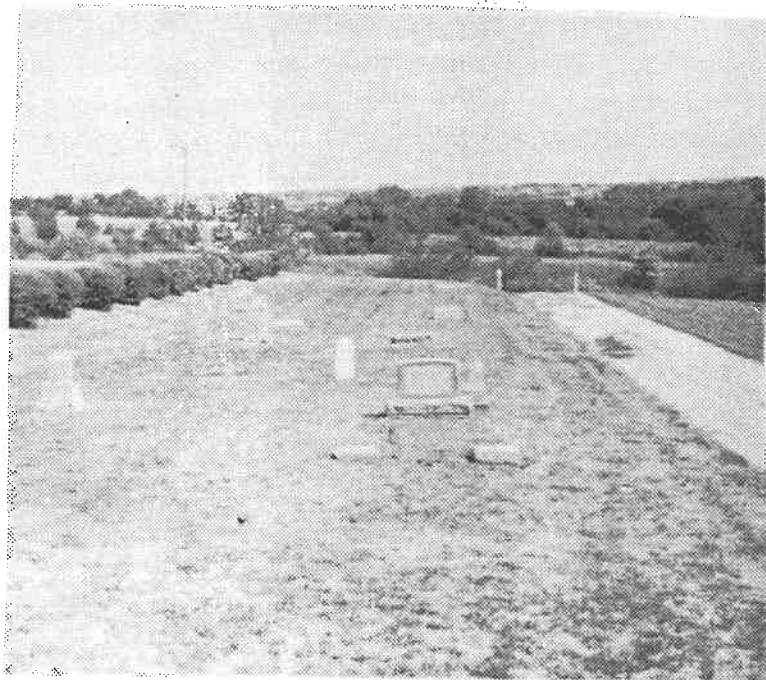
But we visited the graves of our family a few nights ago and find a fence now erected almost upon the graves, and plants that were set out have been cut down, through careless cutting. In short, they are in a deplorable state. And I wonder where the other members of our race will bury their dead, as the remainder of the south end has apparently been turned over to pasture.

It is too bad that even in death we must be segregated, especially when we hear the word "democracy" so often. It causes one to stop and think just what it does mean, when small petty yet annoying acts like this are being carried on.

Needless to say we consider it an insult because despite the fact that our skins are dark, the fact remains that we are Americans too and our souls are like all others.

I hope that in the future we will find that the fence has been moved and we can feel that democracy and lack of prejudice lives.

Mrs. Ella Mitchell Owens, 303 West 9th Street. May 21, 1942, Forum.



This is a segregated section of Oak Hill where Stephen Martin, Bob and Mary Hardin, Katie Baker and daughter, and others are buried.

CITY CEMETERY RECORDS

Deed to Roland Johnson			
John L. Gooden	March 16, 1946		78
Mary Gooden	September 13, 1933		73
Frankie Murchison	August 12, 1969		74
Roland Johnson	November 11, 1947		65
Nettie Lou Redmond	April 16, 1953		74
Deed to William Campbell			
Mamie Campbell	March 19, 1946		63
William E. Campbell	December 17, 1942		66
Sam Campbell	February 16, 1929		46
Katie Baker	November 28, 1937		56
Clara Baker	October 28, 1935		24
Deed to Goldie Lightner			
Frank Smith	December 14, 1932		76
Mary V. Smith	December 17, 1932		72
Marie Andrews	June 19, 1935		25
Goldie Lightner	March 29, 1936		41
Deed to Olphus Gunn			
Gladys (Olphus Gunn father)	September 12, 1917		
Edwin Theo Gunn	June 3, 1927		
Edna May Gunn	June 17, 1977		
Harold Gunn	November 5, 1916		
Katie Fleenor (wife of G. J.)	March 1, 1933		
G. J. Fleenor	February 12, 1965	85	
Olphus Gunn			
Deed to J. H. Graves, Skidmore			
J. G. Graves	July 13, 1879		
Mrs. J. G. Graves	January, 1892		
Daniel Seigel	October 8, 1892		
Virginia Barber	May 27, 1907		
J. H. Graves	September, 1919	73	
Sarah Graves	July 3, 1942		
Arza Graves	February 27, 1958	68	
Deed to Frank Smart			
Columbus Palmer	October 26, 1918		
Rufus Palmer	March 15, 1919	34	
George Y. Palmer	April 19, 1928		
John Redmond	February 17, 1923	48	
Henrietta Smart	1933		
Annice Palmer	1911		
Deed to Mattie Williams			
Mattie Williams	September 2, 1925		
Chester Williams	January 2, 1933		
Elizabeth Vance	November 21, 1927	59	
James Malcome	June 22, 1922		
Oliver Vance	November 21, 1919	60	
Mattie Wilson	September 27, 1940	70	
	210		

Deed to Thomas Jackson		
Mary Jackson	July 10, 1925	
Helen Jackson	December 27, 1933	
Thomas Jackson	October 22, 1944	71
Deed to Bob Campbell		
Arthur Holmes	October 26, 1939	
(son of Tho. & Dicy)		
Dicy Holmes Brailey	October 26, 1939	79
Ida McGeehee	April 11, 1918	28
Emma Bryant	November 16, 1932	
Deed to Harry Bolden and John Fields		
Harry Bolden	March 7, 1915	
Mary Bolden	August 8, 1918	
John W. Fields	June 10, 1942	
Nancy (wife)	1920	
Deed to Henry Wilson		
Gloria Mae Carriger	October 28, 1917	
William Palmer	January 19, 1920	60
Luella Palmer	November 23, 1936	
Deed to Mary Stewart		
Maria Graves	August 8, 1916	69
Vernon Fields	March 3, 1929	22
Dorothy M. Montgomery	February 14, 1922	22
Block 36		
Minerva Baker	June 10, 1979	79
Mrs. Albert White	August 10, 1914	
Charles Martin	January 26, 1929	43
Bert Martin	January 6, 1929	50
Henry Wilson	May 2, 1933	
Mattie Lovell	August 15, 1923	
Samuel Lovell	September 1, 1924	
Ola Hoy	October 12, 1914	
Mrs. Steve (Dolly Ann) Martin	August 1, 1932	82
Verlee Martin	March 13, 1936	40
Stephen Martin	September 3, 1933	88
Cornelia Braden	January 31, 1957	80
Guy Martin	July 3, 1957	
Earl B. Martin	July 7, 1962	67
Robert Hardin	February 8, 1951	84
Fannie Fleenor	March 18, 1941	76
Mary Hardin	December 8, 1962	97
Mrs. Matilda Wilson	October 9, 1928	76

Deed to Mrs. William Mitchell
 William Mitchell
 Isabel Mitchell
 James Schoolen (Mrs. Wm.
 Mitchell is sister)

May 25, 1936
 November 1, 1980

44
 87

Deed to Julie Elders
 Ethel Hawkins
 Boyd T. Elders
 William Mitchell

May 25, 1950

January 23, 1945
 October 8, 1945
 December 15, 1963

64
 85

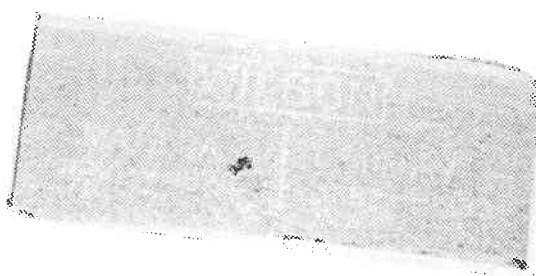
Comment: Ages and birthdates were obviously not self-reported so above should be used with caution.



Oak Hill



Oak Hill



Oak Hill



Frank Young and his mother were buried, typically, in the fence-row at the edge of Monroe cemetery near Ravenwood.

**OBITUARIES LISTED IN THE KANSAS CITY SUN
1914-24**

Sun Date Index

April 14, 1914	Thomas Jackson Jr., d. March 27
October 27, 1917	"Brother" Boyd of Bedford, Iowa, a mason
November 10, 1917	Mrs. Gloria Mae Johnson Carriger, adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson
April 20, 1918	Mrs. Ida McGeehee, wife of John McGeehee, her mother, Mrs. Escue of Denver; daughter, Frances Burnett.
October 5, 1918	John Carriger of St. Joseph, brother of Mrs. John Fields of Maryville
November 2, 1918	Aaron Williams of Kansas City buried in Maryville
January 18, 1919	Small son of Maryetta Carriger, formerly of Maryville, died in Omaha
March 15, 1919	Darrell "Dee" Carriger, died at home of his sister, Mrs. Anderson of Maryville. Buried in Savannah. Mrs. Nannie Misner, Luella Anderson and Mr. Carriger, sisters and brother to Darrell.
March 22, 1919	Rufus Palmer died at home of his sister, Mrs. Smart
August 23, 1919	Memorial to Ernest O. Boone, Sr., who died a year ago, August 20, 1918
September 20, 1919	Joe Graves obituary
December 6, 1919	Masonic funeral for Oliver Vance
May 1, 1920	Mrs. Campbell died in Kansas City, funeral in St. Louis
March 6, 1920	Charity Price, mother of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Parrient, and Mr. and Mrs. James Malcome; buried in Terril, Texas
July 20, 1920	Charlotte Ousley obituary
July 24, 1920	Nannie Fields obituary
August 14, 1920	Mrs. Guy Martin obituary
September 11, 1920	Bertha Armstrong, niece of Mrs. Ruth Carter, buried in Leavenworth, Kansas
January 22, 1921	Memorial to William Palmer, who died January 19, 1920, a year ago
February 5, 1921	Little Harold Williams died
March 26, 1921	Mrs. Mary Thompson of St. Joseph brought for burial in Oak Hill
October 5, 1921	Fred Fields, who died in St. Joseph, brought to Maryville for burial
October 29, 1921	Memorial to Aaron Williams by his family
July 22, 1922	Funeral of Rev. M. J. Kelly
February 16, 1922	John T. Redmond died in Maryville
April 24, 1923	Nelson Crews, editor of <u>Sun</u> , died
September 1, 1923	Rev. Ezell at 5-mile corner, Maryville

STONES, OAK HILL CEMETERY, MARYVILLE

Mary C. Harden
1865-1962
Robert T. Harden
1866-1951

Brother
Samuel D. Campbell
1884-1929

Baker
Katie W.
1881-1937
Mother
Clara E.
1910-1935
Daughter

Stephen Martin
Co. H
18th USCT

Johnson
Roland E.
1883-1947
Frankie M.
1895-1969

Gooden
John E.
1866-
Mary A. His Wife
1860-1933

Gunn
H. R. E. M. O. M.

Thomas Jackson Jr.
1913-1914

Thomas Jackson
October 21, 1944

Lula Collier
Dau. of Fanna Martin
Mar. 26, 1883
Mar. 3, 1913

Mena Maus Smart
1895-1905

Smart
Frank 1871-
Henrietta, His Wife
1870-1933

Palmer
Mother
Anice His Wife
1840-1911

Father
George Y. Palmer
1829-1928

Wilson
Matilda
1860-1928
Henry
1862-1933

John Redmond
1874-1922

Mitchell
Isabel 1892-
William
1893-1936
Ella
1915-

Elders
Boyd Thomas
Oct. 26, 1880
Oct. 8, 1945

Palmer
William
1855-1919
Louella
1865-1936

Rev. Harry T. Bolden
1845-1915
Mary A. His Wife
1847-1918

Fields
John W.
1848-1942
Nancy J. His Wife
1849-1920

Fred Fields, 1921

Alfred
Born and died April
24, 1900
Elizabeth M.
July 5, 1911
Sept. 26, 1911
Children of Fred and
Ida Fields

Mary Lee Jackson
1891-1925
Helen L. Jackson
1914-1933

Ada A. White
1882-1906
Albert White
1855-1899

Daniel F. Seigel
Dec. 29, 1904
aged 25 y.

Nora Palmer
b. June 1881
d. May 1911

George Williams
1856-1914

Marinda Malcome
Feb 22, 1919
age 78

James Malcome
1879-1922
Mattie B. Wife
1879-19-

Henry Baker
Nov. 5, 1906
Minerva Baker
June 25, 1917

Aunt Winnie Stinson
d. April 4, 1887
age 90 years

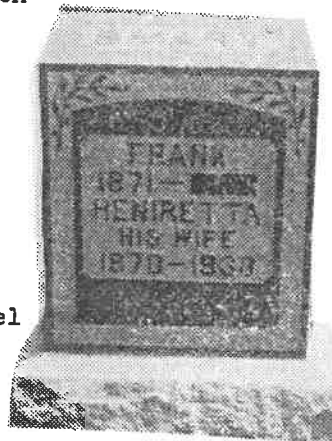
Daniel Seigel
60th USCT Co.E
October 10, 1892

J. Graves
July 13, 1879

J. H. Graves
1846-1919
Sarah F.
1850-1942

Arza A. Graves
1889-1958
Father

Martin
Oma Bert S. Charlie



**FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS
and
MARYVILLE CITY DIRECTORIES**

Oh, when the Saints
Go marchin' in,
When the Saints go marchin' in,
Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the Saints go marchin' in.

The census and directory information is important to genealogy, but the records, in addition, give data about occupations for the period.

Household #442-439, Maryville, Missouri, Nodaway County, Polk Township. Federal Census: 1870

HOBSON, John H. age 40, male, mulatto, blacksmith, personal property valued \$150, born in Tennessee.

1870 Federal Census, Nodaway County

(18 August 1870)

Atchison Township 204-202:

BARBER, Batt age 75, male, black, b. in Kentucky
BARBER, Virginia age 50, female, black, b. in Virginia

201-208: Household of John Davis, white, farmer

VANCE, Celia age 29, female, black, housekeeper b. in Missouri

GOODEN, Samuel age 9, male, black, b. in Missouri

Grant Township 76-78: Household of Epiphet Morris, storekeeper, white

RANDOLPH, Alice age 18, female, black, domestic servant, b. in Virginia

Polk Township 23-23:

GUNN, Wyatt, age 58, male, mulatto, basket maker, personal property \$150,
b. in North Carolina

GUNN, Violet, age 47, female, black, keeping house, b. in Missouri

GUNN, Samuel, age 22, male, mulatto, farmer laborer, b. in Missouri

GUNN, Susan, age 18, female, mulatto, house keeper, b. in Missouri

280-277: Household of B. G. Ford, white, attorney

WILLIAMS, Charles, age 21, male, mulatto, cook, b. in Mississippi

599-556:

PRATHER, Jackson, age 35, male, black, shoe maker, real property \$150,
personal property \$50, b. in Kentucky

PRATHER, Mary A., age 9, female, black, b. in Missouri

PRATHER, Richard, age 18, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri

567-564:

PETERS, Winsor, age 26, male, black, well digger, b. in Missouri

PETERS, Josephine, age 25, female, black, keeping house, b. in Missouri

PETER, W. (or U.) S. Grant, age 1, male, black, b. in Missouri

358-355: Household of Ira McMillan, attorney, white

JONES, Mary, age 20, female, black, servant, b. in Louisiana

557-554:

SMART, McDonald, age 24, male, black, laborer, real property \$200, personal
\$50, b. in Tennessee

SMART, Mary A., age 23, female, mulatto, washerwoman, b. in Georgia

SMART, Mary A., age 4, female, mulatto, b. in Missouri

1870 Census, Polk Township, continued--

Also in the SMART household:

JACKSON, Wiley, age 28, male, black, laborer, b. in Georgia
WINSHIP, Riley, age 40, male, black, laborer, b. in Georgia

558-555:

LANIER, Benjamin, age 34, male, black, laborer, real property \$400,
personal \$75, b. in North Carolina
LANIER, Sallie, age 37, female, black, keeping house, b. in Kentucky
LANIER, Rufas, age 17, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri

Also in the LANIER household:

LINYEAR (Lanier), Henry, age 15, male, black, b. in Missouri
LINYEAR, John, age 13, male, black, b. in Missouri
LINYEAR, Bell, age 3, female, b. in Missouri

442-439:

HOBSON, John H., age 40, male, mulatto, blacksmith, personal property \$150,
b. in Tennessee
HOBSON, Mary, age 28, female, mulatto, keeping house, b. in Ohio
HOBSON, Russell, age 19, male, mulatto, laborer, b. in Tennessee
HOBSON, Austin, age 16, male, mulatto, laborer, b. in Tennessee

Also in the HOBSON household:

LARLET (or Scarlet [Teslet?]), Mary, age 21, female, mulatto, b. in Ohio
McWILLIAMS, Martha, age 15, female, black, b. in Missouri
WILLIAMS, David, age 40, male, mulatto, barber, b. in Pennsylvania
WILLIAMS, James, age 18, male, mulatto, barber, b. in Illinois

457-454: Household of William Davis, white, hotel keeper

CRANER, Jennie, age 25, female, mulatto, cook, b. in Wisconsin

493-490: In the hotel of John Grems, hotel keeper

JONES, Angeline, age 24, female, mulatto, cook, b. in Missouri
McWILLIAMS, Sarah, age 21, female, black, cook, b. in Missouri
NORTHCUT, Alexander, age 14, male, mulatto, porter, b. in Missouri

512-509: Household of Thos. Shoemaker, hotel keeper

CLARK, Nancy, age 25, female, black, chamber maid, b. in Missouri

556-553:

MALCOMB, Henry, age 54, black, laborer, real property \$300, personal \$50,
b. in Georgia

1870 Census, Polk Township, continued—

MALCOMB, Sylvia, age 45, female, black, keeping house, b. in Georgia
MALCOMB, Rebecca, age 16, female, mulatto, b. in Missouri

503-500:

HOOKEK, Elisa, age 51, female, black, washerwoman, b. in Kentucky
AUSTIN, Frank, age 19, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Stephen, age 29, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Dolly, age 22, female, black, b. in Kentucky
FIELDS, John, age 23, male, black, laborer, b. in Tennessee
HOOKEK, Eliza Jane, age 14, female, black, b. in Missouri

504-581:

BREWSTER (or Braster), Phillis, age 43, female, mulatto, seamstress, b. in Virginia
BREWSTER, Mary Ann, age 17, female, mulatto, housework, b. in Missouri
BREWSTER, Elizabeth, age 10, female, mulatto, b. in Missouri
BREWSTER, David, age 8, male, mulatto, b. in Missouri
BREWSTER, Emily, age 4, female, mulatto, b. in Missouri

Also in the BREWSTER household:

SMITH, Henry, age 22, male, mulatto, laborer, b. in Missouri

499-496:

WILLS, Simen, age 55, male, black, laborer, personal property \$50, b. in Virginia
WILLS, Margaret, age 49, female, black, keeping house, b. in Kentucky
WILLS, Hamison (or Harrison), age 16, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri
WILLS, Frances, age 20, female, black, b. in Missouri
WILLS, Mary, age 14, female, black, b. in Missouri
WILLS, Martha, age 11, female, black, b. in Missouri
WILLS, Alice, age 10, female, black, b. in Missouri

499-496: Also in the WILLS household:

CARTER, Lewis, age 12, male, black, b. in Missouri
BRANT, Paten, age 22, male, black, laborer, b. in Kentucky
CUMIN, Henry, age 24, male, black, laborer, b. in Missouri
AUSTIN, Clarence, age 1, male, black, b. in Iowa

315-312: Household of Dana Mulholfama, Surgeon, white

ANTHONY, Jane, age 30, female, servant, b. in Missouri

329-326:

GRAVES, Lynn, age 45, male, black, laborer, real property \$400, personal \$75, b. in Kentucky

1870 Census, Polk Township, continued—

GRAVES, Sallie, age 40, female, black, keeping house, b. in Kentucky
GRAVES, Mercer, age 15, male, black, laborer, b. in Kentucky
GRAVES, Mary, age 12, female, black, b. in Missouri
GRAVES, George, age 10, male, black, b. in Missouri
GRAVES, Elizabeth, age 8, female, black, b. in Missouri
GRAVES, Willie, age 11, male, black, b. in Missouri
GRAVES, James, age 4, male, black, b. in Missouri

Also in the GRAVES household:

WILLS, Hamsen, age 18, male, black, b. in Missouri
WILLS, Sarah, age 17, female, black, b. in Missouri

White Cloud Township 178-179: Household of Alpheus Deering, white, farmer

TIGNIG (or TIGNOR), Rebecca, age 50, female, black, domestic servant, b. in Virginia

Hughes Township 229-238:

GRAVES, Julius, age 60, male, black, farmer, real property \$600, personal \$1300, b. in Kentucky
GRAVES, Sallie, age 54, female, black, keeping house, b. in Kentucky
GRAVES, Joseph, age 25, male, black, at home, b. in Kentucky

Also in the GRAVES household:

DAVIS, Annie, age 15, female, black, domestic servant, b. in Missouri

Green Township 31-31: Household of William Duncan, farmer, white

LONG, John, age 15, male, black, farm laborer, b. in Missouri

215-206: Household of William Langley (Lansley?), white, farmer

HATMAKER, Lucy, age 28, female, black, housekeeper, b. in North Carolina

6-7: Household of Thom. Hays, white, farmer

FRANCIS, Mary, age 10, female, mulatto, servant, b. in Missouri

1880 Federal Census, Nodaway County, Missouri

June 1, 1880

Polk Township 59-62:

GUNN, S., black, age 34, male, farmer, b. in Missouri, father b. in North Carolina
GUNN, Susan, wife, age 28, black, b. in Missouri
GUNN, W., son, age 10, black, male, b. in Missouri
GUNN, G., son, age 7, black, male, b. in Missouri

1880 Federal Census, Polk Township continued—

GUNN, W., son, age 5, black, male, b. in Missouri
GUNN, Roxanna, age 3, black, female, b. in Missouri
GUNN, O., age 2, black, male, b. in Missouri

60-63:

GUNN, W., black, age 63, farmer, b. in North Carolina
GUNN, Violette, wife, age 53, keeping house, b. in Missouri, father b. Pennsylvania (Virginia?), mother b. Virginia

169-176:

SPEARS, Andrew, black, age 18, single, breaking prairie, b. in Missouri, father b. Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri

216-221:

BOLDEN, Henry, black, age 34, single, breaking prairie, b. in Missouri
BOLDEN, Mary, wife, black, age 33, keeping house, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
BOLDEN, Cordelia, daughter, black, age 5, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
BOLDEN, Corintha, daughter, black, age 2, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

227-232:

PETERS, Winslow, mulatto, male, age 38, farmer, b. in Missouri, parents in Kentucky
PETERS, Katie, wife, black, age 25, b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia
BELL, Abram, father-in-law, age 60, black, b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia, widowed

Household of Richard Saunders, white, banker, b. in Kentucky

WILLS, Francis, black, female, age 29, servant, b. in Missouri, father in Virginia, mother Kentucky

84-91: Thompson Street

WILLS, Simon, black, male, age 50, laborer, b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia, married
WILLS, Margaret, wife, age 55, washing, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky
WILLS, Frances, daughter, age 29, servant, b. in Missouri, single
WILLS, Mary, daughter, age 23, at home, b. in Missouri, single
WILLS, Martha, daughter, age 19, b. in Missouri, single

Also in the WILLS household:

1880 Federal Census, Polk Township continued—

WEBB, Fredrick, black, male, 10, grandson, b. in Iowa, father b. Kentucky
SMART, Mack, black, male, age 41, boarder, divorced, lamplighter, b. in
Georgia, parents b. in Georgia

Household of Jacob Wills, white, keeps hotel:

GRAVES, Maria, black, female, cook, age 50, b. in Missouri, parents b. in
Kentucky (or Kansas) (Married)

Household of E. N. Hagen, hotel keeper, white: 4th Street

BENNETT, Millie, black, female, age 30, cook, b. in Missouri, father b. in
Kansas, mother b. in Missouri, married

108-116:

LATTIMOR, Sylvia, black, female, age 50, washerwoman, single, b. in
Georgia, parents b. in Georgia
MALCOM, Becky, mulatto, female, age 16, single, adopted daughter, at home,
b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
SMART, Frank, black, male, age 10, boarder, b. in Missouri, father b. in
Tennessee, mother Georgia
SMART, Sylva, black, female, age 6, boarder, b. in Missouri, father b.
Tennessee, mother Georgia

109-117: Jenkins Street

OUSLEY, George, black, male, age 55, teamster, b. in Kentucky, parents b.
in Kentucky
OUSLEY, Charlotte, wife, mulatto, age 44, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in
Kentucky
OUSLEY, George Ann, daughter, mulatto, age 8, b. in Iowa, father b. in
Missouri? mother b. Iowa?
BELL, Sarah, black, female, 23, servant, b. in Missouri, father b. in
Missouri, mother b. North Carolina, married
OUSLEY, George, son, black, male, age 1, b. in Missouri, father b. in
Missouri, mother b. in Missouri

193-207: Household of Peter Ginserold, white, depot agent
1st Street

CAMPBELL, Robert, black, male, age 18, servant, single, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Missouri, mother b. Kentucky

260-275: Household of Thomas Shoemaker, white, hotel keeper

ANTHONY, Lucy, black, female, age 36, cook, b. in North Carolina, parents
b. in North Carolina

275-290: Household of Albert P. Morehouse, white, land agent

BAKER, Ella, black, female, age 19, servant, b. in Missouri, parents b. in
Missouri, single

1880 Federal Census, Polk Township, continued—

(1st Ward)

290-305: Fourth Street

MARTIN, Stephen, black, male, age 34, laborer, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Dolly, wife, black, age 35, keeping house, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky
MARTIN, Omy, daughter, black, age 8, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Bertie, son, black, age 6, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Cornelia, daughter, black, age 5, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Alva, son, black, male, age 2, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Guy, son, black, male, age 1, b. in Missouri

294-304:

HOOKEER, Eliza, black, female, widow, age 65, keeping house, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Virginia
GARDNER (Gaines), Eli, black, male, age 21, boarder*, laborer, b. in South Carolina, parents b. in South Carolina

295-310:

BOLDEN, Letha, black, female, single, age 43, keeps house, b. in Missouri, parents in Kentucky

300-315: Household of William Cook, white, livery stable
4th Street

WILLIAMS, George, black, male, age 25, single, rooms at livery stable, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Virginia

358-377: Household of S. V. Campbell, doctor, white 4th Street

WALDRON, Rhoda, black, female, age 22, servant, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri (Mississippi?), single

(2nd Ward)

28-28:

MALCOM, Henry, black, male, age 60, laborer, married, b. in Georgia, father b. U.S., mother b. in Virginia
MALCOM, Marinda, wife, black, female, age 42, keeping house, b. in Virginia
WILLIAMS, George W., stepson, black, male, age 23, laborer, b. in Missouri
WILLIAMS, Lucy, stepdaughter, black, female, age 21, servant, b. in Missouri
MALCOM, Myrtie, daughter, black, female, age 6, b. in Missouri
MALCOM, James, son, black, male, age 1, b. in Missouri
STEFNEY, Mary, niece, black, female, age 12, b. in Missouri, father b. Virginia, mother b. in Missouri

1880 Federal Census, continued--

Also in the MALCOM household

CHAMP, William, black, male, age 32, boarder, brickmason, b. in Virginia,
parents in US

FIELDS, John, black, male, age 32, boarder, laborer, b. in Missouri

CAGGER (Carriger?), William, black, male, age 35, boarder, laborer, b. in
Missouri

WAGONER, Henry, black, male, age 40, boarder, laborer, b. in US

ANDERSON, Robert, black, male, age 25, boarder, laborer, b. in Missouri

30-32:

GRAVES, Elijah, mulatto, male, age 42, laborer, b. in Kentucky, parents b.
in Kentucky

GRAVES, Maria, wife, mulatto, female, age 40, laundry, b. in Kentucky,
parents in US

GRAVES, George D., son, mulatto, male, age 18, laborer, b. in Missouri,
parents in Kentucky

GRAVES, Mary A., daughter, mulatto, age 16, at home, b. in Missouri,
parents in Kentucky

GRAVES, Charlotte, daughter, mulatto, age 14, at home, b. in Missouri,
parents in Kentucky

27-29:

BAKER, Henry, black, male, age 42, corn laborer, b. in Kentucky, parents b.
in Virginia

BAKER, Minerva, mulatto, wife, laundry, b. in Virginia, parents b. in
Virginia

BAKER, Charles, mulatto, male, age 13, son, b. in Iowa

BAKER, Clarence, mulatto, male, age 10, son, at home, b. in Iowa

Also in the BAKER household:

BEVENS, Beverly, mulatto, male, age 30, boarder, corn laborer, b. in
Kentucky, mother b. in Virginia

WILLIAMS, Jackson, mulatto, male, age 27, boarder, corn laborer, b. in
Kentucky

119-125:

STEPHENSON, Winnie, black, female, age 78, widowed, general work, b. in
Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

Town of Hopkins

Household of Elizabeth Johnston, white, female

WHITE, Albert, black, age 28, laborer, male, married, b. in Missouri

Household of Stone Weble, white

1880 Federal Census, continued—

JACKSON, Wiley, black, age 35, male, b. in Georgia, single, mother b. in North Carolina, father b. Georgia

Household of Lewis Durant, white, hotel keeper

LOGAN, Thomas, black, age 30, b. in Illinois, porter in dining car, married

LOGAN, Susan, black, age 22, wife, b. in Dakota

HENDERSON, Mary, black, age 39, cook, b. in Tennessee, widow

HENDERSON, Henry, black, age 14, servant, b. in Missouri, mother b. in Tennessee

KING, Andrew, black, age 17, servant, b. in Missouri, work at hotel, single, father b. Virginia, mother b. North Carolina

Town of Barnard (Grant Township)

Household of Chris. Dobbins, white, farmer

TIGNOR (Tignas?), Rebecca, black, female, age 59⁺, servant, b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia, single

Hughes Township 102-104:

GRAVES, J. H., black, male, age 34, farmer, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, single

GRAVES, Sarah, black, female, mother, age 64, keeping house, b. in Kentucky, parents b. Virginia, widow

BARBER, Virginia, black, female, age 66, at home, b. in Virginia, parents place of b. unknown, widow

BARBER, Sarah, black, female, age 21, at home, b. in Kentucky, single

40-45: Household of Mary Wilson, white, female, b. in Kentucky

WILSON, Mary, black, female, age 5, servant, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

WILSON, Thomas, black, male, age 9, servant, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

Polk Township, Town of Maryville, 3rd Ward

231-238:

GRAVES, Linn, black, male, age 62, farmer, b. in Kentucky

GRAVES, Maria L., black, female, age 35, wife, keeping house, b. in Missouri, father in Kentucky, mother in Virginia

GRAVES, Mercer, black, male, age 23, son, corn laborer, b. in Missouri, father in Kentucky, mother in Virginia

GRAVES, George, black, male, age 21, son, corn laborer, b. in Missouri, father in Kentucky, mother in Virginia

GRAVES, James, black, male, age 13, at home, b. in Missouri, father in Kentucky, mother in Virginia

SMART, Mack, black, male, age 13, stepson, at home, b. in Missouri, parents in Missouri

1880 Federal Census, continued—

MILLER, Andrew, black, male, age 10, stepson, at home, b. in Missouri,
mother in Missouri
VANCE, Oliver, black, male, 8, nephew, at home, b. in Missouri, father in
Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri
GRAVES, Sylvia, black, female, age 7, daughter, b. in Missouri, father in
Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri

Union Township, Nodaway County, 1880

In the household of Morgan, William, white farmer

McMAKIN, Jessey, black, male, age 38, servant, works on farm, single, b. in
Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

Atchison Township, Nodaway County

In the household of Jeremiah Smith, white, age 66, farmer

SMITH, Eliza, black, female, age 42, single, servant, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Kentucky
SMITH, Commodore, black, male, age 12, single, b. in Missouri, parents b.
in Missouri, parents in Kentucky

Nodaway Township, Nodaway County, 1880

BASTON, George, mulatto, male, 18, single, b. in Missouri
MARTIN, Laura, mulatto, female, age 15, single, b. in Missouri

1900 Federal Census, Nodaway County, Missouri

BLACK

Jackson Township

17-7: Household of Jefferson Larmer, white, farmer

YOUNG, Frank, servant, black, b. May 1880, age 20, single, b. in Virginia,
parents b. Virginia

Polk Township

33-33: Household of Washington Hosher, white, farmer

COPLE, Richard, black, male, b. August 1883, age 16, single, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, farm laborer

160-111:

GUNN, Susan, black, female, b. May 1852, age 48, divorced, 13 children, 9
alive, b. in Missouri, father's birthplace unknown, mother b. in
Missouri, farmer
GUNN, Arthur C., son, black, male, b. Sept. 1881, age 18, single, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, day laborer
GUNN, Elophus, son, black, male, b. Feb. 1889, single, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Missouri, day laborer

1900 Federal Census, continued--

Polk Township, City of Maryville

30-30:

East 4th

MARTIN, Stephen, Head, black, male, b. March 1847, age 53, m. 36 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, plasterer
MARTIN, Dolly, wife, black, female, b. Dec. 1851, age 49, m. 36 years, 7 children, 6 alive, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky
MARTIN, Alva, son, black, male, b. Oct. 1877, age 23, single, b. in Missouri, bootblack
MARTIN, Callie (Charley?), son, black, male, b. Aug. 1884, age 15, single, b. in Missouri, servant
MARTIN, Guy, son, black, male, b. May 1879, age 21, single, b. in Missouri, hostler
MARTIN, Early, grandson, black, male, b. Jan. 1896, age 6, b. in Missouri

41-41:

FLEENER, G. Jack, Head, black, male, b. Dec. 1855, age 44, married 17 years, b. in Tennessee, laundryman
FLEENER, Katie, wife, black, female, b. May 1856, age 44, m. 17 years, 1 child, 0 alive, b. in Virginia, father b. Virginia, mother b. in Kentucky
GUNN(?), Alivodie, daughter, black, female, b. Jan. 1891, age 9, single, b. in Missouri, father b. Tennessee, mother b. in Missouri, at school

44-44:

OUSLEY, Charlotte, Head, black, female, b. Oct. 1836, age 63, widow, 0 children, 0 alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, servant
OUSLEY, George, son, black, male, b. Feb. 1879, age 21, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, housecleaning

45-45:

East 3rd

FIELDS, W. John, Head, black, male, b. July 1848, age 51, m. 29 years, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, day laborer
FIELDS, Nancy, wife, black, female, b. Jan. 1843, age 57, m. 29 years, 8 children, 6 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
FIELDS, D. George, son, black, male, b. Nov. 1876, 23, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, cook.
FIELDS, Freddie, son, black, male, b. March 1879, age 21, married, bootblack
FIELDS, Ida, daughter-in-law, black, female, b. Feb. 1885, age 15, b. in Missouri, 0 children
FIELDS, Francis, daughter, black, female, b. Jan. 1887, age 13, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, at school
FIELDS, Dora, daughter, black, female, b. April 1888, age 12, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, at school

1900 Federal Census, continued—

46-46

East 3rd

HOLMES, Thomas, Head, black, male, b. Dec. 1861, age 39, married 24 years,
b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia, day laborer, owner house
HOLMES, Dicy, wife, black, b. July 1861, age 39, married 24 years, 12
children, 8 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky
HOLMES, Willie, son, black, b. Feb. 1877, age 23, married, b. in Missouri,
day laborer
HOLMES, Garl, son, black, b. July 1877, 22, single, b. in Missouri, day
laborer
HOLMES, George, son, black, b. Aug. 1891, age 8, b. in Missouri, at school
HOLMES, Emma, daughter, black, b. Aug. 1892, age 7, b. in Missouri, at
school
HOLMES, Ned, son, black, b. Dec. 1893, age 6, b. in Missouri, at school
HOLMES, Roy, son, black, b. Oct. 1899, 7/12, b. in Missouri
HOLMES, Lige, son, black, b. Oct. 1879, age 20, single, b. in Missouri, day
laborer

85-90:

Water Street

HAYES, Jacob, Head, black, male, b. Aug. 1871, age 28, married 5 years, b.
in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, day laborer
HAYES, Missouri, black, wife, b. Sept. 1874, age 25, married 5 years, 3
children, 3 alive, b. in Missouri, father b. Kentucky, mother b. in
Missouri
HAYES, George, son, black, b. April 1895, age 5, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Robert son, black, b. Dec. 1896, age 3, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Bell, daughter, black, b. Dec. 1899, age 1, b. in Missouri

87-93:

East 4th

BOLDEN, Leatha, Head, black, female, b. Sept. 1832, age 67, single, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Virginia, day laborer, owner of home

100-106:

HARDEN, Robert, Head, black, male, b. Aug. 1866, age 33, married 7 years,
b. in New Mexico, father b. in New Mexico, mother b. in Kentucky, a
day laborer, owner of home
HARDEN, Mary, wife, black, b. Jan. 1874, age 26, married 7 years, 0
children, b. in New York, parents b. in New York, cook

126-132:

East 6th

GUNN, William, Head, black, male, b. May 1876, age 29, married 6 years, b.
in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, day laborer, renter
GUNN, Olie, wife, black, b. July 1872, age 27, married 6 years, 1 child, 1
alive (child not listed)

18-18: In the household of C. Alderman, salesman, white

MALCOMB (no other name), black, male, servant, b. July 1889, age 10, b. in
Missouri, father b. in Ohio, mother b. in Missouri, at school

1900 Federal Census, continued—

40-40: In the household of Frank Latin, white

WILSON, Henry, boarder, black, male, b. May 1868, age 32, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

WILSON, Mary, boarder, black, female, b. Feb. 1870, age 30, single, laborer

WILSON, Stella, boarder, black, female, b. Feb. 1900, 6/12, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

42-42:

N. Buchanan

WILLIAMS, George, Head, black, male, b. Aug. 1854, 45, married 12 years, b. in Missouri, parents birthplace unknown, laborer, owner home

WILLIAMS, Mattie, wife, black, b. May 1862, age 40, married 12 years, 6 children, 6 alive, b. in Missouri, parents birthplace unknown

WILLIAMS, Aaron, son, black, b. Aug. 1888, age __, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, at school

WILLIAMS, Chester, son, black, b. Feb. 1891, age 9, b. in Missouri, at school

WILLIAMS, George, son, black, b. April 1893, age 7, b. in Missouri

WILLIAMS, Lucy, daughter, black, b. Oct. 1898, age 1

WILLIAMS, Laura, daughter, black, b. March 1900

79-83:

N. Fillmore

PALMER, William, Head, black male, b. March 1860, age 32, married 9 years, b. in Missouri, parents place of birth unknown, house cleaner, owner

PALMER, Luella, black, wife, b. 1866, age 34, married 9 years, 6 children, 5 alive, b. NS (not stated), parents place of birth unknown

PALMER, Amos, son, (Schoolen?), black, male, b. April 1885, age 15, b. NS, father b. in Missouri

PALMER, Ozie, son (Schoolen?), black, b. May 1887, age 13, b. NS, father b. in Missouri

PALMER, Eugene, son (Schoolen?), black, b. Feb. 1890, age 10, b. NS, school

PALMER, Anna, daughter, b. Nov. 1891, age 8, b. NS, at school

PALMER, Dorothy M., daughter, b. April 1899, age 1, NS

143-149:

PALMER, Columbus, black, male, b. April 1874, age 20, married 1 year, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

PALMER, Nora M., wife, black, b. June 1880, age 19, married 1 year, 2 children, 2 alive, b. in Iowa, father's place of birth unknown, mother b. in Kansas

PALMER, Harry, son, b. April 1898, age 2, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

PALMER, Mildred, daughter, b. March 1900, 2/12, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

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E. 2nd

GOODEN, John, black, male, b. Nov. 18-7, age 32, married 7 years, day laborer, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

1900 Federal Census, continued—

GOODEN, Mary, wife, black, b. 1852, age 48, married 7 years, b. in Georgia, parents b. in Georgia
 BUSH, Nettie, daughter, black, b. 1873?, age 22, widow, b. in Missouri, father b. Tennessee, mother b. Georgia
 JOHNSON, Rollie, son, black, age 17, b. 18--?, b. in Missouri, father b. Tennessee, mother b. Georgia
 SMART, Esther?, boarder, black, female, b. Aug 18--?, age 12, b. in Missouri, father b. in Tennessee, mother b. in Missouri?

Prather Avenue

In the household of Benjamin Holt, white

SCHOLEN, Osa, servant, black, male, b. April 1887, age 13, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

191-195

N. Walnut

BAKER, Clarence C., Head, black, male, b. Feb. 1871, age 29, married 1 year, b. in Iowa, parents place of birth unknown, blacksmith, owner of home
 BAKER, Ida M., black, b. 1874, age 25, married 1 year, 0 children, b. in Kansas, parents b. in Missouri

191-196

BAKER, Henry, Head, black, male, b. Sept. 1842, age 57, married 32 years, b. in Kentucky, father's place of birth unknown, mother b. in Kentucky, chimney sweep, owner of home
 BAKER, Manerva, wife, black, b. Sept. 1848, age 59, married 32 years, 12 children, 4 alive, b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia
 BAKER, Alice, daughter, black, b. April 187-?, age 21, single, b. in Missouri
 BAKER, Hazel, grandchild, black, female, b. Aug. 1891, age 8, b. in Missouri, father's place of birth unknown, mother b. in Missouri, at school

W. 5th

PALMER, George, Head, black, male, b. March 1827, age 63, married 35 years, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, farmer, home owner
 PALMER, Annice, wife, black, b. Aug. 1842, age 57, married 35 years, 8 children, 7 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky
 GLOVER, Gertrude, daughter, black, b. Dec. 1881, age 18, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, at school
 PALMER, Della M., daughter, black, b. May 1879, age 21, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, at school
 ———, Johnel, grandchild, black, male, b. Jan. 1897, age 3, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
 ———, Albert, grandchild, black, male, b. 1898, age 1, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
 GLOVER, Albert, son-in-law, black, b. July 1873, age 26, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, laborer

1900 Federal Census, continued--

PALMER, Rufus, son, black, male, b. Jan. 1848, age 15, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, at school
PALMER, James, son, black, male, b. Aug. 1870, age 23, single, b. in
Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri

212-216

W. 5th

SMART, Benjamin, Head, black, male, b. Feb. 1872, age 28, married 10 years,
b. in Missouri, father b. in Tennessee, mother b. in North Carolina?,
cook, owner of home
SMART, Henrietta, wife, black, b. Jan. 1872, age 28, married 10 years
SMART, Mina M., black, daughter, b. June 1894, age 5, b. in Missouri

In the household of Rebecca Robinson, white

GRAVES, Sonora, servant, black, female, b. May 1880, age 20, single, b. in
Kentucky, father b. in Missouri?, mother's place of birth unknown

In the household of L. Michau, capitalist, white (parents b. in
France)

GUNN, Carrie, black, female, servant, b. Mar. 1884, age 16, single, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

In the household of William Oliver, white, keeps boarding house
South Main

GRAVES, Maria, servant, b. 1847, age 63, married 42 years, 4 children, 2
alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, cook

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East Edwards

SMITH, Frank, Head, black, male, age 50, married 18 years, home owner, day
laborer
SMITH, Mary, wife, black, b. Oct. 1863, age 36, married 18 years, b. in
Missouri, mother b. in Missouri, servant
SMITH, Edna, daughter, black, b. Sept. 1882, age 17, single, b. in Missouri
FIELDS, Ida G., daughter, black, b. 1886, age 14, married, 0 children, b.
in Missouri, servant
SMITH, Henrietta, daughter, black, b. 1888, age 12, single, b. in Missouri,
at school
SMITH, Savannah, daughter, black, b. Feb. 1891, age 9, b. in Missouri, at
school
SMITH, Ona, daughter, black, b. Jan. 1892, age 8, b. in Missouri, at school
SMITH, Arthur, son, black, b. Sept. 1892, age 6, b. in Missouri, at school
SMITH, Goldie, daughter, black, b. June 1896, age 4, b. in Missouri
SMITH, Paul, son, black, b. Oct. 1898, age 1, b. in Missouri

1900 Federal Census, continued—

Monroe Township
188-190

GRAVES, Joseph, Head, black, male, b. Jan. 1845, age 55, single, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, farmer, owner
BARBER, Jennie, servant, black, female, b. Jan. 1825, age 75, widow, 3 children, 1 alive, b. in Virginia, parents' birthplace unknown
BARBER, Sarah F., servant, black, female, b. 1853, age 47, single, 1 child, 1 alive, b. in Kentucky, father's birthplace unknown, mother b. in Virginia
GRAVES, Arza, son, black, male, b. Mar. 1889, age 11, single, b. in Missouri, father and mother b. in Kentucky
PALMER, James, boarder, black, male, b. Aug. 1875, age 24, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Indiana?, mother b. in Missouri

Grant Township

O'DELL, Kit, Head, black, b. Aug. 1854, age 45, married 4 years, b. in Iowa, parents b. in Kentucky, farmer
O'DELL, Alice, wife, black, b. Dec. 1880, age 19, married 4 years, b. in Kansas, parents' place of birth not known
O'DELL, Minnie, daughter, black, b. July 1896, age 3, b. in Missouri, father b. in Iowa, mother b. in Kansas
O'DELL, Stella, daughter, black, b. April 1897, age 2, b. in Missouri, father b. in Iowa, mother b. in Kansas
O'DELL, Irwin, son, black, b. April 1900, 2/12, b. in Missouri, father b. in Iowa, mother b. in Kansas
O'DELL, Sylvesta, daughter, b. May 1881, black, age 9, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Iowa, mother b. in Kansas

Green Township

JOHNSON, Tobe, Head, black, male, b. Feb. 1860, age 40, married 15 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, farmer, renter
JOHNSON, Lena, wife, black, b. Dec. 1870, age 29, married 15 years, 6 children, 5 alive, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri
JOHNSON, Nettie, daughter, black, b. May 1883, age 17, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
JOHNSON, Clarence, son, black, b. Aug. 1885, age 14, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
JOHNSON, Myrt, daughter, black, b. Aug. 1887, age 12, b. in Missouri
JOHNSON, Ellsa, daughter, black, b. March 1892, age 8, b. in Missouri
JOHNSON, Gloria, daughter, black, b. July 1899, 10/12, b. in Missouri

1910 Federal Census, Nodaway County

Polk Township

Black

E. 4th

Household of Albert Shepherd, merchant, white

GOODWIN, Laura, hired girl, female, black, age 21, single, b. in Missouri,
father b. Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, servant private family

E. 3rd

FIELDS, John W., Head, male, black, age 62, married, 40 years, b. in
Kentucky, parents b. in USA, laborer, hod carrier, owns home

FIELDS, Nannie, wife, female, black, age 61, married 40 years, 8 children,
4 alive

FIELDS, Frances M., daughter, female, black, age 23, single, b. in
Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Dorothy, daughter, female, black, age 22, single, b. in Missouri,
father in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, teacher in public school

FLEENER, Granville, Head, male, black, age 55, married, b. Mississippi,
father in USA, mother in USA, laborer, hod carrier, owns home

FLEENER, Katie C., wife, female, black, age 54, married 21 years, 1 child,
1 alive, b. in Virginia, father in Virginia, mother in Kentucky,
laundress, private family

FLEENER, Alivida, daughter, female, black, age 19, single, b. in Missouri,
father in Mississippi, mother b. in Missouri, laundress, private
family

MARTIN, Stephen, Head, male, black, age 65, married, b. in Missouri, par-
ents b. in USA, laborer, odd jobs, owns home

MARTIN, Dollie, wife, female, black, age 50, married, 7 children, 6 alive,
b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA, washerwoman, private families

MARTIN, Charles, son, male, black, age 21, single, b. in Missouri, parents
b. in Missouri, janitor, bank

HOLMES, Thomas, Head, male, black, age 64, married 35 years, b. in
Virginia, parents b. in USA, out of work, owner home

HOLMES, Dicy, wife, female, mulatto, age 49, married 35 years, 9 children,
8 alive, laundress, b. in Kentucky, father b. in Kentucky, mother b.
in Virginia

HOLMES, George, son, male, mulatto, age 22, single, b. in Missouri, father
b. in Virginia, mother b. in Kentucky, janitor at barber shop

HOLMES, Ned, son, male, mulatto, age 19, single, b. in Missouri, father b.
in Virginia, mother b. in Kentucky, laborer at livery barn

HOLMES, Mamie, daughter, female, mulatto, age 8, single, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Virginia, mother Kentucky

PAGE, Oliver, Head, male, black, age 36, married 3 years, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Missouri, laborer, farm, renter

PAGE, Ethel, wife, female, black, age 23, 0 children

1910 Census, Polk Township, Continued--

Household of Absolom Clark, hotel owner, Maryville, white

HANNETT, Lola, employee, cook, female, black, age 32, married 7 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA

IRVING, Grace, employee, cook, female, black, age 16, married 1 year, b. in Kansas, father b. in Canada, mother b. in Missouri

E. 4th

BOLDEN, Letha, Head, female, black, age 79, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA, laundry, owns home

HARDEN, Robert, Head, male, black, age 45, married, b. New Mexico, parents b. in New Mexico, laborer, hod carrier, owns home

HARDEN, Mary L., wife, female, black, age 36, 0 children, b. in New York, parents b. in New York, cook

Household of William Edwards, Assistant Manager of Hotel, white

RUSSELL, James, employee, male, black, age 36, married, b. in Colorado, father b. in USA, mother b. in Colorado, cook in hotel

McGEEHEE, John, employee, black, age 30, married, b. Kentucky, parents b. in USA, porter in hotel

E. 2nd

GOODEN, John, Head, male, black, age 44, married, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in Missouri, home cleaning for private family

GOODEN, Mary A., wife, female, mulatto, age 58, married, 8 children, 3 alive, b. in Georgia, parents b. in Georgia

E. Edwards

PAGE, Clara, Head, female, black, age 53, widow, 17 children, 15 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, renter

PAGE, Harley, son, male, black, age 30, single, laborer, cement

Also in the PAGE household:

JOHNSON, Adarun, daughter, female, black, age 23, married, 2 children, 2 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, laborer for private family

PAGE, Mary F., daughter, female, black, age 18, single, servant, private family, b. in Missouri

PAGE, Everett H., son, male, black, age 16, single, farmer, working out, b. in Missouri

PAGE, Elvin W., son, male, black, age 15, single, b. in Missouri

PAGE, Laba L., daughter, female, black, age 12, b. in Missouri

PAGE, Sylvanus, son, male, black, age 12, b. in Missouri

PAGE, Luvoyd, son, male, black, age 10, b. in Missouri

1910 Polk Township, continued--

E. Jenkins

CARTER, John R., Head, male, black, age 48, married 1 year, b. in Missouri, parents b. USA, minister of church, renter

CARTER, Mattie, wife, female, mulatto, age 40, married, 2 children, 1 alive, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in North Carolina

FIELDS, Fred, Head, male, black, age 31, married, b. in Missouri, parents b. USA, janitor at bank, owner of home

FIELDS, Ida, wife, female, black, age 25, 5 children, 4 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA

FIELDS, Robert, son, male, black, age 8, single, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Iva, daughter, female, black, age 6, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Vernon, son, male, black, age 3, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Theodore, son, male, black, age 5/12, b. in Missouri

PALMER, Tump, Head, male, black, age 38, married 11 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, laborer at odd jobs, home owner

PALMER, Nora, wife, female, black, age 28, 2 children, 2 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

PALMER, Harry, son, male, black, age 12, b. in Missouri

PALMER, Mildred, daughter, black, age 1, b. in Missouri

STEWART, David, Head, male, white, age 37, married 19 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA, waiter hotel, renter

STEWART, Mary, wife, female, black, age 41, married 19 years, no children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

GRAVES, Maria, mother-in-law, female, black, age 63, widow, 4 children, 2 alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

E. Edwards

LEE, George H., Head, male, black, age 38, widower, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri

LEE, Viola, daughter, female, black, age 18, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

W. 4th

SMITH, Frank, Head, male, black, age 60, married 28 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA, laborer odd jobs, renter

SMITH, Mary, wife, female, black, age 49, 8 children, 8 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, cook private family

ANDREWS, Henrietta, daughter, female, black, age 24, (marital status not clear) widow?, 1 child, 1 alive, b. in Missouri

SMITH, Arthur, son, male, black, age 16, single, b. in Missouri, laborer, odd jobs

SMITH, Golda, daughter, female, black, age 14, single

SMITH, Paul, son, male, black, age 13, single

1910 Federal Census, continued—

W. 5th

DAVIS, Henry, Head, male, black, age 32, widower, b. Georgia, parents b. USA, laborer odd jobs, renter

PALMER, George, Head, male, black, age 78, married 2, 49 years, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, gardener, owner home

PALMER, Anice, wife, female, black, age 68, 14 children, 9 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, nurse

PALMER, Rufus, son, male, black, age 26, single, b. in Missouri, laborer odd jobs

Also in the PALMER household:

ELLINGTON, Henry, boarder, male, black, age 40, widower, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, laborer odd jobs

MITCHELL, William, Head, male, black, age 54, married 24 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, minister Baptist church, renter

MITCHELL, Maggie, wife, female, black, age 46, 4 children, 3 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

MITCHELL, Estella, daughter, female, black, age 21, single, b. in Missouri

MITCHELL, Willie, son, male, black, age 17, single, b. in Missouri, boot-black in cigar factory

MITCHELL, Frances, daughter, female, black, age 14, single, b. in Missouri

SMART, Frank, Head, male, black, age 36, married 19 years, b. in Missouri, father b. in Tennessee, coachman private family, owner of home

SMART, Henrietta, wife, female, black, age 36, 0 children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, caterer

Also in the SMART household:

MAULDEN, Ora, servant, female, black, age 23, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Tennessee, servant for private family

Walnut Street

BOLDEN, Harry, Head, male, black, age 64, married 38 years, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky, minister Methodist, owner home

BOLDEN, Mary, wife, female, black, age 68, 6 (or 7?) children, 3 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

HOLMES, Earl (or Garl), Head, male, black, age 30, married 3 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, housecleaner, renter

HOLMES, Pearl, wife, female, black, age 28, 0 children, b. in Missouri, father born in Georgia, mother b. in Missouri, washerwoman

1910 Polk Township, continued—

E. Jenkins

CARTER, John R., Head, male, black, age 48, married 1 year, b. in Missouri, parents b. USA, minister of church, renter

CARTER, Mattie, wife, female, mulatto, age 40, married, 2 children, 1 alive, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in North Carolina

FIELDS, Fred, Head, male, black, age 31, married, b. in Missouri, parents b. USA, janitor at bank, owner of home

FIELDS, Ida, wife, female, black, age 25, 5 children, 4 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA

FIELDS, Robert, son, male, black, age 8, single, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Iva, daughter, female, black, age 6, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Vernon, son, male, black, age 3, b. in Missouri

FIELDS, Theodore, son, male, black, age 5/12, b. in Missouri

PALMER, Tump, Head, male, black, age 38, married 11 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, laborer at odd jobs, home owner

PALMER, Nora, wife, female, black, age 28, 2 children, 2 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

PALMER, Harry, son, male, black, age 12, b. in Missouri

PALMER, Mildred, daughter, black, age 1, b. in Missouri

STEWART, David, Head, male, white, age 37, married 19 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in USA, waiter hotel, renter

STEWART, Mary, wife, female, black, age 41, married 19 years, no children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

GRAVES, Maria, mother-in-law, female, black, age 63, widow, 4 children, 2 alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

E. Edwards

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HOLMES, Ned

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HOLMES, Mamie,

father b.

PAGE, Oliver, Head,

parents b. in M.

PAGE, Ethel, wife, fema

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W. 4th

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1910 Federal Census, continued—

W. 5th

DAVIS, Henry, Head, male, black, age 32, widower, b. Georgia, parents b. USA, laborer odd jobs, renter

PALMER, George, Head, male, black, age 78, married 2, 49 years, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, gardener, owner home

PALMER, Anice, wife, female, black, age 68, 14 children, 9 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, nurse

PALMER, Rufus, son, male, black, age 26, single, b. in Missouri, laborer odd jobs

Also in the PALMER household:

ELLINGTON, Henry, boarder, male, black, age 40, widower, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, laborer odd jobs

MITCHELL, William, Head, male, black, age 54, married 24 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, minister Baptist church, renter

MITCHELL, Maggie, wife, female, black, age 46, 4 children, 3 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

MITCHELL, Estella, daughter, female, black, age 21, single, b. in Missouri

MITCHELL, Willie, son, male, black, age 17, single, b. in Missouri, boot-black in cigar factory

MITCHELL, Frances, daughter, female, black, age 14, single, b. in Missouri

SMART, Frank, Head, male, black, age 36, married 19 years, b. in Missouri, father b. in Tennessee, coachman private family, owner of home

SMART, Henrietta, wife, female, black, age 36, 0 children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, caterer

Also in the SMART household:

MAULDEN, Ora, servant, female, black, age 23, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Tennessee, servant for private family

Walnut Street

BOLDEN, Harry, Head, male, black, age 64, married 38 years, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky, minister Methodist, owner home

BOLDEN, Mary, wife, female, black, age 68, 6 (or 7?) children, 3 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

HOLMES, Earl (or Carl), Head, male, black, age 30, married 3 years, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, housecleaner, renter

HOLMES, Pearl, wife, female, black, age 28, 0 children, b. in Missouri, father born in Georgia, mother b. in Missouri, washerwoman

1910 Federal Census, continued—

N. Fillmore

HAYES, Missouri, Head, female, black, age 35, widow, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in USA, 7 children, 7 alive, washerwoman, owner of home
HAYES, George, son, male, black, age 15, single, b. in Missouri, farm
laborer
HAYES, Robert, son, male, black, age 13, single, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Belle, daughter, female, black, age 11, single, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Irene, daughter, female, black, age 9, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Glen, son, male, black, age 7, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Margaret, daughter, female, black, age 4, b. in Missouri
HAYES, Moses, son, male, black, age 2, b. in Missouri
ARNOLD, Abby, cousin, female, black, age ?, servant private home, b. in
Missouri

N. Buchanan

WILLIAMS, George, Head, male, black, age 55, married 16 years, b. in USA,
parents b. in USA, laborer, owner of home
WILLIAMS, Mattie, wife, female, black, age 55, 10 children, 6 alive, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, washerwoman
WILLIAMS, Aaron, son, male, black, age 23, single, porter store
WILLIAMS, Chester, son, male, black, age 19, single, cigar maker, cigar
store
WILLIAMS, George, son, male, black, age 16, single, porter, barber shop
WILLIAMS, Lucy, daughter, female, black, age 12, single
WILLIAMS, Laura, daughter, female, black, age 10

N. Fillmore

PALMER, William, Head, male, black, age 54, married 19 years, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in USA, housecleaner, owner home
PALMER, Louella, wife, female, black, age 45, married (2), 9 children, 7
alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri
PALMER, John A., son, male, black, age 25, married, b. in Missouri,
housecleaner
PALMER, Eugene, son, male, black, age 20, single, porter barbershop
PALMER, Isabella, daughter, black, female, age 18, single
PALMER, Dorothy, daughter, female, black, age 11
PALMER, Herbert, son, male, black, age 6
PALMER, Ralph, son, male, black, 11/12
JOHNSON, Lizzie, boarder, female, black, age 23, married

Household of Albert Dusenberry, white

DAVIS, Georgia, servant, female, black, age 25, single, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in USA

KELLY, Mathew, Head, male, black, age 32, married 5 years, b. in Kentucky,
parents b. in Kentucky laborer odd jobs, renter
KELLY, Gertrude, wife, black, age 28, 5 children, 4 alive, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky

1910 Federal Census, continued—

GLOVER, Donald, stepson, male, black, age 10, single, b. in Missouri
GLOVER, Albert, stepson, male, black, age 14, single, b. in Missouri
KELLY, Livia, daughter, female, black, age 4, b. in Missouri
KELLY, Vandora, daughter, female, black, age 6/12, b. in Missouri

WILSON, Henry, Head, male, black, age 47, married 5 years, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Missouri, porter Elks Club, home
owner

WILSON, Tilda, wife, female, black, age 47, 0 children, b. in Missouri,
father b. in Virginia; mother b. in Missouri

JOHNSON, May, niece, female, black, age 10, single, b. in Missouri, parents
b. in Missouri

Walnut

BAKER, Clarence, Head, male, black, age 38, married, b. in Iowa, father b.
in Missouri, mother b. in Virginia, blacksmith, own shop, owns home

BAKER, Katherine, wife, female, mulatto, age 29, 0 children, b. in
Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, washerwoman

Also in the BAKER household

CAMPBELL, Helen, female, mother-in-law, mulatto, widow, age 58, 8 children,
5 living, b. in Missouri, father b. in Kentucky, mother b. in
Virginia

BAKER, Minerva, Head, female, black, age 69, widow, 12 children, 4 alive,
b. in Virginia, parents b. in Virginia, laundress, owner of home

WRIGHT, Alice, daughter, female, black, age 37, married, 2 children, 2
alive, b. in Missouri, laundress

WRIGHT, (can't read, assume Lincoln), son-in-law, male, black, age 38, b.
in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, laborer

BAKER, Hazel, granddaughter, female, black, age 20, single, b. in Missouri

BAKER, Marion, granddaughter, female, black, age 2

West 2nd

In the household of Alice Perrin, white, boarding house

NICKOLIS, Arthur, servant, male, black, age 29, married 3 years, b. in
Colorado, father b. in Tennessee, mother b. in Missouri

NICKOLIS, Lovie, servant, female, black, age 24, married 3 years, 0
children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri

LEWIS, Corine, servant, female, black, age 13, single, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Missouri

Halsey

GUNN, Offphus, Head, male, black, age 30, married 1 year, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Missouri, coachman, renter

GUNN, Ona, wife, female, black, age 19, 1 child, 1 alive, b. in Missouri,
parents b. in Missouri

GUNN, Harold, son, male, black, 6/12, b. in Missouri

1910 Federal Census, continued--

In the household of Edward Townsend, white, merchant

PRICE, Alexander, servant, male, black, age 50, divorced, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky

JOHNSON, Lizzie, servant, female, black, age 30, married 1 year, 0 children, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky

W. 4th

VANCE, Oliver, Head, male, mulatto, age 42, married 18 years, b. in Missouri, father b. in USA, mother b. in Missouri, laborer odd jobs, renter

VANCE, Elizabeth, wife, female, mulatto, 5 children, 5 alive, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Missouri, laundress

VANCE, Hazel, daughter, female, mulatto, single, age 15

VANCE, William, son, male, mulatto, single, age 14

VANCE, Herbert, son, male, mulatto, age 10

VANCE, Neva, daughter, female, mulatto, age 8

VANCE, Helen, daughter, female, mulatto, age 4

Polk Township, continued

GUNN, Susan, Head, female, mulatto, age 56, widow, 8 children, 8 alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, washerwoman, owner

GUNN, Alophus, son, male, mulatto, age 20, single, b. in Missouri, father b. in Missouri, mother b. in Kentucky, laborer

Independence Township

Parnell Village

In the household of Sarah Morgan, white

McMAKIN, Jesse, male, black, age 66, single, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, a laborer for private family

Monroe Township

GRAVES, Joseph, H., Head, male, black, age 64, married, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky, farmer

GRAVES, Sarah, wife, female, black, age 58, 1 child, 1 alive, b. in Kentucky, parents b. in Kentucky?

GRAVES, Arza A., son, male, age 21, single, b. in Missouri, parents b. in Kentucky, laborer

Addition: 1870 Federal Census, Andrew County, Missouri:

BAKER, Abram, age 47, Eva 40, Susan 15, Anna 14, Peter 13, Ellen 11, Lewis 9, Margaret 6.

BAKER, Dolly age 70. Mary Ewing age 36, Martha age 53 also in the household.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST, JUNE 19, 1873
(among others)

Northwest Addition to Maryville

	Lot	Block	St tax	Sch tax
Winnie Stephenson	1	2	.93	34
Winnie Stephenson	2	2	.93	34
C. Williams	3	2	.93	34
John Hobson (s. quarter)	4	2	3.35	1.70

Southern Extension to Maryville

Benj. Linnear	7	11	1.85	85
Henry Malcomb	5	13	1.08	42
Henry Malcomb	6	13	3.34	2.46

Roseberry's Addition to Maryville

Linn Graves	1	11	1.84	85
Linn Graves	2	6	71	21
Linn Graves	3	6	71	21
Linn Graves	4	6	71	21

(Printed in Nodaway Democrat, June 19, 1873)

Tax Bills, June 30, 1912, Maryville, Published by Tribune

	John Fields	vs City of Maryville
(among	Katie Fleenor	vs City of Maryville
others)	Thomas Holmes	vs City of Maryville

Failed to pay poll tax: George Ousley, Dick Martin, Clarence C. Baker, R. B. Campbell, among others listed April 1, 1915, Tribune.

Back tax suits, circuit court clerk: Olphus Gunn, Izora White and others, May 18, 1926, Tribune.

MARYVILLE CITY DIRECTORY, 1906
BLACK (ADULTS)

A.M.E. Church, Rev. H. T. Bolden, pastor, at 308 S. Vine

Baker Blacksmith Shop at 214 N. Buchanan

Zion Baptist Church, Rev. W. A. Mitchell, pastor, at 1001 E. 4th

Douglass School, at 801 E. Jenkins

BAKER residing at 503 N. Walnut: Clarence C. Baker, blacksmith, wife, Ida

BAKER residing at 501 N. Walnut: Henry Baker, laborer, wife, Minerva; Miss Alice Baker, domestic; Miss Hazel Baker

BOLDEN residing at 308 S. Vine (rear of the church): Harry T. Bolden, pastor of A.M.E., wife, Mary; Harry Bolden, student; Miss Cordelia Bolden, teacher

BOLDEN residing at 803 E. 4th: Miss Letha Bolden, domestic

+ ENDICOTT residing at 807 E. Jenkins: Joseph A. Endicott, principal, Douglass School

FIELDS residing at 1005 E. Third: John Fields, hod carrier, wife, Nannie; Miss Francis Fields, domestic

FIELDS residing at 1108 E. 4th: Fred Fields, porter at the Oak, wife, Ida; George Fields, porter, wife, Lucille

FLEENOR residing at 1007 E. 3rd: Jack Fleenor, mortar mixer, wife, Katie

GOODEN residing at 606 E. 3rd: John Gooden, laborer, wife, Alice

GRAVES residing at 1107 E. 3rd: Maria Graves widow of Elijah

GREEN residing at 320 E. 4th: Miss Judy Green, domestic

GUNN residing at 218 W. 2nd: Sam Gunn, yardman

HAYS residing at 602 N. Mulberry: Jacob Hays, janitor Maryville National Bank, wife, Missouri

HOLMES residing at 1107 E. 3rd: Thomas Holmes, wife, Dicy; Miss Emma Holmes

JOHNSON residing at 307 W. 5th: Tobias Johnson, farmer, wife, Lillie

MALCOME residing at 507 N. Buchanan: James Malcome, porter for G. F. Woodard

MALLORY residing at 807 E. Jenkins: Horace Mallory, laborer, boarder (see Endicott)

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MARTIN residing at 606 E. 4th: Stephen Martin, laborer, wife, Dolly;
Charles Martin, carrier at Post Office; Albia Martin, porter

MARTIN residing at 707 N. Fillmore: Alva Martin, laborer

MITCHELL residing at 610 N. Buchanan: William A. Mitchell, pastor of Zion
Baptist church, wife, Maggie

OUSLEY residing at 1102 E. 4th: Charlotte Ousley, domestic, widow of
George

OUSLEY residing at 305 N. Mulberry: George Ousley, laborer, wife, Mary
(May)

PAGE residing at 507 W. 5th: Clara Page, widow of Asa; Charles Page,
laborer; Miss Essie Page, domestic; Harley Page, laborer; Ida Page,
domestic; Jesse Page, laborer; Minnie Page, domestic; Oda Page,
domestic; Oliver Page, porter Linville Hotel

PALMER residing at 506 W. 5th: Columbus Palmer, laborer, wife, Nora

PALMER residing at 509 W. 5th: George Y. Palmer, farmer, wife, Annice;
Rufus Palmer, laborer

PALMER residing at 705 N. Fillmore: William Palmer, laborer, wife, Luella

SAUNDERS residing at 507 W. 5th: John Saunders, laborer (see Page)

SCHOOLLEN residing at 705 N. Fillmore: Ozie Schoolen, laborer (see Palmer)

SCHOOLLEN residing at 512 W. Prather Ave: Ozie Schoolen (place of work)

SCHOOLLEN, Eugene: porter for Ed Godsey

SMART residing at 626 W. 3rd: Frank Smart, yardman, wife, Henrietta

SMITH residing at 1108 E. Edwards: Frank Smith, laborer, wife, Mary; Miss
Edna Smith, domestic; Miss Savannah Smith; Miss Henrietta Smith,
domestic

TURNER, Aaron, porter for J. W. Wilcoxon

WHITE residing at 807 E. 4th: Lesa White, widow of Albert

WILLIAMS residing at 507 N. Buchanan: George Williams, laborer, wife,
Mattie; Aaron Williams, porter

WILSON residing at 106 W. 8th: Henry Wilson, porter for Elks Club, wife,
Matilda

1914 MARYVILLE CITY DIRECTORY

A.M.E. Church, 128 South Vine Street, Rev. D. A. Brown, pastor, services 11:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Sunday School at 1:30 p.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, East 4th and Charles, Rev. T. P. Thomas, pastor, Sunday Services 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday School 3:00 p.m.

Douglass Ward School, 801 East Jenkins Street, E. O. Boone, Principal

Business: Baker and Wagner, C. C. Baker and N. W. Wagner, blacksmith, horse shoer, 212 North Market, Maryville

Allen, Alfred, Flora, coachman for N. Sisson, 308 N. Grand Avenue

Baker, Clarence C., Katie, Baker and Wagner, residence 515 W. 8th

Bolden, Henry T., Mary A., pastor A.M.E. Church, residence 514 N. Mulberry

Bolden, Letha Miss, laundress, residence 909 E. 4th

Boone, E. O., teacher, Douglass School, residence 616 E. 2nd

Brown, Daniel A., Ella J., pastor A.M.E., residence 128 S. Vine

Campbell, Helen Mrs., residence 515 W. 8th

Fields, Fred D., Ida, janitor Nodaway Valley and First National Banks, residence 1109 E. Jenkins

Fields, John, Nannie, bricklayer, residence 117 E. 3rd

Fleener, Granville J., Katie, laborer, residence 1123 E. 3rd

Fobs, Beatrice (Miss), residence 514 North Mulberry

Gooden, John L., Mary, residence 616 East 2nd

Graves, Maria (widow of Elijah), residence 1221 East 3rd

Holmes, Ned, residence 1221 East Third

Holmes, Thomas, Dicy, laborer, residence 1221 East Third

Jackson, Thomas, Mary, works for Mrs. Robinson, residence 708 West 4th

McGeeHee, John, porter Linville Hotel, residence the same

Martin, Albert, laborer, residence 914 North Fillmore

Martin, Charles L., porter, Farmers Trust Co., residence 714 East Fourth

Martin, Earl, works at New York Candy Kitchen, residence 914 North Fillmore

1914 Maryville City Directory continued—

Martin, Stephen, Dolly, plasterer, residence 716 East 4th

Malcome, James H., Mattie, porter for Godsey & Harbison, residence 716 East
Third

Mitchell, Frances Miss, student, residence 813 N. Buchanan

Mitchell, Stella Miss, residence 813 N. Buchanan

Mitchell, William A., Rev., Maggie, minister, residence 813 North Buchanan

Mitchell, William A. Jr., works for Bruce Montgomery, residence 813 North
Buchanan

Ousley, George F., Mary, porter W. A. Heller, residence 721 East 2nd

Ousley, Lottie, widow of George, residence 204 East 4th

Paddock, Roy, cook, Linville Hotel, residence the same

Page, Harley, laborer, residence 702 N. Walnut

Palmer, Elizabeth, cook, residence 914 N. Fillmore

Palmer, George, residence 536 West 5th

Palmer, James, Scenore, residence 706 N. Walnut

Palmer, Rufus C., porter Ream Hotel, residence 507 W. 5th

Palmer, William M., Louella, janitor for Dr. Wallis, residence 914 N.
Fillmore

Reed, Alice Miss, residence 820 N. Walnut

Schooling(en), Amos, laborer, residence 914 N. Fillmore

Schooling(en), E. L., Lizzie, residence 926 N. Buchanan

Schooling(en), John A., laborer, residence 914 N. Fillmore

Schooling(en), Ozie, laborer, residence 523 Prather Ave.

Smith, Arthor S., porter for Godsey & Harbison, residence 115 W. 3rd

Smart, Frank B., Henrietta, chef Linville Hotel, residence 523 W. 5th

Smith, Frank, Mary, janitor for Conservatory of Music, residence 115 W. 8th

Tillmon, Frankie, cook Perrin Hall, residence 404 N. Walnut

Tillmon, Louisa, widow of John, residence 404 N. Walnut

1914 Maryville City Directory, continued—

Vance, Hazel B, domestic for C. C. Corwin, residence 820 N. Walnut
Vance, Oliver R., Lizzie, porter for W. A. Heller, residence 820 N. Walnut
Vance, William L., porter for Bee Hive Shoe Store, residence 820 N. Walnut
White, Senora Miss, residence 1101 E. Jenkins
White, Letha, widow of Albert, residence 616 E. 2nd
White, Lewis, Izora, laborer, residence 1101 E. Jenkins
Williams, Anna, student, residence 722 N. Buchanan
Williams, Chester, porter, 722 N. Buchanan
Williams, George, porter, residence 722 N. Buchanan
Williams, Lucy, works for G. B. Baker, residence 722 N. Buchanan
Williams, Mattie, widow of George, residence 722 N. Buchanan
Wilson, Henry, Matilda, porter Elks Club, residence 422 W. 5th

Farm Directory

Graves, J. H., Route 4, 120A, Skidmore



Photo from the collection of Betty
Wilson. Mattie Malcome taken by the
244 family in 1927, Maryville.

CITY DIRECTORY, MARYVILLE, 1935

Campbell, William, janitor at Post Office, Mame, 515 W. 8th
Fleenor, Fannie, general work, 1123 E. 3rd
Gooden, John L., laborer, 616 E. 2nd
Griggs, Francis, cook, Margaret, 805 N. Buchanan
Gunn, Olphus, laborer, Mary, 701 W. Halsey
Hardin, Robert E., laborer, Mary, 1109 E. 4th
Jackson, Thomas, laborer, Mary, Edmnonia, 534 W. 5th
Johnson, Robert E., laborer, Frankie, maid, Nettie Lou, 601 E. 2nd
Martin, Alvie, laborer, 803 E. 3rd
Martin, Dick, laborer, Verlie, cook, 324 E. 5th
Mitchell, Mrs. Mattie, general housework, 805 N. Buchanan
Mitchell, W. A., shoe shiner/laborer, Isabel, Ella, 303 W. 9th
Redmond, Nettie, housework, 616 E. 2nd
Smart, B. F., janitor, 523 W. 5th
Ward, J. H., pastor AMF church, Gertrude, 128 S. Vine

CITY DIRECTORY, MARYVILLE, 1940
Population 5696

Campbell, William, custodian, Mamie, 515 W. 8th
Daniel, Rev. W. M., Bessie, 128 S. Vine, pastor of AME
Fleenor, Fannie, housework, 1123 E. 3rd
Gooden, John, laborer, 616 E. 2nd
Griggs, Mrs. Frances, cook, Margaret, 805 N. Buchanan
Gunn, Olphus, farmer, West Halsey
Harden, Robert, laborer, Mary, 1109 E. 4th
Jackson, Thomas, laborer, Edmonia, 534 W. 5th
Johnson, Roland E., porter, Frankie, Mary Lou, 601 E. 2nd
Mitchell, Isabel, maid, 635 W. 3rd
Mitchell, Mrs. Maggie, 805 N. Buchanan
Redmond, Nettie, housework, 616 E. 2nd



These appear to be Mamie Campbell and Mattie Wilson. Photo from the collection of Betty Wilson, Maryville.

SHINE

That's why you'll find me
Here shinin' shoes
Is there an ad for a colored man
Tonight in your news?

Jones, Kansas City Sun, 1915

SHINERS MADE MONEY: Shining shoes was one of the best paying businesses of Maryville on the Fourth. The boys who follow that vocation and stuck to business a good part of the day made money.

"Tump" Palmer who handles the rag and brush at the stand in front of Phil Eisel's barber shop earned \$9.10; Fred Fields in front of the Bee Hive made \$8.40; Lige Holmes on First National Bank corner made \$7.50; Mart Lee \$1.25, John Starkey, 80¢, a boy named McFadden, 30¢; Alva Martin, \$2.50.

July 6, 1899, Tribune

SHINE ARTISTS

Remember the place and also the price
Twas Everettea who gave the advise.

We notify you that shine artists will charge you 10¢ a shine after Sunday, July 21, 1902.

Everettea, N. B. Thompson's Shop
Earnest J. Clark, Linville Hotel
George Fields, Basford and Woodards
Fred Fields, Baker and Godsey Shop
Robert Wartz, Ream Hotel
Ollie Andrews, J. W. Wilcoxon's Shop
James Malcom-, Grover and Gilliam's Shop

July 15, 1902, Tribune

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
To walk in Jerusalem just like John.

"He(Henry Vance) had a daughter, Maria Vance Graves, whom many of the old settlers remember. She is said to have been the first colored person born in Nodaway County. She was born in 1839 and was the property of John Saunders...." (1911)

"I cast my eyes a little farther to the southwest corner (of the courthouse) and behold there sat Aunt Winnie Stinson. She was the only colored woman in the house, I think, and history without her name I would consider incomplete."

ABBOTT. Rev. E. D. Abbott was pastor of the A.M.E. church in Maryville, 1921.

ALLEN. Alfred Allen and his wife were living in Maryville on 3rd Street in 1914. Church data show a Miss Dorsie Allen as organist in 1914; Mrs. Vernon Allen was injured in the 1934 tornado, Maryville.

ANDERSON. Robert Anderson is found in the 1880 census, born ca 1885 in Missouri, laborer, boarding with Henry Malcome. Eliza Anderson married George Palmer, 1888. Isaiah Anderson, service record in Nodaway County, Sgt. WW I. Born in St. Louis, May 11, 1889. Mother, Mrs. Lovie Anderson; wife, Luella Carriger.

ANDREWS. Ollie Andrews, allied line to Smith, Palmer, Prather.

ANTHONY. Jane Anthony, born ca 1840, MO, working in Mulhofana household in 1870, Maryville. Lucy Anthony, born ca 1844, NC, working in hotel in 1880, Maryville. Letha Anthony married Albert White, 5 November 1881.

ARMSTRONG. Mrs. Laura Armstrong is listed as parent or guardian of Bertha and Cecil Armstrong who were attending Douglass in 1917, Maryville. Williard Armstrong married Lucy Williams, October, 1926.

ARNOLD. Abbie Arnold was living in the household of Missouri Hayes, as a cousin, in 1910, Maryville. She married John McGeehee, 1912.

ASHBY. Death notice: Oct. 10, 1891. Nellie Ashby died in East Maryville, age 27.

AUSTIN. Frank Austin was one of the early black citizens of Nodaway County. He married Eliza Jane Hooker, probably the daughter of Eliza Hooker. Frank was living in that household in 1870, Maryville. Census data indicate that Frank Austin was born ca 1851 in MO. An infant, Clarence Austin, age 1, was living with Simon Wills, Maryville, 1870. Frank took part in the 1874 Emancipation Day celebration and is found in other records, but not much is known about him. He may have left the area before 1880. The charge of gaming reveals the attitude in the area in regard to young men gambling, especially young black men: Box 41, File 4, Circuit Court, Nodaway County, charge of gaming against Frank Austin, filed November 16, 1872...that Frank Austin of Nodaway County ...did unlawfully bet a large sum of money, to wit: 25¢ in a game of chance. Witnesses, Mahlon Crane, James Husing, John Howondonblyxxx Alice Austin married Columbus Palmer.

BAIRD. Hattie Baird was in Maryville, 1920. Moved to Kansas City.

BAKER. Ella Baker is listed in the household of A. P. Morehouse in 1880 census; born in 1861, in MO. She could be connected to the Henry Baker family and/or Mattie(Martha) Williams, Turner?

Henry Baker married Minerva Turner, June 30, 1864 in Page County, Iowa. His roots are in Kentucky. The following is information about his family.

Abram Baker, a well-known colored man of Savannah contributed the following to the Savannah Republican; I was the slave of Joseph Hunter, born near Berksville, Kentucky, March 12, 1824 and came to Missouri in 1833, settled near Plattsburg. My boss built the first hotel in Plattsburg which he owned and operated for six years. I was dining room boy while he owned the hotel and waited on such men as Gov. David Atchison, Gen. Alexander Doniphan, Jack Gordon, lawyer, Lawyer Reece, Lawyer Woods, Dr. Henry Essex, George and Abe Funkhouser, Mr. McMichel, William Gipson, Ryan Gandy, and Andy Chambers, all of whom were guests in our hotel. Mr. Hunter traded the hotel to Thomas Palmer for a farm southeast of Plattsburg where we lived until 1844, then came to Andrew County, having lived in said county ever since. I was cook at the "Bear Dance" given at Gallant Rains' which began on Thursday and was declared off on Sunday. It was where Neal Barman now lives. All the adjoining counties were represented. Wash Crawley of Savannah and Lewis of St. Joseph were present during the ceremonies. April 5, 1900, Republican

Peter Baker, colored, was murdered in Colorado, on 31st of May. The murdered man was brother of Henry Baker of this city, June 21, 1888, Republican, Maryville.

Henry Baker went down to Savannah last Saturday to attend the funeral of his mother, Dolly Baker, who died the day before in her 104th years. She was born in Virginia. February 21, 1889, Nodaway Democrat

Uncle Henry Baker and Aunt Manerva were married 25 years last Saturday. Their friends gave them a grand party and a fine time was had. A magnificent supper was given to the guests present. Mr. & Mrs. Baker were recipients of many presents from their white and colored friends. Nov. 10, 1887, Republican.

Clarence Baker, a 14 years old son of Henry Baker got his right foot badly mashed Monday afternoon on the caboose of the freight train as it was crossing the bridge on North Main Street. Mr. Hackadorn amputated two of the toes. This ought to be a warning to several boys who have been in the habit of climbing on the train to desist from any attempts of this kind. October 22, 1883, Nodaway Democrat.

Alice Baker drank an earache mixture of laudunm and sweet oil at the home of her parents, Henry Baker and wife. Dr. Todd was called and an antidote administered. February 15, 1894, Republican.

Clarence Baker of this city was married Tuesday in St. Joseph to Miss M. Martin(?). They returned to Maryville Tuesday evening and are making their home with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker. Clarence is a member of the firm, Baker Brothers, blacksmiths, and is a sober and industrious fellow. October 13, 1898, Tribune

One evening last week, Col. Henry Baker invited some 15 to 20 of his personal white friends to participate in a possum supper at his residence in the northwest part of town. All accepted and all were present. The bill of fare consisted of oyster soup, baked possum, sweet potatoes, and the "corn pone" without which a supper would not be complete. The boys all relished the "savory son of the forest" as prepared by the Colonel's good wife, who is an excellent cook. She has prepared many a possum supper in antebellum days. At a late hour the guests departed all voting it the most enjoyable evening of the season. Our Jolly Constable, Snyder, declared it was the best baked possum he had ever tasted. November 25, 1897, Nodaway Democrat

TOOK THE WHOLE FAMILY. A curious elopement took place from Maryville Saturday night. A few months ago Charles Baker, a young colored blacksmith of Maryville procured a divorce from his wife in Circuit Court, allegation being she had deserted him. Saturday evening, Baker in company with James Palmer's wife, her two children, her father and mother, William King and wife, and a number of other members of the family, left Maryville in a covered wagon, supposed destination Oklahoma. James Palmer, husband of the recreant woman, has been employed for some time on Dave Gelvin's big ranch near Maitland. When the news of his wife's sudden and unceremonious departure was telephoned to him by his relations he declared he did not care what became of the woman but that he was sorry she had taken his children. King is an old colored man who has lived in Maryville several years and is said to have been the oldest ex-slave in the county. It was he who recently brought suit against the KC, St. Joe., and Council Bluffs Railroad for damages because the conductor on a northbound passenger on which he was riding out of St. Joseph, found he had no ticket and put him off. March 2, 1899, Tribune

Col. Henry Baker and wife entertained a number of their white friends at a fine possum supper last Thursday night. It is said they got away with five delicious possums. It is related that W. T. Garrett and Ed. Wolfers were at one table with three possums. The other guests were J. T. Welch, Capt. McMillan, Horace Leet, Sam Arnold, James Storm, W. A. Daggett, Abe Williams, and John Sturm. Some music was furnished and the company had a royal good time. No one enjoyed more than Uncle Henry himself. C. M. Davey was unavoidably absent but present in his contribution. May Uncle Henry and his wife live to enjoy many other such events, and ditto of all present. December 20, 1900, Nodaway Democrat.

Letter to the editor: I see in the Republican that Hon. Henry Baker had his annual possum roast. We would say to W. T. Garrett, Jack Welch, Ed Wolfers, Horace Leet and others who are lovers of possum to come to Oklahoma.....W. H. Bell, Oklahoma. January 3, 1901, Republican

C. C. Baker of Maryville preached his trial sermon Sunday at the A. M. E. church, Maryville. August 20, 1902, Tribune.

Real Estate Transfer: Clarence Baker to Minerva Baker, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Block 7, NW addition to Maryville, \$1. Henry Baker to Clarence Baker, $\frac{1}{2}$ Block 7, NW addition, Maryville, \$1. September 6, 1906, Republican

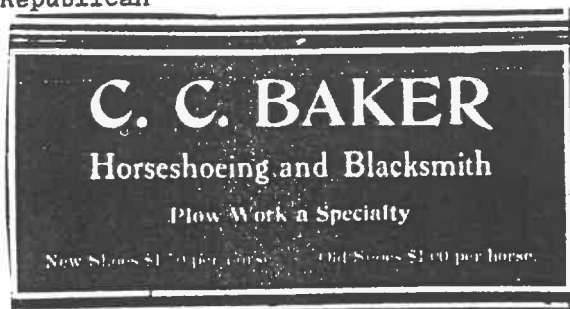
Clarence Baker secured a decree of separation from Ida Baker on the grounds of abandonment. In granting the divorce the court warned the plaintiff that he did not want him to even look at another girl for a year. June 30, 1909. Republican.

C. C. Baker has arranged to open up a blacksmith shop at the old stand on North Buchanan. He was employed in the shop there for 8 years. He has bought a new supply of tools and will do all kinds of blacksmithing. He will be ready for business Tuesday. February 17, 1910, Republican.

Advertisement: March 11, 1910, Republican

C. C. BAKER
Horseshoeing and Blacksmith
Plow Work a Specialty

New Shoes \$1.50 per horse
Old Shoes \$1.00 per horse



Box 267, #31, Circuit Court, Manerva Baker, vs Moses Nusbaum and Clarence Baker. Filed February 12, 1912. On August 1906, she Manerva Baker, was and is still owner of property S 2/3 of Lot 4, Block 7, NW addition to town of Maryville. On 11 March 1910, above defendant entered into possession of said premises. Plaintiff asks for possession and \$5 per month... Summons to appear as witnesses for defendants: Ed Signs, C. C. Baker, Henry Wilson, Ol Laughlin, Frank Owens, W. W. Glass. Summons to appear as witnesses for plaintiff: James Huffine, Alice Wright, Link Wright, Louis Anderson, Mr. Flint, City Engineer, J. A. Wray, Cal Pierce, Les Corssan. Summons: Robert Campbell and his wife. 3rd February 1912. Summons: Ol Laughlin and his wife, 3rd February 1912.

1914 City Directory, Maryville. Business: Baker and Wagner. C. C. Baker, colored, and N. W. Wagner, blacksmiths, horse shoer, 212 North Market, Phone: H. 543.

Nick Wagner(white) a partner in the Baker and Wagner blacksmith shop on North Market received an injury to his left hand last week. He was trimming a plow share when a piece of steel flew off and struck his index finger. May 6, 1915, Tribune.

OBITUARY: Body of Mrs. Minerva Baker, who died Sunday at her home in Omaha, arrived in Maryville last night. Funeral services will be at 2:30 a.m. at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. J. J. Wells, pastor. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery. June 14, 1917, Democrat Forum

Book 210, Trustee Deed. Clarence Baker and wife sold to William Campbell, July 9, 1932, NW corner of 1/2 Block 7 in NW addition to Maryville, running west to east line of the Wabash. Clarence C. Baker and wife, Katie V. Baker, note with Farmers Trust, default, property sold at west door of courthouse, City of Maryville, July 1932. William Campbell, highest bidder for \$300.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Katie Baker, age 56, died at 8:30 last evening at the home of her brother, William Campbell, 515 West 8th. Her death was caused by heart trouble. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 tomorrow at the A.M.E. church, conducted by Rev. W. E. Gilliam. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Baker was born in St. Louis in 1882. Although she had lived in Maryville a few years ago, she came here three months ago from Kansas City where she had been living. Since coming here she had been at her brother's home. Besides Mr. Campbell, she is survived by her husband, Clarence Baker whose whereabouts are unknown, and a sister, Mrs. Walter Williams, Bonner Springs, Kansas. November 29, 1937, Daily Forum, Maryville.

OBITUARY: Miss Clara Willie Baker died Saturday morning at Kansas City at age 25. She was the daughter of Clarence and Katie Baker, having been born in Maryville in 1910. The body will be brought back to Maryville for funeral services at 2:30 Wednesday, at the A. M. E. church and buried in Oak Hill. William Campbell of this city is an uncle of Miss Baker. October 28, 1935, Daily Forum, Maryville.

Henry Baker was "marshall of the day" for celebrations

COUNTRY 11-13-84

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Colonel Henry Baker

The obituary of Henry Baker, Nodaway Democrat, Nov. 8, 1906, identifies him as a courageous leader of the black population of Northwest Missouri. Henry died at his residence on 501 North Walnut, Maryville. From the obituary... "His exact age was not known by himself or his family, but he is thought to be past 80. He was born in slavery in Kentucky, and while a young boy was brought to Missouri by his master, Henry Hunter, who settled in Andrew County. Two of Henry Baker's brothers, Emanuel and Abraham, also came with him as slaves. Emanuel lives in Kansas City, Kan., and Abraham lives in Savannah.

"Henry Baker had lived in Maryville 35 years. Before the close of the Civil War, he ran away from the Hunter household in Andrew County and made his way to Iowa, stopping at Clarinda. He returned several times by the 'underground railway' and helped his colored friends to freedom by the same route.

"The emancipation celebrations were great days to Uncle Henry, and he was the leading spirit in the preparations for that day in Maryville. Things couldn't have gone off without him, and he was always marshall of the day. He made quite a picturesque figure on horseback with his gay colored sash and other regalia of the day, leading the parade, and he will long be remembered by our people.

"Four children and two step-children survive. The children are Frances Baker, Mrs. Alice Lee and Clarence Baker of Maryville, and Charles Baker of Beggs, Indian Territory. His step-daughters are Mrs. Hattie Jackson and Mrs. Mary Shelton of Maryville."

The Federal Census of 1880 indicates the approximate date of birth for Henry Baker as 1832, which is quite likely. His brother Abraham gives his own birth information as "born in 1824 near Berksville, Kentucky." He also says the family came to Missouri in 1833, where Hunter, who settled near Plattsburg, ran a hotel. The Hunters and their slaves moved to Andrew County. Dolly Baker, born in Virginia ca. 1785, is identified as the mother of Henry. She died in Savannah in 1889 at the age of 104.

After the Civil War ended, Henry Baker brought his family back to Missouri. His son Clarence was born in Iowa in 1871, and we find the family in Maryville in 1872; thus the move was apparently made between these two dates. Henry's wife, Manerva, mulatto, born in Virginia about 1841, probably had the surname Turner. Her daughter, Harriett (Hattie) Turner married Granville "Jack" Fleenor on Oct. 20, 1872, in Nodaway County. Their divorce divided the black community, with testimony of both Henry and Manerva showing full support of their son-in-law.

Henry Baker was firmly established as a leader in the Maryville black community soon after arriving from Iowa. In 1885, he was described by the Nodaway Democrat as he led the annual emancipation celebration, "...In front of all I observed mounted on a fiery steed a kind of curious compound. Upon his head he wore a plug hat decorated with small flags, red ribbons, etc. A broad red sash over his shoulder and a broad sword hanging by his side, he looked all over the warrior...." For this leadership evolved his honorary title of Colonel. Henry was also identified as an orator and often spoke at the celebration and other events. In 1888, he addressed the Colored Republican Club just prior to the November election.

Possum suppers were a tradition in Nodaway County, especially among black citizens. The following article shows not only the respect given to Henry Baker, but also reveals the menu of the possum suppers. "One evening last week, Col. Henry Baker, colored, invited some 15 to 20 of his personal white friends to participate in a possum supper at his residence in the northwest part of town. All accepted, and all were present. The bill of fare consisted of oyster soup, baked possum, sweet potatoes and the 'corn pone' without which a possum supper would not be complete. The boys all relished the 'savory son of the forest' as prepared by the Colonel's good wife, who is an excellent cook. She has prepared many a possum supper in ante bellum days. At a late hour the guests all departed, all voting it the most enjoyable event of the season. Our jolly constable, Snyder, declared it was the best baked possum he ever tasted." Nov. 25, 1897, Nodaway Democrat.

The occupation of Henry Baker, in 1880, was corn laborer, but by 1900, he was identified as a chimney sweep. His sons, Clarence and Charles, however, were blacksmiths. In 1906, Clarence Baker had a blacksmith shop at 214 N. Buchanan, Maryville. In the 1910 census, he was listed as owner. By then Clarence had married Katherine Campbell, daughter of Helen Campbell. Katherine's brother, William Campbell, is remembered by many Maryville citizens. Clarence Baker advertised in the Republican newspaper in 1910, giving plowwork as his speciality, with horses shod at \$1.50 per horse. Clarence Baker was also a pastor of the Maryville A.M.E. Church. In 1914, the blacksmith shop was at 211 N. Market and co-owned by Clarence Baker and N. W. Wagner. Clarence left the area around 1932, and when wife Katie died in 1937, his whereabouts were unknown. Their daughter, Clara Willie Baker, died as a young woman in 1935. She and her mother, Katie Baker, are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Charles Baker would have been the right age to be the hero of this story: "A little girl of Henry Baker, colored, met with a severe accident Tuesday. She was running around the yard playing and by some accident fell into the well. The well is over 20 feet deep and has several feet of water in it. Her little brother, 10 or 12, saw the accident and with a courage and foresight beyond his years slid down the rope into the well and kept his little sister from drowning until assistance came. The little fellow is certainly a hero. The little girl was not seriously hurt." June 28, 1877, Nodaway Democrat.

This daughter of Henry Baker was surely Alice, born about 1875. Alice married Lincoln Wright and was living with her widowed mother, Manerva, in Maryville in 1910. Charley Baker left Maryville in 1899 for Oklahoma soon after his divorce from Fannie Collier Baker. James Palmer's wife and her two children went with Charley; he also took the parents of Mr. Palmer's wife, Mr. and Mrs. William King, and a number of other members of the King family. They made the journey in a covered wagon. Manerva Baker lived out her final years in Omaha, Neb., and died there in 1917. She and Henry Baker are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in Douglass Section. It seems quite likely that the Baker descendants reside in Oklahoma and possibly in Omaha, Neb. Also at the other end of the Baker history are the unexplored documents and records of Henry and Joseph Hunter, Berksville, Ky.

BARBER. Tratt(Batt) Barber married Virginia Shaw who was mother of Sarah Frances Shaw. Census indicates Batt Barber was born in 1795 in Kentucky. His wife, Virginia Barber, was born ca 1820 in Virginia. See Graves.

BASTON. George Baston was born ca 1862 in MO and was in Nodaway County, 1880.

BELL. Abram Bell, born ca 1820 in Virginia, was living with his daughter, Katie Bell Peters in 1880, Maryville. Sarah Bell born ca 1857 in MO was living with George Ousley family, 1880, Maryville. Rev. A. J. Bell was pastor of A. M. E. church, Maryville, 1928.

BENNETT. Charles and Millie Bennett, husband and wife, were living in Maryville in 1875. Millie Bennett was working at a hotel in Maryville in 1870, born ca 1840, in Missouri.

BEVENS. Beverly Bevens, male, occupation corn laborer, born in Kentucky about 1850, living in the household of Henry Baker, as a boarder, 1880.

BOGGES. Mrs. Mattie Bogges married James Malcome, August 1912, Maryville

BOLDEN. OBITUARY; Letha Bolden age 94, known as Aunt Letha, a resident (of Maryville) until five years ago, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. H. Simpson of Kansas City, Kansas, where she had been making her home. Funeral will be at 2:00 tomorrow at the Baptist church in Kansas City, Kansas, and burial will be there. Aunt Letha is survived by one sister and two nieces. April 4, 1929, Democrat Forum, Maryville. Amanda Bolden married Frank Austin, 4 September 1882, Nodaway County.

Harry(Henry) Bolden has removed from his residence on Snodderly branch two miles north of Maryville. Bolden has been one of the leading and best of our colored citizens for some years and we are sorry to see him remove from our midst. We wish him every success in his new home. August 29, 1878, Republican.

Trustee sale: Henry Bolden and Mary A. Bolden, wife, by deed of trust 1st day of July 1879, recorded in Book 16, p. 337, real estate, Lot 15, 16, 17, in NW quarter of Sec. 8 Twn 64, Range 35, default on note, conveyed to A. P. Murray, Trustee. On 21st day of November 1888, will sell at courthouse door, Nodaway County.

Henry Bolden says he has the finest colored gentleman at his house in the state. He is young yet and weighs only 8 pounds but will soon be large enough to shout for Garfield and Arthur. July 4, 1880, Republican.

Stella Jane, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bolden died Saturday night of cholera infantum. Stella was five months old and the loved one of her parents. The funeral took place Sunday and was largely attended by our colored folks. August 24, 1882, Republican.

Born, girl, January 4, to Henry T. Bolden and Mary A. Bolden. Father born in Andrew County, MO, age 40. Mother, born in Clay County, MO, age 37. by Dr. Hackadorn, 1885.

Harry Bolden lost his youngest child on Sunday from inflammation of the bowels. It was a little girl 13 months old. February 4, 1886, Republican. Rev. H. T. Bolden and wife will celebrate their 15th anniversary called Crystal wedding at their residence the 3rd of September 1887. Come one, come all. Whosoever will come. Mock ceremony by W. Peters. Thursday, September, 1887, Republican.

Wilcox column: Rev. Bolden, colored, preached at this place last Sunday evening. September 29, 1887, Republican. A program was presented by the Macon Colored School at Jobson's Opera House on Wednesday May 11, 1892. Principal Professor Cross has reason to be congratulated on the closing exercises. The opening prayer was by Rev. Bolden. Recitation "Two Babes" by Corintha Bolden; Recitation "Eagles Rock" by Cordelia Bolden; furnished by "one who was there." May 19, 1892, Republican, Maryville. The Rev. H. T. Bolden, the well-known colored minister brought up in Maryville who has been away for some eight years preaching on various charges in Missouri is here this week calling on old friends. He has just been appointed to Roanoke, Howard County, where he will move from Brunswick his late home. October 5, 1899, Republican. Among the graduates last week from Lincoln Institute, the colored school at Jefferson City, was Truman Bolden of Maryville, who received a diploma for the full collegiate course. June 23, 1903, Republican.

Harry Truman Bolden was proud of his ancestry

Country April 2, 1985

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

It has only been recently that black people have felt comfortable enough in their heritage to look back at their slavery years. Bondage was a condition, if not forgotten, at least put behind.

Harry Truman Bolden was an unusual man and an exception to the above. As early as 1905, he was curious enough about his slavery condition to seek out the bill of sale which moved him as property from owner to owner. He shared the following document with the local newspaper, the Republican. Harry, the buyer, and the seller, in 1855, lived on Hackberry Ridge in Andrew County. After the war, Harry came along to Nodaway County with former owner Anderson Cameron.

"Bill of Sale

"I, Francis M. Winter, do by these presents bargain and sell and convey unto Anderson Cameron, for and in consideration of the sum of Six Hundred Dollars in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, a negro slave named Harry about ten years old, and I do hereby warrant said slave sound in body and mind and slave for life. Given under my hand the 18th of October, 1855.

"Francis Winter, Hackberry Ridge"

Born in 1845, Harry was 20 when the war freed him. At that time, the Nodaway County records show his name as Harry, and at other times as Henry. But since his gravestone lists the name of Harry, one can assume that "Henry" was the nickname. A great deal of research would be needed to determine if Harry's ancestors were ever slaves of the Truman family. Harry was born in Andrew County, his father was born in Missouri and, according to census data, his mother was born in Kentucky.

When he first came to Maryville, Harry Bolden worked for Capt. Charles Hyslop. On Aug. 31, 1872, he married Mary A. Jones in Maryville. They were living two miles north of Maryville on Snodderly Branch in 1878. The 1880 census gives his occupation as farmer. Mary A. Jones was born in Clay County.

There is no indication that Harry Bolden had a formal education, but powerful words came easy to him. He was an orator long before he was a minister. In 1874, he was the speaker of the day for the local Emancipation Day celebration. He often addressed

audiences at political events of the black Republican Club. Just when Harry was "called" to become a minister is not clear. The records do show, however, that he was active in the Maryville African Methodist Episcopal Church early in its formation. He was a charter member when the incorporation papers were signed in 1880 and a lot purchased for a building. The church group had been meeting in homes since 1872.

The Rev. B.H. Langdon was pastor of AME when the site was purchased and the building put in place. Yet, by 1887, the newspapers had begun to identify Harry as a minister. In September 1887, he preached at Wilcox for the evening service. Also in September of that year, members of the black community of Maryville gave a crystal wedding party for the Rev. Bolden and his wife. A mock wedding ceremony was conducted by Winslow Peters.

The Republican, Oct. 9, 1890, carried one of the Rev. Bolden's sermons, titled "Pharoah Paid the Bill." (The foundation of the subject is found in Hebrews 11:24.)

"By faith Moses, when he came to

the years of maturity refused to be called the son of Pharoah's daughter and would rather suffer persecution with the servants of God than to enjoy the riches of Egypt. The beginning of his public life was when he was found in an ark or willow basket floating on the water, and unbeknown to King Pharoah, he was raised and cared for by his own mother. And Pharoah paid the bill.

"Unbeknown to Pharoah and his daughter he was born for that purpose. He led them out at someone's expense. And Pharoah paid the bill.

"Moses told Pharoah that God had said he must let the children of Israel go which he agreed to do, but afterwards followed them with the attempt to bring them back. Somebody must suffer for the purpose. And so Pharoah paid the bill.

"A terrible plague of insects was sent upon Pharoah and his host for which he agreed to let them go, but afterwards followed them again at someone's expense. And Pharoah paid the bill.

"The children of Israel again started out but King Pharoah followed them as before. Someone must be troubled with the plague of the locusts. And so Pharoah paid the bill.

"Next, God sent a destroying angel which robbed the Egyptian families of their eldest daughters, after which King Pharoah told Moses to take the children of Israel. He again pursued them on his last journey. At Moses' surprise he found them on his track as he was nearing the Red Sea. At this juncture, someone must have drowned. And so Pharoah paid the bill.

"Now, my dear brethern, we will conclude by saying that we are all sent out on a mission as Moses was, to lead this wide world of wicked sinners out of iniquitous bondage across this dark wilderness to the red sea of conviction where all may receive deliverance and we will be accountable to God for our leadership as much as Moses was, according to our ability, and if we neglect our duty, we like Pharoah will have to pay the bill."

The Rev. Bolden (and his family) left Maryville in 1891, and "preached at various charges in Missouri." In 1892, he was at Macon; he left Brunswick in 1899, and moved to Roanoke in Howard County. In 1903, he was minister at Stevens Store, 12 miles east of Columbia.

In 1905, the Rev. Harry T. Bolden returned to Maryville and the AME Church. The 1906 Maryville City Directory lists the family as living in the rear of the church at 128 S. Vine. In the household (in addition to the Rev. Bolden) were wife Mary; son Harry, a student; and Cordelia Bolden, a teacher. Daughter Corintha was not in the household. Two other children, Stella and another daughter, died when infants. All the children were gone from home by census date 1910. In 1914, the Rev. Harry and his wife lived in Maryville at 515 W. Eighth. Son Harry Truman Bolden was educated at Lincoln Institute and by 1904 had earned one diploma. Since Cordelia was a teacher, she probably attended Lincoln also.

Harry T. Bolden's obituary read, "He was quite a leader among his own people and did a great deal to help their education and better their condition." Even though the Rev. Bolden and Mary were living in Maryville in 1914, he died Feb. 27, 1915, in Boydton, Va. His body was brought back to Maryville for burial. His stone in Oak Hill Cemetery shows

a masonic emblem, but he died before the local black lodge, Cyrene No. 58, was chartered. Mary A. Jones Bolden died in 1918.

The Rev. Bolden's story is important. He was willing to seek out his roots at a time when black genealogy was unheard of. Also, his sermon gives us a look at early black oratory. Through Harry's sermon,

one can see how the black ministers "played" to the congregation for response, and we can imagine the shouting response after each repetition of "And Pharoah paid the bill."

Readers should be aware also that slavery states and slave owners were thought of by the slaves as Egypt and Pharoah.

Rev. H. T. Bolden who is now pastor of the A. M. E. church at Stevens Store 12 miles east of Columbia, Mo. was in town the past week shaking hands with old friends. Rev. Bolden used to be the pastor of the A. M. E. church in Maryville 12 years ago. He preached at the African Methodist church here Tuesday night and left on the 9:17 Wabash train for his home. August 20, 1903, Republican. Rev. H. T. Bolden who was raised in Nodaway County but has been away from here for the past 14 years has now returned to Maryville and has charge of the African M. E. church. November 9, 1905, Republican. Rev. H. T. Bolden, pastor of the A. M. E. church in Maryville has been returned to Maryville for another year. Rev. J. R. Carter, former pastor, goes to Cameron where he was sent last year from Maryville. October 11, 1906, Republican. Rev. Bolden has put on exhibit in Kuch Building, the Sea Fan which was found in his yard following a rainstorm during the winter. There is much mystery about it since such a thing is never found in this part of the country. Rev. Bolden thinks it is a miracle. An admission charge of 10¢ is being charged to see this strange find. May 20, 1909, Republican.

Rev. H. T. Bolden and son Harry started for Macon City last night where they intend to make their home for a while. The rest of the family will follow in a few days. Mr. Bolden has been a citizen of Nodaway County for 25 years or more and during that time has made many warm friends in Northwest Missouri. We wish him success and prosperity. October 29, 1891, Republican.

OBITUARY: The body of Rev. Harry T. Bolden, colored, who died February 27, at Boydton, Virginia, arrived in Maryville this morning. Funeral will be at 2:30 Sunday, A. M. E. church. The deceased was nearly 69, was born in slavery and after the war come to Maryville. He was one of the first colored people to settle in the town and during his residence was preacher at the Methodist church and later preached at churches in surrounding counties. When he first came to Maryville, he was in the employment of Capt. Charles Hyslop and remained there for some years. March 11, 1915, Democrat Forum.



BOONE. Ernest O. Boone, Jr. and his wife, Mildred Williams Boone were teachers in Douglass school, Maryville. Much of their story is told in the Kansas City Sun; both were correspondents for this newspaper during the period 1914 to 1924. Also they played a key role in establishing the new Douglass school in 1919. See Sun, Douglass, and military for more about these influential educators.

Described by Maryville residents as talented, beautiful, well-educated, and a superlative teacher, Mildred Williams Boone taught at Douglass school in the city from 1918 until 1931. Douglass was the only school in Nodaway county for black children.

Mildred F. Williams, born June 1886, was daughter of James G. and Alice Williams of Columbia, Missouri. Her parents were born just before Missouri cast off its slavery status. J. G. Williams' occupation was listed as barber in the 1910 Boone County census.

Mildred was educated at Lincoln Institute. She married Ernest Oscar Boone, Jr. whose home was in Louisanna, Missouri. Boone's father, Ernest O. Boone died August 20, 1918. Children named in the family were, B. R. Boone, Ernest O. Boone, Jr., Anna Powers (wife of Alfred) and Cordelia Boone. Wife of E. O. Boone Sr. was Annie. Grandchildren: Ernest O. Boone, III, and Edna Powers. Ernest O. Boone Jr. attended Lincoln Institute as well as the University of Chicago. Son, Ernest O. Boone, III, was born around 1914.

The family came to Maryville in 1914, when Professor Boone was hired to teach at the small one-room brick school in east Maryville. Pupils numbered 25 to 30. The couple quickly became involved in the social and church activities. Baby Boone, the pet of the black community, went with his parents everywhere. In these early years, James Palmer, of Maryville, named one of his blooded race horses for his good friend, Mildred Boone. He raced this bay filly over various states and even in Canada and Cuba. Readers will see how appropriate his name choice was: Mildred Boone was a winner.

Ernest Boone enlisted in officer training at Camp Pike, Arkansas, during World War I and the Maryville school board hired Mildred Boone to teach in his place. During the war, Mildred Boone developed, as did many women, her leadership role and skills. Baby Boone went to his grandparents home in Columbia. Not only did Mildred take over the teaching duties, she wrote a weekly column for the Kansas City Sun, edited by family friend, Nelson Crews. Early in the duration, she organized the Lincoln Auxiliary of the American Red Cross in Maryville. The group was very active and contributed substantially to Red Cross efforts. Mildred also qualified to instruct in other cities in Missouri.

The couple taught together as a team at Douglass after Ernest Boone returned from service. She handled the domestic sciences classes; Mildred also organized Booker Art Club and dealt with child welfare in the black community. Mrs. Boone was concerned too with the health of the children, implementing a point system to encourage good health habits.

In 1919, there was a fire in Douglass and the couple set about to enlist school patrons to meet with the school board to build a new building. The brick building was in bad repair and was too small for the needs of the children. A new building was put on the same site. The cornerstone laying for Douglass was a big event, attracting many black officials from all over Missouri. But the expenses were great. Mr. & Mrs. Boone and other patrons of the school cooked chicken suppers and had ice cream socials to pay the cost. When the children moved into the new building in January, 1920, one of the first affairs was a dinner of appreciation for the school board, prepared by the domestic science class under the supervision of Mrs. Boone.

E. O. Boone, August 1920, was offered the position of principal of Bartlett High School, St. Joseph. Again, Mildred took over Douglass and taught all of the grades. Son, Ernest, stayed with her parents during the winter months. Mildred and her husband were together on weekends and holidays.

The little school prospered. A comment in the newspaper was that Mrs. Boone "trained the students in the rudiments so to create in them a fixed aim in life." The parents showered her each year with small gifts of appreciation at the end-of-the-year exercises. Mildred was active in the Order of the Eastern Star and the local A. M. E. church, on top of her school duties. Although the district provided janitors for the white schools in Maryville, Mildred was paid \$10 extra each year to build fires and clean

the building.

Events caused Mildred Boone to leave Douglass school, Maryville. The Board of Education offered contracts to single teachers only for the fall of 1931. The district (as the nation) was in the grip of a depression. The Board later relented and offered Mrs. Boone a contract but drastically reduced her pay. In addition, after January 1931, the Board was not certain the white residents would permit Douglass to open in the fall, so bitter were the feelings against the black population of Maryville. A consideration too would have been the separation from Professor Boone, who was in Kansas City at that time.

So Mildred Boone resigned. Black families with young children hurriedly left the area. Douglass school died quickly in the exodus. Its final and closing exercise was for the year, 1933-34, and Mildred Boone came back to pass out the last diplomas awarded to a Douglass class.

But great teachers live on in the accomplishments and ideas of those they taught. Generations will benefit from the positive influence of Ernest O. and Mildred Boone. Too, reflected in these lines of black history is one woman's courage and power to surpass. It is important that Mildred, leader-winner, be acknowledged and remembered. xxxxxx

This may or may not be Ernest O. Boone, Jr.: Reported that a Professor E. O. Bourne, won a discrimination suit against Pickwick/Greyhound, January, 1938. Missouri's Black Heritage, Greene, Kremer, Holland, 1980 Photo from Kansas City Sun: Ernest O. Boone, Jr. Worshipful master of Cyrene Lodge #58, Maryville, Mo. and son of Ernest O. Boone, Past Senior Grand Warden, home Louisanna, Mo., who is destined to follow in his father's footsteps in the ranks of Masonry.

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BOYD. Frank Boyd moved to Maryville from Des Moines, 1918. See Smith and Masonic Lodge.

BRAILEY. James Brailey was living in Maryville in 1926. See Holmes.

BRANT. Henry Brant, born ca 1848, was living in the Simon Wills home, 1870.

BROWN. Rev. D. A. Brown was pastor of A.M.E. church. Also see Palmer.

BRYANT. Rev. L. P. Bryant and wife and son Earl were in Maryville. Rev. Bryant was pastor of the A. M. E. church.

BURTON. Rev. A. J. Burton was pastor of the A. M. E. church, 1879.

CALIMESE. Following is the only located mention of this surname: Box 185, #6, Probate Court Nodaway County. Abstracted ...Charles Calimese, colored, died at Burlington Junction, October 4, 1920. Property disposed of (sale) \$600.00 value. Family heirs: Oliver Calimese, brother of Carrollton, Mo., Henry Calimese, brother, Detroit, Michigan; Harry Calimese, brother, of Carrollton, Mo.; Rosetta Crockett, sister, Carrollton, Mo.; Martha Moore, sister, Carrollton, Mo.; Rhoda Helm, sister, deceased, Carrollton, Mo., nieces and nephews named; Bell Clark, sister, deceased, her son, Fred Calimese of Carrollton named. Charles Calimese had property of horses, chickens, oats, potatoes, etc....

CALLAWAY. Rev. C. C. Callaway, pastor of the Zion Baptist church in Maryville, 1901, came to Maryville from Clarinda, Iowa.

CAMPBELL. Helen Campbell was in Maryville and is shown as mother of William Campbell, Sam Campbell, Lilly Williams (Kansas), Katie Campbell Baker. According to census, Helen had 6 children alive in 1910. Helen was born in Missouri about 1852. (Also see Baker and Kansas City Sun)

OBITUARY: Sam Campbell died at the city hospital in St. Louis following an illness of several months. Funeral services will be at 2:30 tomorrow at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. E. Thomas. Surviving are one brother William Campbell of Maryville, two sisters, Mrs. C. C. Baker, Maryville, and Mrs. Lily Williams of Bonner Springs, Kansas. February 20, 1929, Tribune.

Robert Campbell was in Maryville in 1880, working in the Ginerold household. He was born about 1862 in Missouri, his mother born in Kentucky. In August, 1880, R. A. Campbell was secretary of the Emancipation Day celebration in Maryville. He married Rebecca Malcome in 1881. The marriage is described below. Gifts are from both white and black citizens:

Robert Campbell and Miss Rebecca Malcolm, United for Life. For some time the colored citizens of our city have been looking forward to a great social event in their circle, being no less the marriage of Mr. Robert Campbell and Miss Rebecca Malcolm of this city. The long looked for event came off last Thursday evening and was an occasion that will long be remembered by our colored citizens. The supper was grand and bountiful. The bride was recipient of the following presents;

Miss Martha Wills, sugar bowl, cream pitcher, spoon holder, and butter dish

Mrs. R. C. Montgomery, fruit dish

Margaret Wills, half dozen napkins

Eliza Hooker, ear rings and pin

Miss Francis Wills and Miss Amanda Bolden, pair of vases

Mrs. Lyman Young, half dozen sauce dishes

Mrs. I. N. Albin, tidy

Mr. & Mrs. Grizwold, lamp, wash bowl, pitcher

Miss Mary Mitchell, set of sauce dishes

Maggie Holmes, butter dish

W. Peters, glass pitcher

Mrs. Malcolm, pair of towels

Mrs. Foresides, glass fruit stand

Mr. H. Keen- of Creston, silver napkin rings

Mr. S. Morton of Creston, half dozen napkins

Mrs. Grizwold, glass pitcher and set of dishes

December 15, 1881, Republican

CARRIGER. Free blacks with the surname Carriger are found in the census of Andrew County, MO. Carrigers intermarried with the families of Nodaway County. Nancy Fields wife of John Fields was a Carriger. A John Carriger of St. Joseph is identified as her brother. Other Carriger data follow:

William Carriger, born ca 1845 in MO, laborer, boarding in the household of Henry Malcome, 1880, Maryville. Maryetta Carriger once lived in Maryville; see Sun. Lena Carriger married Harley Page, June, 1910.

OBITUARY; Lawrence Augustus Carriger died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Mayme Gunn, last evening. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Luella Gunn and a brother, F. D. Carriger, here, and Mrs. Mamie Misner and Emory Carriger of St. Joseph. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2:30 at Savannah. March 30, 1916, Democrat Forum, Maryville.

OBITUARY; Doyle(Dorrell) Carriger, died at one o'clock at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anderson on South Market Street. Carriger's wife who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wilson, died about two years ago. The body will be taken to Stanberry for burial; funeral services will probably be held Saturday. March 6, 1919, Democrat Forum, Maryville

CARTER. Rev. John R. Carter and wife, Mattie, were in Maryville more than once with the A. M. E. church; here in 1910 and located in the 1910 census. Lewis Carter, age 12 in 1870, was living with Simon Wills. Mrs. Ruth Carter lived here after 1910 and about all that is known of her is located in the Kansas City Sun data. Her son, Theodore, attended Douglass school in 1916 and residents indicate he served in the Navy in World War II.

CHAMP. William Champ, born ca 1848 in Virginia, brickmason, boarder in Henry Malcome's household, Maryville, 1880.

CLARK. Nancy Clark, born ca 1845, Missouri maid in hotel, Maryville, 1870.

COLLIER. Fannie Collier married Charles Baker, Maryville, December 1886.

COOKE. J. C. Cooke and wife, Ethel, were living in Maryville in 1917. See Kansas City Sun for information of their brief stay in the city.

CRAMER. John Henry Cramer married Angeline Jones in Maryville, March 5, 1871. They had one child, Abraham B. Cramer, born 22 February 1873; he died 22 May 1907. This family moved to Russell County, Ks, April 1874. Upon retirement from their homestead, they moved to Bunker Hill, Russell County, Ks where they both died. Angeline Jones was born 2 December 1844 in Buchanan County, Mo. She died 23 February 1915. John Henry Cramer was born in November 1847 in Stark County Ohio and died 20 August 1918. All of the above family are buried in Bunker Hill cemetery.

The head(ancestor) of the Cramer family was Abraham, born in Pennsylvania, ca 1805-06, and died 8th April 1879 in Russell County, Kansas. His wife was Mary Foster Cramer who may have died in Wisconsin. Jennie Cramer was in the 1870 census of Nodaway County, age 25, born in Wisconsin.

Hannah Cramer Williams married Robert W. Foster and they were also in Bunker Hill, Kansas. She is buried there, death 1895. No indication that they were in Nodaway County, but it is likely. Hannah had a daughter (and other children) Lydia E. Williams, who married 1, Brisco, 2, Jones. No children were born to Robert and Hannah Foster.

Furnished by: Rose Ellen Foster Dempsey of Montana, 1984.

COPE. Richard Cople, born 1883, working for Wash Hoshier, white farmer in 1900, Nodaway County.

CRITCHFIELD. Rev. Jesse Critchfield, pastor of Zion Baptist, 1919.

CUMIN. Henry Cumin, born ca 1846 in Missouri, living in Simon Wills household in 1870, Maryville.

DALE. Richard Dale worked at the Arlington hotel in Maryville when the accidents described below occurred. The surname is also in Clarinda, Ia.

Richard Dale the colored porter at the Arlington Hotel was cleaning a self-cocking revolver last night when he accidently dropped it...the revolver fired and struck him in the left leg just below the kneecap. He thought the gun was not loaded. Dr. Koch removed the ball... the injury was not serious. February 11, 1892, Nodaway Democrat. Richard Dale's brother from Gallatin came to Maryville for a visit. July 21, 1892, Nodaway Democrat.

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A SERIOUS QUARREL: Richard Dale struck with a buggy wheel spoke. Parcher, who struck the blow, in the hands of the sheriff; Dale at death's door. During the quarrel, Parcher struck Dale on the back of the neck and Dale was made unconscious by the blow. His muscles and nerves would twitch and jerk in such a manner that at times it would take five men to hold him on the bed. The unfortunate affair has called forth expressions of regret on every hand. Monday: Richard Dale, who was struck on the head with a buggy spoke Saturday morning regained consciousness late in the afternoon and at noon today is able to sit up in bed. His wound is not as serious as at first thought. Parcher will appear in court next week. July 28, 1892, Nodaway Democrat.

DANIEL. Rev. W. M. Daniel pastor of the A. M. E. church in Maryville, 1940. Wife, Bessie.

DAVIS. Anna Davis, born ca 1855 in Missouri, in the household of Julius Graves, 1870, Nodaway County. Henry Davis, born in Georgia, 1878, laborer, in Maryville, 1910, a widower. Georgia Davis, born ca 1885 in Missouri, working in the household of A. Dusenberry, Maryville, 1910. Mary Davis, Queen of the Emancipation Day celebration, August 1874. Anna Marie Davis married Arza Alexander Graves, April 13, 1944.

DOOLEY. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Dooley were in Maryville in 1914. Moved to Minnesota.

DONAHUE. Costella, Phoebe, and Lula Donahue were attending Douglass in 1917-24, Maryville. Parent or guardian: Ida Donahue/Franklin.

ELDERS. Thomas Elders, son of James Elders of Gallatin, lived in Maryville with wife, Julie. He has sisters Mamie Waldron of Kansas City and Ollie Gibbs of Kansas City. Wife Julie somehow connected to John Gooden and Mary Johnson Gooden family of Maryville. See Gooden and City Directories.

ELLINGTON. Henry Ellington, born ca 1870 in Kentucky, boarder in the George Palmer household, 1910, widower.

ENDICOTT. Joseph A. Endicott, teacher at Douglass, 1906, living at 807 East Jenkins.

FIELDS. John and Nancy Carriger Fields lived in Maryville, most likely coming from Andrew County, Missouri. Although local residents indicate that John Fields had been a slave and his death records also show this to be rather certain, Nodaway records do not reveal his slave owners. These records may be in Andrew County or in the Louisville, Kentucky area where he was born ca 1848. John Fields lived to be a very old man and his last years were spent with his daughter, Frances, in Kansas City. Frances, well-educated, was a school teacher in Kansas City. Maryville residents have said that she was a principal and this at a time when females were not often in this leadership position.

Maryville in 1870-80 was undergoing a building boom. In 1880, in the Henry Malcome household, several men, brickmasons and laborers, were boarding including John Fields and William Carriger (Cagger?). John and Nancy would have been married by this time thus it seems likely that she remained behind with family in the Savannah area. By 1900, the John Fields family was residing in Maryville, the 1906 City Directory showing the residence as 1005 East 3rd.

Death Certificate: John Walker Fields, died in Kansas City, 2808 Highland, on June 7th, 1942. Born July 29, 1848 in Louisville, Kentucky. Wife, Nancy Fields. Father's name: London Fields. Mother's name: Letha who was born in Kentucky. Had lived in Kansas City for 12 years. Burial in Maryville, Missouri. Informant: Frances Fields, 2808 Highland.

Funeral service for Mrs. John Fields, colored, who died Sunday morning at her home on East Third, will be held tomorrow afternoon at A. M. E. church; service by Rev. L. T. Bryant. Mrs. Fields has been a resident for a great many years and is survived by four children, two boys and two girls. July 13, 1920, Tribune.

E. E. McJimsey's pet deer which a few weeks ago caused a good deal of excitement in West Maryville by attacking the little daughter of Prof. Davis got loose again and before he was again in his pen, badly bruised Mrs. Fields, a colored woman. Mrs. Howell (neighbor of McJimsey) and Mrs. Fields who was doing some work for her tried to pet the deer. The animal

reared and threatened Mrs. Howell. Mrs. Fields came to Mrs. Howell's rescue and the deer turned and knocked her down. Mrs. Fields was not seriously hurt but was badly scared. September 14, 1899, Tribune

The pet deer of McJimsey is to be made into venison...the deer was digging an old colored woman with its horns when help came....sold to Ed Forsythe, butcher, who will sell it as venison on Thanksgiving. November 22, 1899 Tribune.

NEGRO WOMAN TO SEE DAUGHTER HONORED. Mrs. Nannie Fields went to St. Joseph Friday to see her youngest daughter, Dora, graduate Saturday night. Mrs. Fields also has a daughter, Frances, who graduates next Tuesday in Jefferson City at Lincoln Institute, where she has attended college two years. Dora Fields has been a student in the St. Joseph school for the past two years. Accompanying Mrs. Fields to St. Joseph were her friends Mrs. Jack Fleenor and daughter Allie. June 5, 1908, Tribune.

OBITUARY: Vernon Fields, aged 22, died at 9:00 yesterday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fields after an illness. Funeral will be at the A. M. E. church conducted by Rev. J. R. Carter, Keytesville, Missouri. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery. Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fields, grandmother, Mrs. Mary Smith, four brothers, Theodore, Robert, Victor, and Howard of Maryville and one sister, Mrs. Ivy Carriger of Maryville. March 4, 1929, Tribune.

Quit Claim Deed, 19 November 1932, between Victor F. Fields, single, Robert Fields, single, F. Theodore Fields, single, T. Howard Fields and Georgia Mae Fields, husband and wife; Iva I. Fields Carriger and Harold Carriger, wife and husband of Chicago; of the first part and Ida Grant Fields, widow, of the second part, for the value of \$1 release and forever quit claim unto parties of second part and to her heirs....Lot 7 Block 4 in Charles, First Addition to the City of Maryville. Book 221, page 73, Nodaway County. (Children of Fred and Ida Fields)

FLANORA. Rev. A. L. Flanora, pastor of Zion Baptist church, 1907, Maryville.

FINLEY. Mamie Finley married Gilbert Gunn, October, 1899.

FLEENOR. Death certificate: Grandville Jackson Fleenor, date of death, March 1, 1933, born December 25, 1855, male, married, age 77, 2 mo., 6 days. Plasterer, birthplace, Lebanon, Tennessee. Parents information, unknown, burial in Oak Hill, Maryville, March 3, 1933. Informant, Fannie Fleenor, Maryville, Mo.

City council minutes the town is divided into two districts for lamp-lighting, making Main Street and all west of it one division and all east the other. Pat Feely lights for the west and Jack Fleenor for the east. May 8, 1890, Nodaway Democrat.

At 9:30 Sunday night, September 11, 1904, the Maryville Fire Department responded to a blaze in the residence of Jack Fleenor on East Third Street about two blocks west of Burlington Station. The hose wagon made the run with all possible speed but the building, an inflammable wood structure as dry as tinder, was practically destroyed by the time the firemen reached the scene. A. H. Briggs, one of the firemen, fell from the wagon near the Democrat office and fractured his collarbone. September 15, 1904, Republican. Jack Fleenor, a colored man, was seriously injured Saturday morning when struck on the head by a pin from a derrick that is being used to tear down the building that now stands on the property where the new postoffice building will stand. He was taken to his home on East Third street in an automobile and the Doctor stated he is suffering from a fractured skull. September 2, 1911, Democrat Forum.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Katie Fleenor died at her home on East Third at 6:00 yesterday of complications of disease. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 tomorrow from Maryville Furniture's funeral parlor. Burial to be in Oak Hill cemetery. She was 60 years old. She is survived by her husband, Uncle Jack Fleenor. November 9, 1916, Democrat Forum. OBITUARY: Funeral services will be held at the A. M. E. church for Mrs. Fannie Fleenor, who died at 11:00 yesterday morning at her home, 1123 East Third, following a prolonged illness. Rev. J. R. Carter of Brunswick, Mo. will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Hill. Mrs. Fleenor was 78 years old. She is survived by a step daughter, Miss Allie Fleenor, of Omaha. March 19, 1941, Daily Forum, Maryville.

FOBS. Miss Beatrice Fobs living at 514 N. Mulberry, Maryville, 1914.

GAINES. (or Gardner) Eli Gaines born in S. C. ca 1860, boarder in Eliza Hooker's home, 1880.

GLCVER. Albert Glover married Gertrude Palmer, daughter of George Y. and Anice Palmer, August 1896. See Palmer.

GOODEN John Gooden and Mary A. Johnson Gooden were residents of Maryville for many years. Their roots are described in the following records. John's father, Dan, was one of the first blacks to testify in court after the war ended in the area.

DEED: February 7, 1859, Know all men by these presence that I, James Goodwin of County of Nodaway and State of Missouri for consideration of sum of \$300 will transfer and deliver unto said John M. Brand a negro man for life called and known by the name of Dan, age 21, of a dark complexion, 5 feet 6 inches or thereabout, has one eye out, the left one, together with all my rights, title...in said negro man slave...that said negro man is a slave for life and that he is perfectly sound both in body and mind. Book 6, page 54, Recorder, Nodaway County.

From "Gone Home, Directory of the Deceased," Holt County, Derr, 1981: Dan Gooden, colored resident of Forest City, Missouri, died at his home October 25, 1910, aged 74 years. Dan Gooden was born in Spencer County, Kentucky and came to Holt County, Missouri in 1857. He was owned by Abe Gooden and lived about four miles north of Oregon, Missouri until freed. The last 18 months of his bondage he belonged to John Brand but was allowed to continue to live with Mr. Gooden. Dan testified in the courts of Holt County in 1865, the first free negro to have this distinction.

Amanda, colored, resident of Forest City, Missouri and a slave in her youth died July 26, 1929, age 90 years 8 months, 15 days, at the home of her son, John Gooden, in Maryville, Missouri.

William "Guinea" Gooden, colored, died at his home in Forest City, October 10, 1890. James Gooden, died October 15, 1945, son of Dan. and Amanda Gooden. Annabel Williams, colored, born in Arkansas, March 25, 1885, died February 17, 1960, wife of James Gooden. xxx

Dan Goodin, colored, was before Esq. Kaucher as witness in "the case of John Richardson and Joe Carter. Dan with George Ousley in 1865 were subpoenaed as witnesses by the same man, then Sheriff Kaucher, for the between Joel Baldwin and another citizen about a case of hogs. The two men appeared at the proper time and testified in the case and were the first freedmen to appear before court as witnesses in this part of the state. They told their stories correctly and successfully and carried all efforts of the attorneys to confuse them. Dan was born in Spencer County, Kentucky, 65 years ago last April and came here in 1857. He was owned by Abe Goodin and lived about four miles north of this place until freed. George Ousley has been dead a number of years. Oregon Sentinel as reported by Republican, Maryville, December 12, 1901.

OBITUARY: John Lincoln Gooden, colored, whose age is reported to be 78, died at 2:30 Saturday afternoon at his home at 616 E. Second Street. Funeral services will be at 4:00 Tuesday afternoon at the A. M. E. church with Rev. W. E. Broaden of St. Joseph in charge. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. Gooden, a janitor, who had lived in this city for 60 years, was born in Holt County, Missouri. He suffered a stroke in September and since has been bedfast. For the last month, he had been living with his step-daughter Mrs. Nettie Redmond. Prior to that he was at the home of his step-son, R. E. Johnson. Gooden was eldest of 14 children. He married Mrs. Mary Alice Johnson 52 years ago. He is survived by three step children, Mrs. Redmond, and R. E. Johnson of Maryville and F. B. Smart of Omaha. He joined the A. M. E. church more than 50 years ago. March 18, 1946, Daily Forum, Maryville.

Death certificate: John L. Gooden, 616 East 2nd Street, Maryville, Mo. age 78 years, widowed, wife Mary Gooden, birth date unknown. Born in Holt County, Missouri, died March 16, 1946, janitor, father James? Gooden, other information unknown. Informant, Roland Johnson. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery, Maryville.

Deed: John and Mary A. Gooden, 1st part and Nettie L. Redmond of 2nd part for \$1 by 2nd part, Lot 2, Block 63, Stephenson addition to City of Maryville, 1933.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Mary Gooden, colored, wife of J. L. Gooden, died at 4:45 this morning at the family home on 616 E. Second Street. She had been in failing health for the last two years. Her death was due to heart trouble. No funeral arrangements have been made pending word from relatives in Georgia. Mrs. Gooden was born in Oxford, Georgia, May 10, 1866 ?? Her parents died when she was in her infancy and she was reared by Sylvia Lattimore, who came here about 60 years ago. She was married to Mr. Gooden May 15, 1884. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Nettie Redmond of the home, two sons, Frank Smart and Roland Johnson, Maryville; two step daughters, Mrs. B. T. Elders, Maryville and Mrs. Ethel Hawkins, Junction City, Kansas, one grand daughter, Nettie Lou Johnson, a nephew in Atlanta, Georgia and a niece in Monroe, Georgia. Mrs. Gooden was a member of the Bethel A. M. E. church. September 13, 1933, Daily Forum

Last Monday a colored boy by the name of Bob Johnson caught his leg in one of the wheels of the express wagon just as it was leaving for Kansas City and had his limb broken in two places. The wagon was loaded with trunks and the boy in some way ran his foot through the spring; it was almost torn from his body before the wagon stopped. The limb was amputated by Dr. Nash and Dr. Martin. The boy is stepson of John Gooden and is 16 years old and has (in past) been employed at the Review office to run errands. July 16, 1896, Nodaway Democrat. Robert Johnson a little colored boy had his leg broken by getting it in the wheel of an express train and died of the injury on the 17th. January 7, 1897, Republican.

John T. Redmond of St. Joseph and Nettie L. Bush of Maryville were married at Savannah, October 11, 1905, by Judge Chapman. October 19, 1905, Republican

OBITUARY: John T. Redmond of Omaha, son-in-law to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gooden, 616 E. Second Street, died last night at midnight at the Gooden home following an illness of more than two years. The body will lie in state at the Gooden home tomorrow from 10:00 to 12:00 o'clock and funeral services will be held at 2:30 at the A. M. E. church on South Vine Street. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. February 17, 1922, Tribune.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Nettie L. Redmond, 616 E. 2nd Street, died at 8:20 this morning at the St. Francis Hospital where she was taken after a fall which she suffered a broken leg. Mrs. Redmond was born May 5, 1878, in Maryville daughter of Mack Smart and Mary Smart, and she has lived in this city most of her life. Her husband, John Truman Redmond, preceded her in death 25 years. Survivors are one brother, Frank Smart, of Omaha, and one niece, Nettie Lou Johnson Aldridge of Liberty, Missouri. Funeral services will be at 2:00 Saturday, at the Bethel A. M. E. church, 128 S. Vine. Rev. S. C. Drake will conduct the services; burial in Oak Hill cemetery. April 16, 1953, Daily Forum, Maryville.

INVENTORY, Probate Court, Term 1954, Nettie Redmond, Eldon Asbell, Adm., Nodaway County. Lot 2, Block 62, Stephenson's addition to Maryville, 616 E. Second Street. 12 May 1953. Abstracted...heirs, Frank Smart, brother, Omaha, Nebraska; Rollie Aldridge, nephew, Liberty, Mo., William R. Mitchell, no relation, Nodaway County, Mo. Will written 19 February 1953. Nettie Redmond died 16 April 1953. Brother Frank Smart given \$1; Nephew, Rollie Aldridge, Liberty, Mo. given \$1. William R. Mitchell of Maryville given all of rest of property.

OBITUARY: Thomas Elders, Haines Custodian dies. Boyd Thomas Elders, 64 years old, 520 West 5th Street, custodian at the Haines store for twenty-three years, died at 7:45 o'clock this morning at the Frank Smart home, 523 West 5th Street, following an illness of one and one half years. He was born October 26, 1880 at Gallatin, the son of James Elders and the late Mrs. Elders. He was married March 14, 1922. Mr. Elders came to Maryville from Gallatin in 1922. He was a member of the A. M. E. church. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Julie Elders, two sisters, Mrs. Ollie Gibbs and Mrs. Mamie Waldon, Kansas City, and his father James Elders, Gallatin. Funeral arrangements have not been completed. October 8, 1945, Forum, Maryv. (Also see Smart and Kansas City Sun for more about this family)

GOODWIN. Laura Goodwin born ca 1889, working in the household of Albert Shepherd, Maryville, 1910. Mary Goodwin married one of the Mack Smarts, September 1894, Maryville.

GRAVES. The graves slaves were brought into Nodaway County about 1850 and their documents follow. Sarah F. Shaw Graves in her slave narrative tells much about life in Nodaway County in the early years.

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After slavery: A history of the Graves family

After the Civil War, former slaves were permitted to marry. It is soon after the "War Between the States" when this story of Julius and Sarah Graves begins. The black Nodaway County family lived in the Graham area. At right is a sketch of the slave house at the Graves plantation, which was torn down in 1956. An Orvil Graves was issued patents by the State of Missouri for land in 1852 and 1854. The sketch was made from a photograph in the booklet "On Banks of the Elkhorn."



By Martha Cooper

Many readers have told me they enjoy the articles on the black families of Nodaway County, so here is another about a slave with the surname Graves.

Julius and Sarah Nichols Graves, Ex-slaves

The records first show Julius Graves and Sarah Nichols marrying in Nodaway County soon after the Civil War. They were married on 27 August 1865, recorded by John Terhune, Clerk. A comment is added to the marriage record, "The said Julius and Sarah say they have one son named Joseph, age 20 years and the said Julius Graves says he has one son named Daniel, age 27 years and one daughter named Ellen, aged 25 years by a former woman now deceased who he says was his wife."

After the Civil War, the former slaves were not only permitted to marry, but were legally obligated to do so. The "mix" of children in the household of Julius and Sarah was typical. Any previous non-civil "marriage" was not legally binding, so the emancipated blacks could choose mates—perhaps the choice may have been from several liaisons from the movements owner to owner.

In the 1870 Federal Census, Nodaway County, Hughes Township, enumerated 6 July 1870 by Henry Miller, we find Julius and Sarah Graves thus:

No. 229-238 Graves, Julius, age 60, male, black, farmer, real property \$600, personal property \$3,000, born in Kentucky

Sallie (Sarah), age 54, female, black, keeping house, b. in Kentucky

Joseph, age 25, male, black, at home, born in Kentucky

Also in the household: Davis, Anna, age 15, female, black, domestic servant, born in MO.

Relation of Anna is not determined—she is not mentioned as an heir in Julius' will, so assume she is a young friend of the family.

Here, it seems appropriate to insert some information concerning the Graves family members who were slave holders in the Graham area. Uriah Graves owned several slaves according to an article in an old Nodaway Democrat. The obituary of Joseph H. Graves (son of Julius and Sarah) indicates that his parents "belonged" to the Graves family and it was with a daughter of the family, Mrs. James Nichols, that Joseph, as a child slave, came from Washington County, Kentucky, to Nodaway County in 1852. Joseph's wife, Sarah F. Shaw (also born in Washington County, Ky.), in her slave narrative (WPA, 1938) said that her mother, Virginia Shaw, was allotted (or rented) to a man named Jimmie Graves who came to Missouri with his daughter Emily Graves Crowdes.

The slave house picture from "On Banks of the Elkhorn" supports the Graves ownership of slaves in Nodaway County. In addition, page 10 of "On Banks of the Elkhorn" Vol. II, describes the Graves plantation as $\frac{3}{4}$ section of land in 1852, owned by Richard and Orville Graves. Albert Zapf's story in the same volume indicates his parents lived on the Graves land, "when Albert was about seven or eight and his father had the Graves slave house placed on east side of the home as an extra bedroom...in 1902 the slave house was moved about fifteen yards south of the house."

Julius Graves, ex-slave, died in Hughes Township and left a will; it is abstracted below:

...devise to wife Sarah Graves my land for her possession during her lifetime after which it is to be divided equally to my three children: Daniel Segel, Ellen Martin, Joseph Graves.

...also gives to wife Sarah, one big red cow, one two-year old pale red cow, one spotted four-year-old cow, one mare known as old Pet, one mare known as Kit, and one mare and one horse colt one-year-old..one-third of the hogs on the farm and all the household furniture.

...devise to Ellen Martin \$100, balance to be equally divided with three heirs, Daniel Segel, Ellen Martin, and Joseph Graves.

Wm. Sewell appointed Administrator. Julius (his x mark) Graves

Dated 8 July 1879

Witnesses: Josiah Coulter and William Vikers

An inventory of the estate of Julius Graves (deceased) was filed by the executor, Wm. Sewell, 8 August 1879:

40 A. SE NE Sect. 13, Township 63 Range 37 appraised value \$800.00

11A. and 107 rods—land along the meandering of Little Elkhorn creek to where the creek that runs in front of the school house enters into the Little Elkhorn containing 11 acres and 107 rods (rock reserved) appraised value \$110.00

Cash deposits in Nodaway Valley Bank appraised value 336.70

Notes due the estate appraised 99.50

1 dark red cow and calf appraised 30.00

1 red cow appraised 30.00

1 red heifer appraised 25.00

1 red cow with white on each flank

1 pale red cow with speckled face

1 heifer with partial white face

Queen mare and mule colt

Blaze mare and mule colt

Old Pet mare

Old Kit mare

1 sorrel mare and colt

1 sorrel filley appraised value \$60.00

1 sorrel horse colt

20 head hogs appraised value \$50.00

1/4 interest in Avery Stalk Cutter appraised value 7.50
 2-3rds interest in a corn drill appraised value 4.00
 1/4 interest in a sorgum mill
 1 old wagon
 1 Devenport cultivator
 1 striving plow
 2 lots of harness
 1 harrow, double appraised value 3.00
 1/2 corn in field growing appraised value 40.00
 1/2 wheat unthrashed (80 bu. at 40 cents) appraised value 16.00
 1 lot of old corn appraised value 15.00

A sale bill was printed by the administrator, W.A. Sewell, for public sale of the property, on August 20, 1879, at the residence of Julius Graves, deceased, six miles north-east of Graham."

All bills were presented and paid from the estate including \$1.87 to William Linville for crying the sale. Jas. Noblet was paid \$25.00 for coffin; M. Dougherty was paid for burial clothes—suit cloth \$11, shirt, \$1.75, socks and silk tie \$.95; tombstone was paid for Dec. 27, 1879, \$25. Julius' grave record indicates his death was July 13, 1879.

Not much known of Sarah Nichols Graves. Soon after Julius' death, she was in court protesting her "dower" and it was adjusted. Since she was born in Kentucky and her name was Nichols, one would expect Sarah to be a part of the Graves slaves brought to Nodaway County from Kentucky. Daniel Seigel's obituary indicates he had a half-sister, Mrs. George (Charlotte) Ousley, and two half-brothers, Joseph and Elijah Graves. Charlotte and Elijah were born about 1836 and 1838 in Kentucky, long before the marriage of Julius and Sarah in 1865. It seems likely these were Sarah's children, using the Graves name. Sarah Nichols Graves died in January, 1892 and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. An obituary for Sarah has not been located in the old newspapers.

Ellen Martin, daughter of Julius, is lost to the Nodaway County records, but her brother, Daniel Seigel, has a very impressive story. One could expect Seigel to be his slave mother's surname since slave children usually took their mother's name. Daniel was also born in Washington County, Kentucky.

Daniel Seigel was a Union soldier in the Civil War. His military papers from the National Archives, no. 954, give this description:

Daniel Seigel, Co. E. 60th U.S. Colored Infantry
 Age 24 (in 1863); height 5'7"; complexion: yellow; eyes, hazel; hair, black
 Born in Washington County, Ky., occupation laborer
 Enlisted August 23, 1863 at Newton, Iowa by Geo. Work, for 3 years
 Promoted to 5th Sgt., promoted to 3rd Sgt, Nov. 30, 1863 (described in papers as a former slave)

Daniel was first in the 4th Corp. E. Company, 1st Regt., Iowa Infantry.

In 1864 & 1865, was a Sergeant, Co. E., 60th USC Inf.

In May 1865, Daniel Seigel was on escort duty to Columbus, Ohio. He was mustered out at DeValle Bluff, Ark., October 15, 1865.

Daniel has a military marker, date October 8, 1892, in Oak Hill Cemetery and is buried in the Julius Graves plot.

Daniel Seigel, colored, died last evening at 6:00 at the residence of his brother Elijah Graves. He had been ailing about a year. The deceased was born in Washington County, Kentucky, 53 years ago. He entered the late war August 23, 1863 and served until it closed, in all 26 months. He was a first sergeant of Co. E. 60th USC Inf. He was mustered into Sedgewick Post no. 21, G.A.R., October 18, 1890 and was a member at the time of his death. He was half-brother to Mrs. George Ousley, Joseph and Elijah Graves.

The funeral services will be conducted at the residence of Elijah Graves, northwest Maryville, Wednesday forenoon, at 10:00 o'clock by Post Chaplain Rev. A.M. Reynolds. His remains will be interred at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Comrades of Sedgewick Post are requested to meet at the post room Wednesday morning at 9:30 sharp for the purpose of attending the funeral.

October 13, 1892 Nodaway Democrat

(Daniel Seigel and Stephen Martin were the only black members of the local Sedgewick Post, G.A.R., if my research is correct.)

On November 24, The Republican carried this resolution:

RESOLUTION

Whereas—it has pleased the Almighty Ruler to remove from our midst Comrade Daniel Seigel, a former Sgt., 60th U.S. Colored Infantry, to an upper and better world where the color line of society is obliterated—

Therefore—resolved that this Post lost a faithful member and we recognize in Comrade Seigel's past army life a brave and faithful soldier in the colored society in which he moved as example as a citizen, courteous, gentlemanly and temperate in his conduct and department. Sympathy is extended to friends and relatives.

Homer Avery, F.L. Shade, Stev. Martin, Committee (October, 1892.)

Joseph H. Graves, son of Julius and Sarah Nichols Graves, and his wife, Sarah Frances Shaw Graves are remembered by residents of Nodaway County. Sarah's story is told in her nine-page "slave narrative" in the Federal Writers Project, WPA, Vol. 10, 1938. These volumes are in Owens Library, NWMSU. Sarah's is the only local slave story presented, and is a colorful but lengthy one all its own. In this article, however, she will be briefly presented as Joseph's wife and mother to their son, Arza.

Joseph and Sarah F. Shaw were married in Nodaway County in 1880 according to Sarah's obituary, yet somehow the record has not yet turned up in the local marriage records. It may be in another county. The census which follows was taken in June, so Sarah and Joseph Graves would have been married sometime between June and December 1880.

In the 1880 Federal Census, the household of Joseph H. Graves is described as below:

No. 102-104 Hughes Township, Nodaway County.

GRAVES, J.H., black, male age 34, farmer, born in Kentucky, parents born in Kentucky

GRAVES, Sarah (mother of Joseph), black, female, keeping house, age 64, born in Kentucky, parents born in Virginia

Also in the household:

BARBER, Virginia, black, female, age 66, at home, born in Virginia, parents place of birth unknown

BARBER, Sarah, black, female, age 16, born in Kentucky, parents born in Kentucky

(Virginia Barber is the mother of Sarah Francis Shaw. Virginia married Trattle Barber. The enumerator listed Sarah F. Shaw with her mother's name. Virginia Barber died May 27, 1907, and is buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in the Graves plot.)

Sarah Graves describes in her slave narrative how she and Joseph bought 40 acres of land and then another 80 acres northeast of Skidmore. The obituary of Joseph H. Graves tells more of his story:

UNCLE JOE GRAVES

Well Known Negro Farmer

It isn't every negro family that buys a steel vault and looks at \$500 caskets when one of its members dies but that is exactly what Mrs. Joe Graves and son Arza were doing in Maryville this afternoon. Uncle Joe Graves, one of the few negro farmers in the county and probably the county's best-known negro died at his home four miles east and a mile south of Skidmore yesterday morning. He was a good farmer and a valued member of his community and the white folks of his neighborhood are doing their share of funeral arrangements.

Uncle Joe will be buried tomorrow at Oak Hill Cemetery. The funeral services are by Rev. L.P. Bryant of the A.M.E. church of Maryville.

Uncle Joe was 73 years old last January 26 and died of effects of old age. He was born a slave in Washington County Kentucky in 1846. His parents belonged to the Graves family who number among their descendants Clyde Graves of Maryville; it was with a daughter of the family, Mrs. James Nichols and her husband that Uncle Joe came to Nodaway County in 1852. The family settled on a farm between Maryville and Skidmore, and Uncle Joe spent his life in that vicinity, with the exception of a winter he spent in Kansas, during which he went to school.

Mrs. Graves was Sarah Frances Shaw, belonging to another branch of the Nichols family.

Uncle Joe farmed all of his life. When the Civil War released him from slavery, he started working for the farmers in the area. Gradually, he accumulated a little money and a little land. He bought three or four times and his holdings at his death total 131 acres of Nodaway County's best land.

He owned an automobile and considerable good stock and whenever members of his race visited this part of the county, they always made it a point to visit Uncle Joe.

Joseph H. Graves will was written the 11th day of September, 1919 just a few days before he died; his signature is on it. He left his property to Sarah for her lifetime, then to their son, Arza A. Graves.

Sarah F. Graves died July 3, 1942 at the age of 92 and she is also buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. It is interesting to note that her "active pallbearers were: E.V. Hasty, Jess Linville, Dennis Parman, Jack Linville, W.E. Linville, and Phil O'Riley, neighbors." Her "honorary pallbearers were: B.F. Smart, Bunk Gunn, Robert Harden, William Campbell, and R.E. (Roland) Johnson, colored."

Arza Graves, son, is also buried in Oak Hill, date 1958.

This is just a part of the material on one black family with surname Graves, living in Nodaway County. Some explanation should be given for the period, 1863-1865, in Missouri which provided the opportunity for Julius and Sarah to accumulate what slaves dreamed of, "40 acres and a mule." The dream, however, would surely not have come true without the cooperation and encouragement

of the Graves masters. Lincoln issued the emancipation proclamation in early 1863, but it was directed at the Confederate states. Missouri was a slave state, but did not secede from the Union. Thus, there was some uncertainty of the status of slavery in Missouri until the war's end settled the question in 1865.

After the proclamation of 1863, some owners in Nodaway County went into court to file a legal document to free their slaves. Others did as the Graves family (according to Sarah Shaw Grave's account) and freed them verbally—but the slaves remained on as paid farm laborers. It is apparently in this two-year "limbo" period that Julius and his family were able to save enough to begin a small farm operation.

Black farmer known as Uncle Joe

Thursday, September 18, 1919
Weekly Democrat Forum

I, Julius Graves of the Township
of Hughes in the County of Madawson
and State of Missouri being of sound mind, do make and publish this,
my Last Will and Testament:

I devise grant and bequeath unto my wife
Sarah Graves. my land and estate
to hold in peaceable ~~possession~~ ^{possession} during her natural lifetime
after which to be divided equal shares
to my three children. Daniel Segel.
Ellen Martin. Joseph Graves.
and further one Big red cow one spotted four
year old ~~spotted~~ cow one two year old pale red
cow one mare known as old pet. and one
mare known as kit. and one mare ~~and one~~
horse colt one year old last spring. one third
of the hogs now on the farm. to gather with
all the Household furniture. I Bequeath
to my wife Sarah Graves to have and to
hold as hers. I further devise and grant
that Ellen Martin shall have one hundred
dollars (\$100) out of the proceeds of the personal property
to make her equal with the other heirs
the Balance of the proceeds to be divided equal
with the three heirs. Daniel Segel. Ellen
Martin. Joseph Graves. I appoint William
A. Sewell as my administrator of my Estate

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, this

day of July A. D. 1877.

Witness Josiah Coulter

Julius Graves his name

Signed and Declared by the above named Julius Graves

to be his Last Will and Testament, in the presence of us, who, at his request, have subscribed our
names as witnesses thereto.

Josiah Coulter of Graham

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William A. Sewell his name of Graham

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE

I will sell at public sale at the late residence of Julius Graves, deceased, six miles north-east of Graham, on

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 20, 1879,

the following described property, to-wit: Nine head of horses, ten head of cattle, thirty head of hogs, about twenty acres of corn in the field, and farming implements too numerous to mention.

TERMS.---Twelve months time will be given on all sums over \$5, with note and approved security. No interest will be charged if note be paid when due, if not then paid ten per cent. from date.

W. A. SEWELL, Administrator.

AMONG THE FARMERS. Hughes Township. Julius Graves has a farm of 40 acres. He had in a crop of 25 acres of corn and 4 acres of wheat. He has 9 head of horses, 9 head of cattle and 25 head of hogs. He has 10 acres of timber and the Elkhorn creek for living water. He has a neat residence and a fine young orchard of apple, peach, pear, plum and cherry trees. Mr. Graves is a native of Kentucky and has been here 26 years. He was a slave until emancipation set him free. Republican

PROBATE, by Administrator William Sewell, Estate of Julius Graves.

Bill submitted by Ellis and Prather, 1878:

June 15, Whisky	1.15	Nov. 9, whisky	.40
July 4, Turpentine	.55	March, Cinchondia	.25
August "	.30	coal oil, nitre	.50
August 13, paint	9.85	April 16, castor oil	.10
August 17, paint, oil	3.45	paint	2.00
brandy	.50		
September 11, whisky	.75		
Oct. 28, iodine,			
potash, saspralli	1.00		
coal oil			

Bill submitted by W. N. Dougherty, November 5, 1879:

Nov. 4, boots	2.50	March 29, sugar	
sugar, coffee	1.00	coffee	2.00
Dec. 24, sugar	.55	April 22, 1 gal?	.30
Feb. 5, matches	.25	July 14, suit cloth	
		for burial	11.00
		shirt for burial	1.75
		socks, silk tie	.95

December 27, 1879, tombstone for deceased: \$25.00

DEED. Joseph H. Graves bought of Frank Tryon on November 13, 1880, E $\frac{1}{4}$ N $\frac{1}{4}$ NE 13, 63, 37, Book 58, p. 584. Joseph H. Graves bought of Frank and Manda Tryon, August 27, 1881, NW NE 13, 63, 34, Book 63, p. 29, Nodaway County.

WILL. The will of Joseph Graves Nodaway County's best known negro farmer who died September 12, was filed in probate court. It was made September 11 and witnessed by Dr. J. E. Pierpoint and H. W. Montgomery of Skidmore. The will provides that funeral expenses and debts be paid and the real estate is to go to his wife, Sarah Frances Graves during her lifetime. At her death, it is to go to son Arza A. Graves; that personal property be equally divided between widow and son. Uncle Joe, although born a slave was able to write his name and made an effort to do so as can be seen on the will. October 9, 1919, Democrat Forum.

Skidmore Mo. September 11th 1919

In the name of God Amen.

I, Joseph H. Graves being of sound mind and memory, realizing the certainty of death and the uncertainty of life do make and declare this my last will and Testament.

.... (abstracted)

... and have signed my signature this 11th day of September 1919.

We the undersigned witnessed the signature mark of Joseph H. Graves he declared to us that this was his last will and testament. He signed the same in our presence or in the presence of each other.

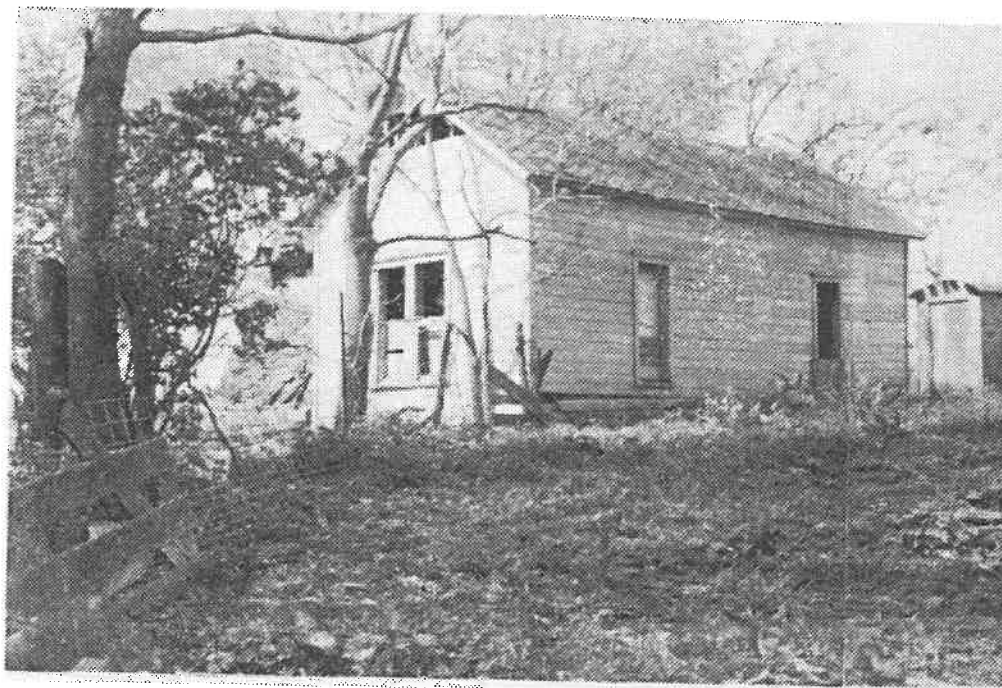
J. E. Pierpoint
H. W. Montgomery

OBITUARY: Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Bethel A.M. E. church in Maryville for Mrs. Sarah Frances Graves, colored, 92 years of age, of southeast of Skidmore, who died at 8:00 o'clock Friday night at the Ernest Hasty home also of southeast of Skidmore. Rev. Edward Washington officiated and burial was in the Oak Hill cemetery. Active pallbearers were the (white) neighbors, and included E. V. Hasty, Jess Linville, Dennis Parman, Jack Linville, W. E. Linville, and Phil O'Riley. Honorary pallbearers were B. F. Smart, Bunk Gunn, Robert Harden, William Campbell, and R. E. Johnson, colored.

Mrs. Graves who was born March 22, 1860 in Washington County, Kentucky, went with her son Arza Graves Thursday to the Hasty home where she suffered a heart attack, followed by a paralytic stroke. She was married in 1880 to Joseph H. Graves who died in September 1919. She came to this county when she was about six months old with her parents who were slaves. Her only survivor is her son of the home. July 6, 1942, Daily Forum, Maryville.

Funeral services were held at Bethel A. M. E. church for Sarah F. Graves by the Rev. E. Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Montgomery and daughter Marion of Clarinda, Iowa came for the funeral. Mrs. B. T. Elders sang two solos. Mrs. Marie Davis of Elwood, Kansas also came for the funeral. July 10, 1942. Daily Forum

OBITUARY: Arza Alexander Graves died at Elwood, Kansas. Age 68, formerly of Skidmore, he died at 5:45 a.m. today at his home in Elwood after a long illness. He was a farmer. Mr. Graves was born March 9, 1889, at Skidmore and lived there until two years ago when he moved to Elwood. He was the son of the late Joseph and Sarah Francis Graves. Mr. Graves was married to Anna Marie Davis, April 13, 1944. She survives. Feb. 27, 1958, Forum.



This photo of the house of Joseph and Sarah Graves, their old home southeast of Skidmore, was taken in 1984.

Daniel Seigel, son of Julius Graves, did have a family as the following documents show. No explanation is found for the difference of his and his father's name, except that it probably came from Daniel's mother or her owner.

OBITUARY: Daniel Seigel died at the home of his half brother, Elijah Graves in Maryville, Monday, October 10, 1892, of ulceration of the throat after an illness of only five days. He was born October 20, 1838, in Kentucky and was brought as a slave to Nodaway County in 1852, living on what is now the Swank farm in Hughes Township. In 1863, he enlisted in Co. E 60th US Colored Infantry serving to the end of the war. He lived in Nodaway county the rest of his life. He leaves two children to mourn a father's loss. His funeral services were held Wednesday forenoon October 12 by Rev. D. M. Yetter under the auspices of Sedgwick Post #21, GAR, of which he was a devoted member. He was buried in Oak Hill with the honors of war. No color line divides the brave. Rest in peace. October 13, 1892, Republican.

PROBATE: Box 116, #16, Nodaway County. Ellen Martin says that heirs of said Daniel Seigel are Frank Seigel of Nodaway County and Nellie May Seigel of Nodaway County, now both in White Cloud, Kansas. Daniel Seigel died without a will. Inventory of property: One third interest in SE NE 13, 63, 37 on Elk Horn Creek where creek empties in front of the schoolhouse. No personal effects. Land appraised at \$20 per acre or \$800 for whole tract or \$266 1/3 interest. Petitioned to sell real estate. Expenses, Mariah Graves \$25, Charles Lippman \$66.00, T. J. Parle, \$7.95.

Burial expenses, bill presented by Charles Lippman:

Casket, outside box, hearse	\$45
Soldier's suit of clothes, best	
quality GAR cottons and under clothes	16
Funeral notice	2

Bill presented, February 16, 1894 by mother, Mary Martin, for clothing of Daniel Frank Seigel and Ellen May Seigel. Paid August 3, 1896, bill of Columbus Palmer, \$2, for boarding Frank Seigel for two weeks. Paid Charlotte Ousley, September and November, for boarding Frank Seigel, \$6. February 17, 1894, Henry Graves appointed guardian of Frank Seigel and Nellie Seigel.

September 4, 1897, paid Charlotte Ousley for clothing and medicine for Nellie Seigel, \$6.75. July 19, 1897, paid to Mrs. Mary Brooks, mother, for Nellie, \$10. January 29, 1897, paid Mary Brooks, Hiawatha, Kansas for the care of Nellie. September 29, 1897, paid from estate for attorney for Frank Seigel, Hiawatha, Kansas. September 14, 1897, paid for books for school for Frank in Maryville, Mo. Paid January 1, 1896, for cap, shoes, pants, suspenders for F. Seigel, \$6.50 to Sturm. August 31, 1896, paid to Mrs. Mary Martin for Frank and Nellie Seigel, \$20 for clothing and schooling. Fourth Annual Settlement, February 1897, Henry Graves, Administrator:

Mary Brooks, mother	\$10.00
C. Palmer, board	2.00
Charlotte Ousley, board	2.00
Arithmetic (book)	.25
Mending shoes	.15
Rect, Charlotte Ousley, books	3.00
Fare to Hiawatha, Kansas	3.00
Rect, Charlotte Ousley	1.00
Mary Brooks, mother	8.00

Final Settlement, February 1899, Estate exhausted.

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 Daniel Seigel
 Sargt, Co. E, 60 Reg't U. S. Col'd Infantry.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Dr. Walter Buff Ann, Oct 15, 1865.

Muster-out to date

Oct 15, 1865.

Last paid to

Aug 31, 1865.

Watermelon patch defended with buckshot

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Linsey, nickname Lin, was a slave of Uriah Graves, who came from Kentucky to Nodaway County about 1852. Lin had a watermelon patch near his slave home on Uriah's farm. This patch had been periodically raided by young men of the community. On Aug. 24, 1860, a raid took place again, and this time, Lin peppered the three men in the patch with buckshot. One received shots in six places — the neck, shoulders and legs.

Charges were filed against Uriah Graves, Linsey's owner, "since Lin was in the possession and under the control of said Uriah who was the owner and master." Lin's value was listed in the court document as \$1,500. Bail was set at \$1,000 and refused, so Lin was held in jail and bound over for trial. Nodaway County was without a jailhouse in 1860; thus, Lin was taken to Holt County and placed in jail there. The trial took place in October 1860 in Nodaway County.

Uriah Graves was not at home when the commotion took place, but his son Dallas was. Testimony was given by witnesses, including the two other young men who were in the patch with the one who was shot. The plaintiff sought damages of \$1,500. Defendant Uriah answered and denied any serious wounds made by slave Lin.

One of the thieves told of the watermelon theft, "It was a little after dark. K— (the man who was shot) just crossed over the fence. The moon was shining and I saw the flash of a gun. I heard some persons hollering."

Cross exam: "We went there to get watermelons. I and Mr. K— had been there previously and got a few melons out of the patch."

Another testimony, "I was with Mr. Ray when he arrested Lin. He (Lin) remarked directly that he would not have been in the difficulty if it had not been for Mr. Bishop. Mr. Graham said, 'Did you shoot him?' He said he did shoot but he did not want to hurt any person. He remembered Mr. Bishop said he (Lin) would be too big a coward to shoot, so 'he banged away.'"

Cross exam: "...said the boys had been in the patch before and left clubs to show that if he (Lin) interrupted they would maul him."

Country, March 12, 1985

Mr. Bishop's testimony: "Lin said he would blister the boys if they got in his patch again. I made light of it. Lin's wife screamed he had shot. Dallas (Graves) and the negro woman went down there. Lin's wife asked Dallas to come down to the patch. Lin is a peaceable negro."

There are several items of interest here. The question of blame, the master or the slave? Even though charge was made against Uriah, Lin was held in jail for the trial.

Then there is the matter of a slave with a weapon. Testimony included, "Lin has been seen with a gun in his hand more than once." The Graves masters were perhaps more liberal and permitted their slaves to have guns for hunting small game. Lucky for Linsey, the young white man was not seriously hurt. Both Uriah and Lin were found not guilty.

After the end of the war, Lin and his family moved to Maryville and owned property there. In the 1870 census, the family is described as follows:

"GRAVES, Lynn, age 45, black, laborer, real property \$400, personal \$75, born in Kentucky

"Graves, Sallie, age 40, black, keeping house, born in Kentucky

"Graves, George, age 15, black, laborer, born in Kentucky

"Graves, Elizabeth, age 8, black, born in Missouri

"Graves, Willie, age 11, male, black, born in Missouri

"Graves, James, age 4, black, born in Missouri"

From the above, one can guess that Linsey was born about 1825 in Washington County, Kentucky, since the Graves masters were from that area. Sallie (Sarah) may have died soon after the 1870 census was taken.

On Oct. 10, 1871, Linsey married Mariah Vance in Nodaway County. In 1880, Lin and his family lived in the third ward, Town of Maryville. Sons Mercer and George were still at

home and worked as corn laborers. In addition, two of Mariah's children, Mack Smart and Andrew Miller, lived in the household. Lin and Mariah had a daughter, Sylvia, born in 1873. Oliver Vance, Mariah's nephew, also lived in the household.

Mariah Graves died in 1883. Probate Court appointed James Gray guardian of her son, Mack Henry Smart. Andrew Miller, father of Mariah's son, also named Andrew Miller, was granted custody of young Andrew. Lin, as step-parent, wished to provide care and custody, but the court did not rule in his favor.

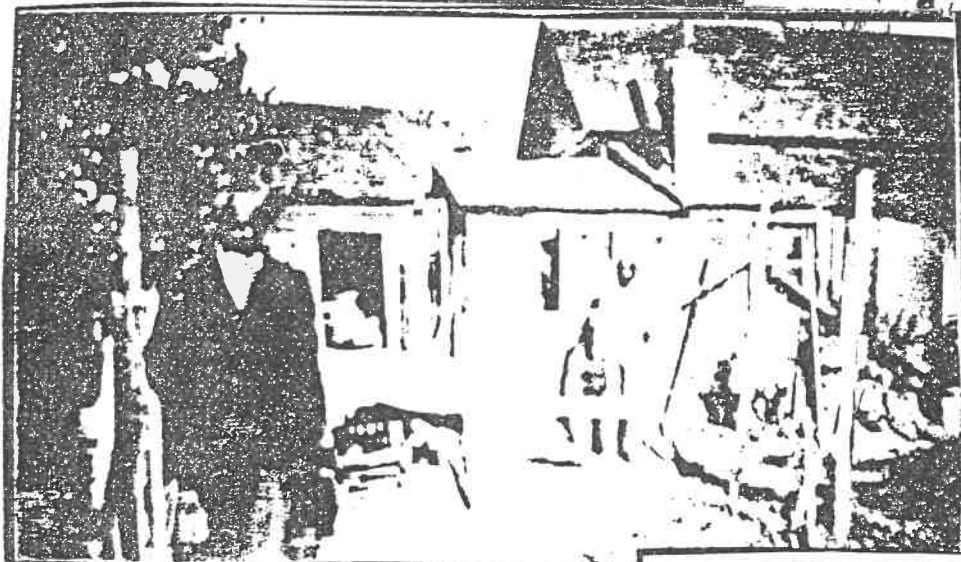
Mariah Vance Graves is identified in Nodaway County documents as the first black person born in the area which would later make up this county. Her history and traditions are a colorful story which will be written later.

The death age or obituary of Linsey Graves was not located. Records show him alive at age 65 in 1883. It is likely that he and his children left the area after Mariah's death, since they are not found in later Nodaway County records.

Two of a c. c. c.
Hartley Ousley
Graves



Hartley Ousley was grandson of Charlotte Graves Ousley thus his ancestor was one of the many Graves slaves brought into Nodaway County about 1850. Charlotte's father was probably Julius Graves. Photo taken about 1910. Furnished by Betty Wilson.



Thomas Holmes married Dicy Graves, also, part of the early Graves slaves. Photo furnished by Betty Wilson.

Old Tom Holmes



Charlotte Graves Ousley and Elijah Graves were identified as half/brother and sister to Daniel Seigel, son of Julius Graves. Also Dicy Graves married Thomas Holmes. See Ousley and Holmes. Elijah Graves was in Maryville by 1878 and bought this property: Deed: Elijah Graves bought from William Wood, Lot 1, Block 3, NW Addition to Maryville, January. (Also see census data for more of Elijah's family)

Death Certificate: Mariah Graves, place of death, Buchanan County, Mo. 511 N. 2nd Street, in rear, female, negro, widowed, Date of death: August 5, 1916. Date of birth, May 2, 1847, age at death 69, 3 mo., 3 days. Occupation, hotel cook. Born in Missouri, father, Jake Barnes; mother, unknown(to informant), reported by Mary Stewart, 511 N. 2nd -in rear; burial in Maryville, Missouri, August 7, 1916. (Mariah was widow of Elijah Graves.)

Circuit Court Clerk Eugene Rathburn discovered a time when Nodaway County was without a jail. In 1860, a negro slave named Linn, the property of Uriah Graves, was committed to jail on default of a \$1,000 bond for his release on a charge of assault to kill. Linn was taken to Holt County and placed in jail. The negro slave was charged with shooting Kitchen while the later was in a watermelon patch. This occurred August 24, 1860. Linn was arraigned before Justice Alonzo Thompson and was bound over for trial. September 2, 1909, Republican.

Box 17, #3, Circuit Court, State of Missouri vs Linn, a Negro Slave, Nodaway County, Kitchen against Uriah Graves.

In the Nodaway Circuit Court, Plaintiff states that on or about the 24th day of August 1860 at the County of Nodaway and State of Missouri, one Lin, a slave, being there and then the property of the defendant, did on purpose and of malice aforethought shoot at the plaintiff with a deadly weapon to wit a gun loaded with leaden balls at him the plaintiff--the said Lin did by the said shooting dangerously wound with intent by the said shooting to kill him the said plaintiff. Plaintiff states the wounds inflicted on his person by the said slave then and there shooting him as aforesaid were serious and dangerous and did produce great bodily harm and were likely to produce death. Plaintiff states that by said shooting he was hit in five several places with leaden balls which penetrated his body, the wounds that said balls produced confined him to a long bed of sickness and that his sufferings from said wounds were painful and great. Plaintiff states that in addition to his great and painful sufferings so produced by the shooting of him as aforesaid by the said slave Lin he had to expend large sums of money for medical attention and for board during the (blur) as aforesaid. He states that he has reason to believe and does believe that he can never entirely recover from the effects of said wounds. He states that said slave Lin was in the possession of and under the control of the defendant Graves at the time of the said shooting and that he was then the owner or master of said slave and that he had always exercised control of and ownership over the same. Plaintiff states that said slave Lin is and was at the time of the shooting by him as aforesaid of the value of fifteen hundred dollars. Plaintiff states by reason of the wrongs and injuries so committed by the slave Lin as aforesaid upon the person of him(the plaintiff) he has been damaged fifteen hundred dollars and for which he prays judgement against the defendant and all costs of the suit. Griffey, attorney for the Plaintiff Kitchen makes oath and says that the foregoing petition and the matters and things therein as stated he believes to be true. Signed: Kitchen

Uriah Graves, defendant: In the Circuit Court of Nodaway County State of Missouri, A.D. 1860.

Defendant for answer to Plaintiff's petition herein denies that on or about the 24th day of August 1860 or at any other time at the county of Nodaway and State of Missouri, one Linn, a slave being then and there the property of the defendant did on purpose and of malice aforethought, shoot at the plaintiff with a deadly weapon to wit, a gun loaded with leaden balls, and him the plaintiff, and him the plaintiff the said Linn did by the said shooting dangerously wound with intent by the said shooting to kill him the said plaintiff--defendant further answering plaintiff's petition denies that said slave Linn inflicted any wounds on the person of plaintiff as charged ...and having to expend large sums of money for medical attention and other attention given to him by hired attendants and board, defendant has no knowledge or information thereof sufficient to for a belief.

Testimony: Richmond Good sworn says ...on last Friday evening, Mr. Kitchen was shot on Mr. Uriah Grave's farm in Nodaway County. It was on the evening a little after dark...Mr. Allen Butler, Yates Cox, and myself were with him when he was shot...Mr. Kitchen just crossed over the fence when he was shot...I saw the flash of the gun...the moon was shining...I went to where the gun was fired...saw the shape of a man in the corn...I could not tell if a white man or a colored man. I suppose there was a watermelon patch... I had heard some person say, shoot, and persons hollering...Linn (the prisoner) has been seen with a gun in his hand more than once. I think it was a shotgun fired. Cross exam: We went there to get watermelons. I and Mr. Kitchen had been there previously and got a few melons out of the patch. Kitchen was shot six places, neck, shoulder, leg. I heard someone say, shoot, Linn, shoot.

Martin Chamness says: I was with Mr. Ray when he arrested the prisoner Linn. He remarked directly that he would not have been in this difficulty had it not been for Mr. Bishop. Mr. Graham said, Did you shoot him? He said he did shoot but he did not want to hurt any person...he remembered Mr. Bishop said that he would be too big a coward to shoot, so he banged away. Cross exam: ...said they had been in the patch before and left clubs to show if he (Linn) interrupted they would maul him.

Joshua Bishop:...said that Linn said he would blister the boys if they got in his patch again...I made light of it...Linn's wife screamed, he had shot. Dallas(Uriah's son) and the negro woman went down there...Uriah wasn't there that night. Linn's wife asked Dallas to come down to the patch. Linn is a peaceable negro.

8 October 1860, Bail set a \$1000, defendent refusing Bail required that said Linn a slave of Uriah Graves be remitted to the County of Holt there being no jail in the County of Nodaway. Decision for Uriah Graves, Linn released. "The said slave Linn was put upon his trial at the said October term of said Circuit Court of Nodaway County...and was found not guilty by the verdict of a jury and said Linn was duly discharged and acquitted.xxxx

GREEN. Asbury Green was chief marshall of the Emancipation Day celebration in Maryville, 1874. Mary Green married Robert Hardin, 1893, Mary born in New York. (See her story) Judy Green was living at 320 E. 4th, Maryville, 1906.

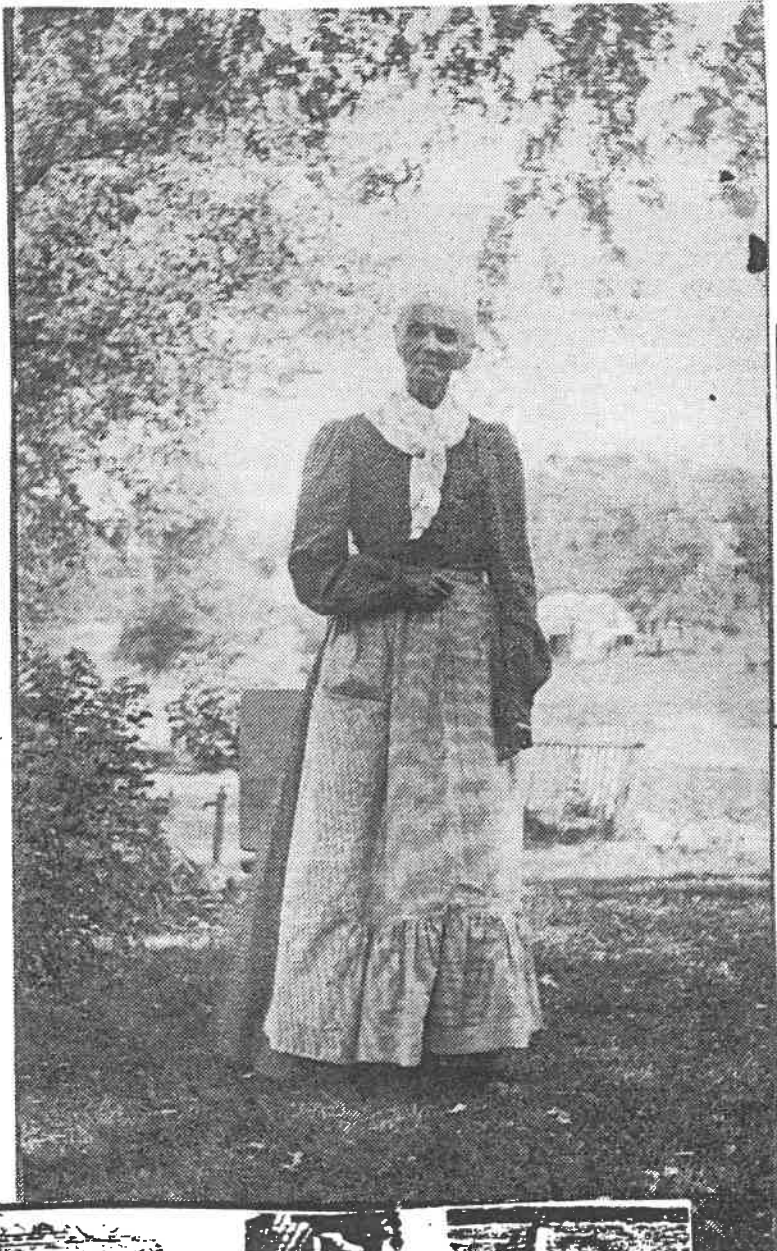
GUNN. The ancestor Gunns lived about four miles south-east of Maryville in the Mt Ayr, Wadley cemetery area. Wyatt Gunn was born in North Carolina. The family may have come from the Caswell County, N.C. area, since Gunns were slave traders in that county. Violet's story could probably be traced in the St. Louis records. The documents will tell the story without need of comment.



Violet Gunn

From the collection
of Betty Wilson (Chaves)

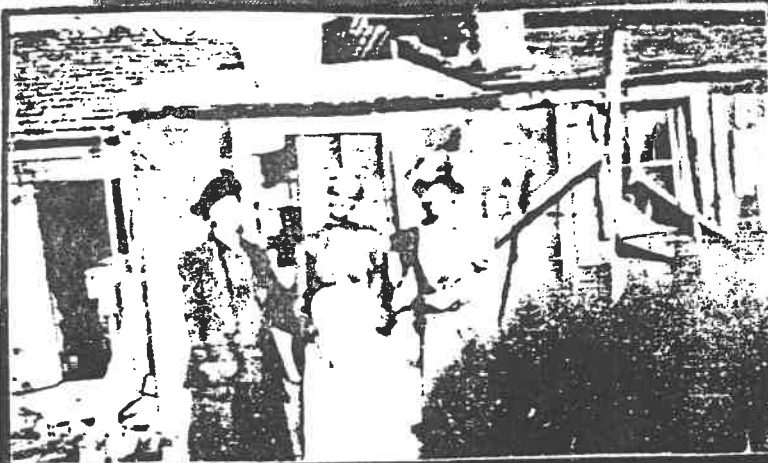
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Violet Gunn

Daughter, Susie, is in the photo below and is not clearly shown. The original photo in the collection of Betty Wilson reveals that Susie had but one arm.

"Aunt Violet"



"Suse" in the center

Aunt Mattie - Suse - Babe

DEATH ENDS ROMANTIC LIFE OF AUNT VIOLET. Aged Woman Succumbs to TB at Home East of City Tuesday Afternoon. More than 85 years old. Fled from Holt County at the beginning of War and found shelter with family of Captain.

Filled with exciting adventure such as a novelist might weave into a story the life of Aunt Violet Gunn came to a close Tuesday afternoon at her home three miles east of Maryville.

No one knows just how old the oldwoman was. In 1861, she came to Maryville bearing in her arms a baby girl. She was picked up with her child by the pickets which were guarding a militia camp near town. Capt. S. K. Wray was captain of the encamped company and Violet and her baby were taken before the commandant of the camp. Capt. Wray gave the two a home with his wife and when the Company and Capt. Wray went south, Mrs. Wray and Violet and the baby known as Susie Gunn followed the army staying as close to camp of the company as was permissible. Violet thus saw the Civil War at close range.

According to her story, she ran away from the home of the Masters family near Oregon in Holt County and came to Maryville. In the Masters family she is said to have been held a slave although she was not a negro but a French-Indian. Aunt Violet claims that her father was a Frenchman who to spite his family married her mother, a Cherokee Indian. In some way, Aunt Violet was sold into slavery. She always contended that her father left her a large fortune and that an aunt, a sister of the father, secured this money from her and then sold the girl as a negro slave. She acted as sort of maid for the aunt and slept at her feet at night.

At the close of the Civil War, Aunt Violet went to live with the family of Dr. B. G. Ford, where she remained for more than 42 years. Dr. Ford gave her a ten acre farm east of Maryville and with the earnings of her domestic work performed for the Ford family, she paid for the farm and owned it at the time of her death. Aunt Violet claimed that her father was a Revolutionary War soldier and among the mass of relics which she collected, are several mementoes of this man and his Colonial Army service, or so Aunt Violet claimed.

Prior to leaving Holt County, Aunt Violet was twice married. Her first husband, a negro man named Gunn, father of Sam Gunn of this city, was sold South. Aunt Violet married again and Susie was born to her. Her second husband died. Gunn who had been sold South married also and had a son, Sam Gunn. Hearing of the whereabouts of his former wife, Gunn came North and brought his son Sam with him. Gunn and Aunt Violet were married in the old Allen Hotel where the Hotel Linville now stands. Later, Gunn's son and Aunt Violet's daughter Susie were married and they have a large family.

The affection of Aunt Violet for her first and later third husband was touching. Gunn died on Aunt Violet's farm east of here a number of years ago. Mrs. B. G. Ford is authority for the statement that Aunt Violet never left the house of nights without carrying a butcher knife. As a member of the Cherokee Indian tribe it is possible that Aunt Violet could she have proved her lineage, would have been entitled to the \$5,000,000 the Federal Government set aside several years ago to reimburse the tribe and its descendants for the land taken from them while the tribe was bunched on a reservation in Georgia.

Aunt Violet was supposed to have been born near St. Charles, Missouri, about 85 years ago. Her father's name was LeMasters. The aged woman will be buried at Mt Ayr church cemetery east of Maryville, Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. November 19, 1908, Tribune.

County of Nodaway. I hereby certify that the rites of matrimony were duly solemnized on the 4th day of February A.D., 1866, between Wyatt Gunn and Violetta Ann Keyes both of this county and state. Given under my hand this 5th day of February, 1866, John Allen, Justice of Peace. John Terhune, Recorder, Nodaway County, Missouri.

OBITUARY: Mt Ayr. Saturday, May 6, at about 1:00 Wyatt Gunn an aged colored resident of this place joined the multitude of sleepers that show no mortal waking. He was buried at the Wadley graveyard Sunday at 3:00 p.m. He had lived in Mt Ayr for years and a large concourse of people followed him to his last resting place. May 11, 1893, Republican

OBITUARY. Mt Ayr. Watt Gunn was called from this world to a better one on the 6th. He was 78 years old. He was laid to rest in the old graveyard known as Wadley cemetery. He leaves a wife and three(?) children. All the children are married and the old lady Gunn is poorly and old. May 11, 1893, Nodaway Democrat.

CIRCUIT COURT. Box 31, #20, State of Missouri vs _____ Baker, 1870. Susan Gunn complaint against Baker, August 28, 1870, charging attempted rape.

Susan's testimony: My age is 18, my mother is Violet Gunn and she was with me; I was traveling on foot, my mother on horseback. Defendant was coming out of Mr. Schenks door, he was all alone, then next saw him at Snodderly's old field on our way home, there was timber all around. He came up to me and said he "wanted some snatch and was going to have it." I told him I was a married woman. He said, "It didn't make a damned bit of difference." He said he had a \$1 for me. Mother hollered. He took hold of my right shoulder. I told him my husband was coming. Mother cried for help. Mr. McDonald and Mr. Hawkins came to the rescue. Defendant ran into the woods. It was about dusk, last evening. Cross exam: My husband is Samuel Gunn. We have been married two years. We came to town to Dr. Ford's; left Fords to go home. Mother was with me. We stopped by Mr. Hobsons, stayed half hour. Defendant made an attempt to down me; no attempt to put his hand on my snatch. Re-direct: We went home and then came back to town and saw Squire Minniear.

Violet Gunn's testimony: I am 48 last October. I saw the defendant yesterday, 27 August. I live on Jack Roy's farm north from here. Defendant came up and siezed Susan's shoulder and said he had run the woods over for a little didling and would have it, by God. I hollered; two young gentlemen came; he ran like a wild deer into the woods. He had blue eyes, had a black mustache and whiskers. I made five hollers.

Albert McDonald's testimony: I am 14 years old. I know Susan and her mother. They hollered to us and he ran; they were afraid to go home alone.

William Hawkins' testimony: I am 18 years old. I saw Susan and her mother near Snodderlys. They hollered, "Come quick." He ran; the women were scared.

Celia Shanks' testimony: I am 24 years old. I saw Susan and her mother going home. Susan was on foot and the old woman on a horse.

Baker acquitted. Not concluded that he was the person who accosted Susan. XXXX

From the Nodaway Democrat, August 31, 1870: Susan Gunn, a one-armed lady of the colored persuasion filed a complaint before Esq. Minniear that on Saturday last as her and her mother were on their way home from the city in the woods, a mile and one-half north of town, a plain man by the name of _____ Baker approached her from the brush and grossly insulted her. Baker was arrested and tried before Esq. Minniear and committed, but was released by Judge Terhune on a writ of habeas corpus. We question very much Mr. Baker's guilt.

Susan Keys married Samuel Gunn, 19 July 1868, in Nodaway County, by John Allen, J. P.

Born, male, colored, September 2, to Samuel and Susan Gunn; father, 36, born in Missouri, farmer; mother, 42, born in Missouri. Returned by Violet Gunn. October 1, 1885, Nodaway Democrat.

On last Thursday a colored man by the name of Gunn (this was Wyatt) was at work in a harvest field east of the 102 River when by some means he got his feet in front of a sickle and his leg was almost completely severed at the ankle. Drs. Tom and Sam Dunn and P. H. Talbott amputated the limb, and at the last account, the patient was doing well. Nodaway Democrat, August 28, 1873.

Mt Ayr column, Sam Gunn met with quite a severe loss one day last week. His fine brood sow, while attempting to get a drink at the spring, fell into the spring and drowned. January 27, 1887, Republican.

Mt Ayr column. Violet Gunn was able to be up again but caught cold and had to take to her bed again, worse than before. February 10, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Dr. Morrison and wife were out last week to see the old lady Gunn. The Dr. says if the old lady will take care of herself, she will soon be able to get around. February 29, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Sam Gunn's bay mare was mired in the branch and found dead. March 10, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Last Thursday the lightning struck a tree near Sam Gunn's house which stunned the family. June 16, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Violet Gunn's had a mare die last Friday. That makes the 7th horse he has lost since they lived on that farm. August 11, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Sam Gunn has a sick girl with malaria fever; she is four years old. September 15, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Wyatt Nathaniel, a two-year old boy of Sam Gunn died last Monday and was buried in Wadley graveyard. He took sick Saturday night. Sam Gunn went to town for a Doctor but could not get a Doctor to come out, but got some medicine. On Monday, he succeeded in getting a Doctor to come but the disease had gone too far to help. The cause of death, congestion of the brain. Their little girl is quite sick. November 3, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Sam Gunn's children are getting better slowly. They got their dead boy's likeness taken which looks very natural. Nov. 10, 1887.

Mt Ayr column. Sam Gunn was setting by the stove the other night when a coal of fire fell out on his foot. The result is a sore foot. Dec. 29, 1887.

Mt. Ayr column. Old man Gunn has been sick for the last week but is getting better. January 12, 1888.

Mt. Ayr column. (Sambo) Grandma Gunn gave a birthday party for Minnie and Arthur Gunn her grand daughter and (grand) son last Tuesday night. Quite a number came out from Maryville. They had a grand time. Two turkeys roasted, 30 pies baked, 5 cakes and lots of good things too numerous to mention. Grandma sent Sambo a taste of the good things, pie, cake, turkey. It made Sambo grin for Grandma knows how to get up a good supper. March 1, 1888.

Mt Ayr column. Rev. Howard made the old man Gunn a present of his fine stallion last week. May 3, 1888. / William Gunn got badly bruised at a dance the other night at Charley Baker's. George Williams struck him over the head with a fence plank. Dances are bad for young men and young ladies to attend. October 19, 1888. / William Mozingo has begged money enough and has bought shingles to cover poor Granny Gunn's house. November 15, 1888. / Old man Gunn had very bad luck while hewing timber on the bottom on the farm formerly owned by U. S. Wright, last Thursday. He cut a gash on his foot. They had to haul him home. December 20, 1888. / W. Gunn is the happiest man in the neighborhood. His old mare 33 years old presented him with a fine race colt Saturday morning. No one on the farm expected it at all so it was quite a surprise. May 1, 1890. / Sam Gunn has made himself a new wagon box and says he intends to take his wife to meetings now in the wagon. May 22, 1890. / Last Friday evening we were picking apples. Sam Gunn came up to us biting his lower lip and seemed out of fix. "What is wrong, Sam?" He then told us that a girl baby had come to his house that day and he would rather it had been a boy. He left us whistling his favorite tune. October 16, 1890. / The old folks Gunn lost a horse last week. October 30, 1890. / William Maze gave old man Gunn a horse. We made him a present of a sled. Now the old man is happy. January 22, 1891. / Grandma Gunn is on the sick list and has been for a week past but seems to be better at this writing. The old lady and gentleman are needing help at present. A favor from anyone would be appreciated. July 1892. / Aunt Violet Gunn lost a bed ticking pocket in Maryville containing her keys and a half dollar and two nickles tied in a handkerchief. The finder will please leave it at the Republican office. September 6, 1894. / Em Gunn got one of his fingers cut off in a corn drill last week. May 19, 1893.

Circuit Court, divorce, Sam Gunn vs Susan Gunn, decree of divorce and care and custody of infant children. June 27, 1899, Republican.

Sam Gunn, one of the best known negroes in the city died Tuesday afternoon at St. Francis Hospital. For ten years, he had been employed by the Michau family. He was about 70 years old and the father of 13 children, 8 of whom are living. The funeral services were held at the colored Baptist church of this city. November 11, 1909, Nodaway Democrat.

OBITUARY: Will Gunn, colored, was killed by an extra stock train on the Burlington six miles north of Maryville at 2:00 this morning. Gunn had been a passenger on the afternoon train to St. Joseph and when returning did not get off at Maryville but rode on to Pickering. Gunn most likely was walking to Maryville and lay down on the Burlington track and fell asleep. The remains were brought to Price McNeal funeral parlor. The negro had been cut to pieces by the train. The body of Gunn was discovered by a section gang from Pickering on their way home. Gunn is survived by his mother, Mrs. Susan Gunn and also by his wife. He leaves five brothers: Emmett, Adolphus, Olphus Gunn of Maryville, Willis and Arthur Gunn of Council Bluffs and one sister, Mrs. Carrie Bell of Omaha. Gunn was brother of Mrs. Minnie Wilson who was murdered in Omaha, June 18. Mrs. Wilson was stabbed and died from knife wounds. She was brought to Maryville for burial. The funeral of Gunn will take place at 2:00 tomorrow at the A. M. E. church. The place of burial will be the Gunn private burial ground. August 31, 1916. Democrat Forum. xxxx

(I'm goin' down and lay my head on the railroad track, I'm goin' down and lay my head on the railroad track, When the train come along, I'm gonna snatch it back.)

December 17, 1930, newspapers announced that Miss Velma Colter, teacher of Garrett school murdered. December 19, Raymond Gunn confessed to the murder of Velma Colter. December 22, Raymond Gunn taken to Kansas City to avoid mob violence.

January 1931. Editorial: The fact that Raymond Gunn confessed slayer of Velma Colter will be arraigned here Monday has brought hints of mob outbreak. The responsible people of the county do not want any such mob action. Neither the authorities nor the people of Nodaway county intend to permit irresponsible people to take the law in their own hands. It is the duty of every citizen to prevent another blot on the name of Nodaway county. It is time for cool heads. The reputation of Northwest Missouri as a civilized area is at stake. Forum, Maryville.

January 7, 1931. Raymond Gunn, negro, self-confessed slayer of Miss Velma Colter, Maryville school teacher, now held in jail in Kansas City against possible mob violence will be arraigned here in Maryville, Monday at the opening of the January term of the Circuit Court....Gunn has obtained counsel, a negro lawyer of Kansas City. This is taken as an indication that he will not plead guilty but will attempt a change of venue and stand trial. St. Joseph Gazette.

Comments from the newspapers: Gunn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Em Gunn, was picked up and questioned all afternoon and shortly after 6:00 confessed and signed a written statement that he killed Miss Colter. He was rushed to St. Joseph city jail. After demonstrations occurred around that jail, he was taken to Jackson County jail, Kansas City. Once before, he was taken to St. Joseph for safe keeping. This was in October of 1925 when he was arrested in an attempted assault and sent to the pen for four years. Gunn said he was setting trap lines in the area of the school and clubbed the teacher. Gunn lived in Omaha after getting out of prison. Before going to Omaha, he married a negro Maryville girl who died while they were in Omaha.

January 12, 1931. Maryville is entering a dangerous situation when Raymond Gunn is brought to Maryville for arraignment. Thousands of persons are expected. Sheriff believes there will be no trouble but will be prepared. National Guard is alerted. Mob action expected because Gunn has a negro lawyer. St. Joseph Gazette. January 12, 1931....Gunn was taken from Sheriff England at 9:30 as he was brought from the courthouse to the jail. No attempt was made to check the mob. Mob seemed to be in no hurry and had their plans well organized...some shouted "To Hell with the law." More than 1000 people including women and children were on the scene. The match was applied at 10:35 and by 1:40 Gunn was dead. Forum, Maryville.

The St. Joseph Gazette gave a graphic account of the lynching, obviously by an eyewitness.

GHASTLY PYRE ENDS AN ORGY OF LAWLESS MOB, St. Joseph Gazette, January 13, 1931

5,000 Men, Women, Children Cheer as Negro Slayer, Chained Atop School, Writhes in Torture While Flames Destroy Scene of Velma Colter's Murder and Attack. Maryville, Missouri, January 12.

Torture and death are answered in kind, and the charred bones of a young Negro are mingled with the dead embers of the pyre that a mob made of the school house in which nineteen year old Velma Colter was brutally attacked and slain. They burned Raymond Gunn in chains today on the roof of the little white Garrett School, three miles southwest of here, as the murderer. Before the fire was set under him he named another Negro as his accomplice in the crime. Neither civilian officers nor a national guard battery, mobilized to protect (blur) after Gunn had been wrested by sheer force from the motor car of Sheriff England at the door of the courthouse here, and compelled to tramp the entire distance to the school building.

Like some caterpillar impaled on a stick and thrust into fire by a thoughtless child, Gunn was subjected to blistering torture. Some 5,000 persons among them women and children, saw him sink at last unconscious in an inferno of flame, heat and smoke, saw his lifeless body plunge downward with a crash of the blazing roof timbers. Thus mob spirit dictated as fit punishment for a heinous crime. It asked for an eye for an eye and took it in its own headlong way. It sent taunts at the writhing ebony figure up there in the fire and smoke. "Want a drink of water?" (A plea by Miss Colter for water when she temporarily regained consciousness during the assault upon her December 16 had been ignored by Gunn according to the statement of confession that authorities said Gunn made to them.)

Gunn was marched and dragged the three miles to the schoolhouse at the end of a seven foot chain attached to the sheriff's handcuff. Gunn stumbled along head down in the middle of an eddying crowd of about 500 men being closely watched and held by a central cordon of about a dozen of them. His shoes came off and he walked most of the distance stocking-footed. Men grasped his coat the better to hold him and with his stumblings and theirs tore almost all of it off. Then his shirt was torn from him piece by piece until he had left only his trousers and socks by the time the school was reached. Dust stirred up by the many feet tramping over earth roads and stubbly fields had settled over Gunn's head, shoulders, and arms and he was shivering in a strong cold wind from the west.

Taunts, hoots and jeers and calls of triumph arose from the throats of some 2,000 or more persons who had sped to the schoolyard with the first word of the seizure. Waiting, they had carried desks and other furniture even the blackboards from the classroom, and had torn iron screens from the windows in preparation for the fire that was to be. Gunn, first, however, was taken into the schoolroom where the battered partly nude and violated body of Miss Colter had been found. Bloodstains still could be seen on the floor near the door. The door was shut upon the clamoring crowd and confronted by his captors in a ring, Gunn repeated his confession of complicity in the crime some of the men who managed to crowd inside said. He was pulled outside again and to the side of the building where a flimsy ladder had been placed against it. Men were up on the roof removing shingles that he might be fastened by chains to the rafters.

"Yank him up. Yank him up," yelled the crowd. "Let's put it to him."
"Don't shove, he'll climb it," someone shouted in answer.

Gunn assayed the climb but the ladder had been broken by the men who preceded him and he slipped back. He tried again, and reached the topmost rung. That was three or four feet below the edge of the roof. By main strength and agility, the negro managed to hoist himself above the edge. Men above him pulled him up to the ridgepole, and he stood in full view of the massed thousands. The mob grew noisier. Gunn lay face down across the ridgepole in passive compliance with orders. He hid his face in his arms as two men wrapped a chain about his waist and looped it over and under... Then high-test gasoline was poured from a five gallon can on the roof beside the Negro's outstretched body. More gasoline was poured about the interior of the schoolhouse.

That done, the man who had chained the Negro asked if he had anything to say for himself. Gunn was quoted later by the man as saying fervently that he attacked the young teacher and as saying that he grappled with her and held her while Paul (Shike) Smith another Maryville Negro beat her head

with a club. "All I've been telling you is the truth," Gunn said, according to the questioner, who would not identify himself.

The Negro was then left alone on the roof facing the swarm of people below with an impassivity that was marked. The building was now fired and within a few minutes flames and a dark cloud of smoke burst forth obscuring the figure on the roof. Then the flames began swirling about Gunn and he strained back in a futile effort to escape the uprush of heat. He twisted and revealed a huge blister ballooning on his left upper arm. Pieces of his skin blew away to the wind as the blistering heat became more intense and soon his torso was splashed with white patches of exposed flesh. His hair burned like a torch for a moment then his head sagged. His body writhed. It took on the appearance of a mummy.

Gunn screamed once in agony. Twice he swung an arm outward despairingly. He was conscious for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes. Within half an hour from the time the flames reached him, he was dead. The flesh was burning from the top of his head and his neck, exposing the white skull to the view of the hundreds massed on the hillside east of the burning building and on the west, the watching crowds saw his legs draw upward with the heat as in a kneeling position before the body fell with the roof.

January 12, Maryville Forum. Paul Smith said he had an alibi for December 16. From 3:00 to 9:00 he was at the home of his aunt, Mrs. B. F. Smart of Maryville helping her prepare a banquet meal. His story was verified by white persons at the banquet.

January 13, 1931. The colored race was represented in Maryville by one person today and his ashes remain at Garrett school, southwest of Maryville. The colored folks that are the remaining members of the race who remained here since the murder kept themselves out of sight. Not a colored person was to be seen on the streets today and it is understood that 22 of the race left Maryville....

MISSOURI IN SHAME. Editorial of Kansas City Times, reprinted in Maryville Daily Forum, January 13, 1931. The lynching at Maryville was about as horrible a thing as can be. Lynching by fire is the vengeance of a savage past...The sickening outrage is more the deplorable because it could easily have been prevented. Officers and guards made no real attempt to prevent the lynching...there is no question of miscarriage of justice.

Governor Caulfield of Missouri called for an investigation. No charges were made. But the editor of the Forum was correct; Maryville was to be forever identified as the place where they "burned the nigger." Raymond Gunn died without a trial to determine his guilt or innocence. A way of life for the black population of Maryville died with him.

A reporter from the Kansas City Call came to Maryville and gave another side of the lynching:

MARYVILLE CITIZENS SEEK MORE BLOOD AFTER ROASTING GUNN. Justice is not done, is what a friend of the Colter family said. The dead girl's friends want the blood of Ted Gunn and Paul Smith. They want another lynching....

In a sorrowing family circle, the mother of Raymond Gunn talked over the space of an hour about her boy and the mob which burned him alive at Maryville. The brown-skinned woman who is the mother of Gunn does not talk of vengeance. "I am certain that Raymond never confessed to that crime," she said. "I'll never believe he ever confessed of his own free will."

"Oh, I wish I could go back there and search around. There might be something left I could bury as a body. I expect they might shoot me down in his ashes." (Call reported that a tooth and bone had been taken by souvenir hunters from the ashes.)

"Just after he was arrested, I went to the authorities and said to them, 'See here, Raymond is charged with a serious crime. Will he get protection of the law and a fair trial?' And they promised me he would."

"Raymond said (after Velma Colter's body was found) 'I am sure glad I wasn't hunting around the school house that day, because if I had I would have hopped a freight.' "

"My son didn't try to hide. He did not run away. I am sorry for the girl's family, but I don't believe my son did this terrible crime."

January 16, 1931, Kansas City Call. 281

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LATE TELEGRAPH FLASHES

Coroner's Jury Finds Negro Did Horrible Crime

The jury, which was organized at 10:30 a. m. today, found that the defendant, Raymond Gunn, 26-year-old negro, who last night in the office of P. R. Jones, Jr., prosecuting attorney, confessed that he killed Miss Velma Fern Collier, 20-year-old teacher of the Garrett one-room school, southwest of Maryville, on Tuesday afternoon. The picture was hurriedly rushed to St. Joseph, after 10:15 o'clock this morning where the balloons was made and rushed back to Maryville in time for this afternoon edition.

Nine Believed Drowned After Boat Capsizes

Bodies of Five Women and Four Men Are Bought by Coast Guard.

2 Families Wiped Out

Residents of Dillon's Beach, Calif., Are Convinced All Nine Are Lost—Rescue Attempts Failed.

Dillon's Beach, Calif., Dec. 19, (UP).—Coast guard patrol boats circled through the swift current at the mouth of Tomales Bay today in an effort to find the bodies of five women and four men believed to have perished when their pleasure launch capsized last night.

Two fishermen, hurrying to the rescue, were themselves thrown into the water and forced to swim a mile to land when one of the terrified women being towed to safety upset the rescue craft.

The tragedy was thought to have wiped out the entire families. They were Jack Press, owner of a launch that corresponded to a description of the founder's boat, his two daughters, Helen and Mary, Anne Augustine, his wife, and their children, Manuel, Daniel, Gertrude, and Virginia.

Both families failed to return to their homes in Marshall last night and it was feared they were the unfortunate pleasure seekers.

The tragedy occurred when the launch under sudden wind died while battling against the strong current. Those aboard yelled wildly for help as the disabled boat was sucked into the tide and carried out toward the sea.

Two brothers, Grant, 22, and Raymond, 24, fishing nearby, heard the shouts and started by the launch. When they reached the pleasure launch, the men had begun to rub each other.

MURDERER CONFESSES

A Maryville Negro, Raymond Gunn, Age 26 Years, Confesses Last Night to Brutal Killing of Teacher.

HE IS TAKEN TO ST. JOSEPH JAIL

Details of Horrible Crime Committed at Garrett School House Are Related After Officers Build Strong Circumstantial Case.

Raymond Gunn, 26-year-old Negro ex-convict, confessed last night that he had committed the atrocious murder of Velma Collier in the Garrett school southwest of Maryville Tuesday afternoon, and with his confession the terror which has hung like a pall over this vicinity was lifting today.

Few people knew yesterday that the web of evidence against Gunn was being drawn tighter with each succeeding hour, and the officers were able to rush him out of town unnoticed when he broke down under the questioning last night.

A town beat-print, coupled with definite knowledge that the Maryville negro had been in the vicinity of the school the evening before the crime, tempted assault on a college girl here in 1925, played a prominent part in the solution of the crime.

Began Search for Gunn. With these clues officers began a search for Gunn, but were unable to find him until yesterday morning when L. E. Attention arrested Gunn and two negro companions as they were hunting in a field northwest of Gunn's home which is on East Fourth street.

The confession was obtained after the negro had been questioned several hours, and it was made to Paul R. Jones, Jr., prosecuting attorney, and G. H. Reichen, T. V. Burnett, and B. T. Andrews of the St. Joseph detective force.

Mr. Reichen was in charge of the questioning, and he drew the revolting story from the Negro's lips quietly and without use of violence. Gunn apparently never lost his composure, but when he at last saw that the net was tight around him, he told the story willingly, confessed that further standing to achieve his goals, he was willing to do anything.

Witnesses Tell Gruesome Tale Before Jurors

T. H. Thompson Recounts How He Found Body of Slain School Teacher.

Confession Is Retold

Detective Unfolds Questioning of Negro—Dr. Humbert Describes the Wounds

The gruesome details of how the body of Velma Fern Collier, 20-year-old school teacher, was found, and the description of the wounds she suffered, were unfolded in the circuit court room here this morning when the coroner's jury brought in a verdict that the girl came to her death at the hands of Raymond Gunn, 26-year-old negro.

Only three witnesses were questioned. Thomas H. Thompson, at whose home Miss Collier lived while teaching school, Dr. C. D. Humbert, coroner, and G. H. Reichen, St. Joseph detective.

That the residents of the Garrett school community had grown to love their little school teacher in the short time she had taught there, was implied in the faltering low-toned testimony of Mr. Thompson, before the coroner's jury. His family was worried because Miss Collier stayed after school hours to clean up the one-room school, and he and Mrs. Thompson had advised her against so doing. However, Mr. Thompson said, that Velma said she was not afraid and did not change her habit of sweeping the floors and fixing the fire before she left the building.

Was Ready for Christmas. Every evening when she did not come home from school, Mr. Thompson said, that she was worried about Velma. But Mrs. Thompson was of the opinion that the girl was getting ready for the Christmas season and probably would be a little late that night.

That she was getting the school ready for the Christmas season, is shown by the decorations that were on the back board, a baby carriage, on side of which "Merry Christmas" was written. Velma also was preparing for a party. Velma's room, however, was not prepared for the party, as the school, for her parents and, possibly, her friends, had been left out Christmas greeting.

When Velma did not appear at the

Gunn Goes to Death With Little Sign of Fear—Mob Made Plans Carefully

Raymond Gunn, the Negro who paid with his life for his confessed murder of Miss Velma Colter, school teacher, was apparently unafraid when he went to his doom in the flames this morning.

Even until the last, when he was being chained down to the roof of the Garrett school, where Miss Colter was murdered, he did not shrink, did not fight—but followed all the directions of those who had him in charge.

Gunn was not pulled up the ladder to his doom. To the contrary, he climbed up the steps of the improvised ladder, and when the top rung broke under his weight, the Negro caught himself and pulled himself up to the top of the ladder.

It was remarked that not many would have walked the entire distance—that it was surprising the Negro was not dead by the time the lynchers reached the school, for many thought the mob would drag him to the scene.

Negro Walks Steadily.

But not Gunn the 27-year-old slayer. He walked steadily along at the end of the chain without any resistance, without being beaten—there were many clubs in evidence—without being dragged or prodded.

Down First street the leaders of the mob took Gunn. There close in to the lynchers said that when they crossed R. T. McGarry street Gunn told of another Negro being implicated. Early in the stage death march the Negro begged for his life, but he soon saw this was futile.

On and on and on went the mob which was born on its frightful mission. It was organized efficiently. There were persons who formed a square around the Negro. Watchers, with clubs, were on the outskirts of the crowd. Any person who advanced in front of the mob was checked. No automobile was allowed to proceed ahead of the crowd after it had arrived at the field where it was to be executed.

Further evidence that the plans had been well laid was shown when men went in advance to clear out the men who school houses—to see that it was thoroughly wrecked in advance so that the building would not be slow in burning.

Hundreds On Scene.

Hundreds, hearing that the "mob" had got the Negro, rushed to that place and expected to the schoolhouse. It seemed to be the destiny known they would go to the schoolhouse. When they were asked at the school house

complicated the Negro to the courthouse with drawn bayonets.

There was expression around the city this noon as the citizens were regaining their composure, that it was the best thing there was no attempt made outside of the regular procedure with prisoners. In bringing Gunn to the courthouse, if there had been with resistance, many might have been hurt or killed, according to the view of many.

A Regrettable Incident, The Officers Say

Virgil Rathman, prosecuting attorney, said this morning in reference to the mob action that "for the sake of law, order and good citizenship it was a most regrettable incident." He refused to comment further upon the case.

Sheriff Harve England was home in bed when reached by a reporter. He said that his right arm was severely wounded when the leaders of the mob forced the handcuffs away from him. He said that his shoulders and back were also severely sprained.

The statement made by Sheriff England was that he "was very sorry it all happened and hated it very much."

He said that the three other officers in the car with him, deputy-sheriff James Purcell, special deputy Bob Jones and officer Roy Long did their best to protect Gunn, but that the mob was too strong and that they could not hold them back.

Doubt That Smith Had Any Part in Teacher's Murder

Runner Says Gunn Tried to Implicate Him—Story Is Not Believed.

Leadership in Mob Evidenced by Orderliness

Plans Seemed to Have Been Well Planned For Lynching.

School a Funeral Pyre

It Goes Up in Flames With the Negro Gunn Being Burned to Ashes This Morning.

The mob was evidently in the charge of leaders who had carefully mapped out their plans. Gunn was led by means of a chain about ten feet long. He appeared to say nothing to his captors, some of whom shouted "To hell with the law" as they approached the school building. About 600 men were in the group immediately around the prisoner.

Cars had rushed to the vicinity of the school immediately after the news that the mob had seized Gunn was spread around. More than a thousand people, including some women and children, were on the scene of the lynching long before the mob appeared. These people milled around in the cold, and many suggested that the lynching was to take place somewhere else.

When at last the mob appeared crossing the fields northwest of the school, many of the spectators ran across the fields to meet the lynching party.

The leaders evidently decided to walk to the school in order that they could forestall any possible move to rescue the Negro. Many of the men in the mob carried clubs and as they neared the school, numbers of them pushed cars which were parked in the field out of the path of the party.

Automobiles continued to rush to the scene even after the mob was started. Cars were parked on both sides of the roads in the vicinity of the school.

The spectators began to shout as the lynching party approached and many of them yelled insistently that the Negro be played on the roof where all could see. This demand grew louder when Gunn was taken into the building, but soon for the mob who took the Negro to the roof, they would bring Gunn out as soon as they had obtained a confession.

Several men were on the roof. They saw the mobmen off in places in order

NEGRO MURDERER IS CHAINED TO ROOF OF GARRETT SCHOOL AND BURNED TO DEATH BY MOB

Raymond Gunn, 27-Year-Old Negro, Confessed Slayer, Pays Penalty With-
ing in Flames of School Where Teacher Was
Brutally Murdered.

ORDERLY CROWD WATCHES THE MOB'S ACTIONS

Negro Is Taken From Sheriff England at East Door of the Courthouse and Led by a Chain Three Miles to His Doom—Building Is Saturated With Gasoline and Negro Chained to Roof Before Match Is Touched to Buildings.

Raymond Gunn, negro, paid for his confessed crime on a Monday evening school teacher. He was burned on the top of the school house in which he committed his confessed crime at 10:30 o'clock this morning as an orderly crowd of nearly 3,000 calmly watched.

Gunn, it was said by those in the mob, confessed that another negro, Shilke Smith, was implicated in the killing of Miss Velma Colter, the teacher who was murdered.

Gunn was taken away from Sheriff Harve England about 9:30 o'clock this morning as he was being brought to the courthouse from the jail.

The negro was walked the entire distance to the Garrett school, three miles southwest of Maryville, led by a chain attached to the one remaining handcuff.

It was an orderly mob which took charge of the affair and the thousands who gathered at the school looked on curiously without any attempt being made to interfere.

There was no attempt by any person or parties to check the mob once it had Gunn in its possession.

The leaders of the mob seemed to be in no hurry and had their plans well organized. Gunn did not attempt to get away and it would have been a useless move on the part of the negro. He was taken into the Garrett school, where the lynchers questioned the negro and seemed to be satisfied with the confession it is alleged that Gunn made.

Before the mob had arrived at the school, preparations had been made by others who seemed to be in on the plans. The equipment of the school building was removed, even to the slates on the wall.

An improvised ladder was used to hoist Gunn on top of the building. He was pulled up by means of a long chain.

Hoies were cut in the roof and Gunn fastened by means of the chain. The leader tore the shingles off of the roof, then poured gasoline, high test around his body and on the roof. In the meantime gas was poured over the floor of the school and when a match was touched to it the building went up in flames.

The mob continued to pull Gunn down but the confessions were not notified, and was not called out to protect the black man pay for his terrible, most atrocious deed that he committed upon the victim, pure school teacher, who met her death at the age of

Pray to get right with your master
Before it is too late.
Furnished to Country, by G. Whitney, Maryville, June 5-11, 1983.

Marriage. Olphus Gunn and Onie Smith, two well-known young colored people were married Tuesday evening at the Frank Smart home by Rev. H.M. Cook. Many friends witnessed the ceremony. July 22, 1909, Republican.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bunk Gunn, colored, died this morning after a short illness. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. September 20, 1917, Democrat Forum.

Tornado hits the city (Maryville), among the injured:
Mrs. Virgil Gunn, colored broken leg
Mrs. Vernon Allen, colored internal injuries
(five persons killed, 18 injured) October 24, 1934, Forum
Later report that Mrs. Helen Gunn and infant not seriously hurt.

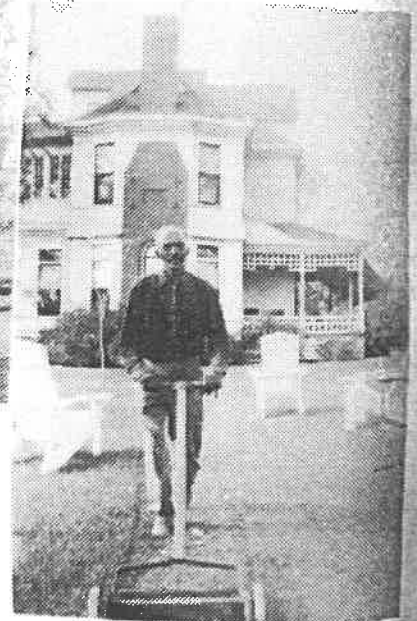
After the tornado, the ministers of Maryville assured the citizens from the pulpit that it was not God's wrath against the city that brought the tornado.

OBITUARY: Services of Olphus Gunn, 85, of Atchison, Kansas, who died Monday in a hospital there will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday at the Seventh Day Adventist church. Burial will be in Oak Hill, Maryville. He is survived by one son and one daughter, both of Kansas City. February 15, 1965, Forum.

From Mary Jackson, Maryville: "Bunk" Gunn worked for my grandfather and then for my father for over 30 years and in a way helped raise my brothers and me because he was always around. He'd help me catch my pony or show us how to make things. He lived in Atchison, Kansas the last years of his life. His wife's name was Onie and they had five living children when I was a child, but Harold and Edna died when they were about 12 and 14, respectively. Three others were Virgil, Ethel, and Mary. Bunk was about 1/4 or 1/8th Indian. November, 1983.



Olphus "Bunk" Gunn. Pictures
furnished by Mary Jackson



HANNETT. Lola Hannett, cook in hotel in Maryville, 1910, Born ca 1878.

HARDIN. Robert and Mary Green Hardin(Harden) lived in Maryville just before the turn of the century and were respected by the citizens of Maryville who to this day speak of them with love and affection.

OBITUARY: Bob Hardin died at 11:35 o'clock today at his home at 1109 East 4th Street. He had been ill for more than two years. The hour for the funeral has not been decided but will be at the A. M. E. church, conducted by pastor Rev. S. H. Drake of St. Joseph. Burial will be in Oak Hill. Eighty four years of age, Mr. Hardin was born August 8(or 3) 1866 in Independence, Missouri. He was married 58 years ago and his wife survives. He has lived in Maryville most of his life. Other survivors are a half-brother, Mose Davis and a half-sister, Mrs. Hattie Hawks, both of Independence. February 8, 1951, Daily Forum.

Nodaway Countians in History



Shown are workers laying footing for steam pipe for heating at the college gymnasium. The only man identified is the black, Dave Hardin. Mrs. Raymond Younger, Maryville, who provided the photo, said her family cared for Hardin's wife, Mrs. Mary Hardin, after the death of her husband, and the picture was among Mrs. Hardin's mementos.



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Robert Hardin and Mary Hardin

This photo was not identified in the files of the Heritage Room, Maryville Public Library. Residents who knew them as older citizens indicate that the above could easily be Bob and Mary as they were at the date of their marriage. The photo supports information from residents that Bob Hardin was more Hispanic than black. He also wore a mustache when most were cleanshaven.

Mary Hardin respected black citizen of Maryville

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

When black history is discussed with local residents, Mary Hardin's name is always mentioned. Although not the last of the core of families in the Maryville black community, Mary was here long after most had gone. When she died in December, 1962, her obituary indicated she had lived in Maryville 95 years. Which, if true, meant she was brought here as a small child.

Her obituary and tombstone read that Mary Hardin was born in 1864; yet the data of the 1900 and 1910 census show that she was born in 1874. Also, the census indicates that Mary was born in New York of parents who were born in New York.

No local clues to parents of Mary Green were found. She should have been located in the 1870 and 1880 census, but was not. The railroads made it easy for easterners to come west where opportunities were growing. Many of Maryville's hotel keepers came from eastern states and hired young black men and women.

Documents show that Mary Green married Robert Hardin, in Maryville, August 16, 1893, although the obituary reads 1894. They had no children. Robert Hardin was born in New Mexico, his father born in New Mexico, and his mother in Kentucky.

Bob and Mary Hardin owned a home at the 1100 block on East 4th. Mary did laundry work there; however, the 1900 and 1910 census list her occupation as a cook. Two different people have told me that Mary Hardin was the originator of the idea for green artificial grass which is used at grave sites to cover the upturned earth.

A Maryville resident told me that Bob and Mary met at a church meeting; Mary was a member of the Maryville A.M.E. Bob Hardin was a day laborer and a photograph of

helping him lay the footing for the steam pipe to Northwest's college gym was printed earlier by the Forum, furnished by Mrs. Raymond Younger. Bob Hardin, born in 1866, lived at one time in Independence, Missouri. When he died in Maryville, February 1951, he was survived by a half-brother, Mose Davis, and a half-sister, Hattie Hawks, both of Independence.

Residents who remember Mary speak fondly of her. Dr. Fenton Williams, the first black student to attend Northwest Missouri State University, told me how Mary gave encouragement during that lone premed year at the college, 1958. Both Bob and Mary Hardin are buried at Oak Hill Cemetery.

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Maryville Public Library



HATMAKER. Lucy Hatmaker, born ca 1842 in North Carolina was working in the household of Wm Langley, 1870, Maryville.

HATTON. A. H. Hatton and his wife lived in Maryville 1883. He was a teacher at Douglass, 1883-1883. Rebecca Hatton was also a teacher at Douglass, 1888-1889. There was a long article about the Maryville Public schools November 8, 1883 with this comment: We did not have time to visit the colored school but Mr. Hatton is doing his full duty there, and there is no doubt he is one of the best colored teachers in the state. Republican

Born: September 18 to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hatton, colored, a boy. November 8, 1883. Republican.

HAYES. Jacob Hayes, born 1871, was living with his family in Maryville on Water Street, 1900. Wife, Missouri Hayes, born ca 1874, and children: George, Robert and Bell. Jacob Hayes was dead by 1910. Additional children living with Missouri Hayes: Irene, Glen, Margaret, and Moses.

HENDERSON. Mary Henderson, born ca 1841 in Tennessee, widow and cook in hotel in Hopkins, 1880, Nodaway County. Henry Henderson, born ca 1899 in Mo. Probably son of Mary. Servant in hotel in Hopkins, 1880.

HENSON. Ella Henson (Mrs.) hair stylist in Maryville, 1917.

HICKMAN. William J. Hickman was a teacher of Douglass school, 1897-1905. He began the annual closing exercises and it was during his early teaching years that the name for the school, Douglass, began to appear in the records. See school for more information.

HOBSON. John H. Hobson was a very early Maryville resident. Born in Tennessee about 1830, he was associated in 1870 with Maryville blacks who were born in free states. Blacksmithing was his occupation; he may have had his own business. Austin and Russell Hobson of the household were born in Tennessee, 1854 and 1851. The Hobson household appears to be a boarding house in 1870. In Susan Gunn's complaint in August 1870, she and her mother said they stopped at Hobsons on their way home from town indicating a livery or boarding house situation. Family not found in the 1880 census. In 1873, John Hobson identified in the delinquent tax listing for Maryville which is often a clue that someone has left the area between assessment and collection period. He lived in the NW addition where Winnie Stinson, Charles Williams lived, or Lot 4, Block 2.

HILL. Ada Hill of Savannah married Guy Martin, November 1910.

HILLMAN. Sarah Hillman married Winslow Peters, March 1882. Mrs. Winnie Hillman married Louis Wilson, April 1915.

HOLMES. Dicy Graves married Thomas Holmes and they lived in Maryville many years. OBITUARY: Mrs. Dicy Holmes Brailey, colored, 76 years old, died at 4:00 yesterday at her home on 1223 E. 3rd where she had resided since coming to Maryville 65 years ago. She had been confined to her home the last four years. Mrs. Brailey was born in Greenup, Kentucky. She was married in 1876 to Thomas N. Holmes who died August, 1917. In 1926, she married James Brailey who survives. Other survivors are Mrs. J. B. Keene, Maryville, William Holmes, Leavenworth, Kansas; Everette Holmes, Kansas City; Ned Holmes, Wadsworth, Kansas, and George Holmes, Omaha, two grandsons and two great grandchildren. Mrs. Brailey was the oldest member of the Bethel A. M. E. church. She was one of the first members. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 Monday at the A. M. E. church. Rev. W.M. Daniels officiating. October 27, 1939, Daily Forum.

Box 80, #29, Circuit Court, Divorce, Dicy Holmes and Thomas Holmes, married 11 May 1876 in Nodaway County, and lived together until March, 1877. Dicy seeks custody of a minor son, Willy Holmes, born of said marriage and her maiden name of Dicy Graves restored. July 31, 1878. (Couple appears to have remarried or did not carry through the divorce.)

Arthur Holmes, son of Thomas Holmes, colored, fell on the icy sidewalk Saturday evening and broke his leg. Dr. C. A. Ellis set the broken member and made the boy comfortable. March 2, 1899, Nodaway Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holmes of Leavenworth, Kansas, who moved there from Maryville only a short time ago returned Monday night bringing with them the remains of their nine year old son who died Saturday after a long illness. Funeral services were held Monday at the A. M. E. church and

the body interred in Oak Hill cemetery. Accompanying Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Holmes to this city were Lige Holmes, Will Holmes and wife of Leavenworth and Arthur Holmes of Des Moines, Iowa. April 17, 1908, Tribune

The body of Mrs. Anna Holmes will arrive in Maryville Wednesday over the Wabash from Des Moines, Iowa, in which city she died Tuesday morning. The deceased is the wife of Arthur Holmes. The remains will be taken to the home of the husband's mother, Dicy Holmes. Arrangements will be made for the funeral service when the funeral party arrives from Iowa. May 12, 1908, Tribune.

James Brailey and Dicy Holmes married August 26, 1926.

Hurrah for Smoky Brailey! The dark-skinned porter for a local barber shop had the right community spirit and thought enough of the Maryville band to add \$1 from his savings from shines to contribute to the fund for buying uniforms. How about taking as much as Smoky does to add a few dimes to the fund? July 25, 1929, Tribune.

HOOKER. Eliza Hooker, born ca 1820 in Kentucky, appears to be keeping boarders in 1870, Maryville. Her daughter, Dolly, born ca 1848, in Kentucky, married Stephen Martin. Daughter, Eliza Jane, born ca 1856, in Mo., married Frank Austin. Eliza is probably the person described as keeping boarders in 1880, E. 4th. (See "Black Went by First Names" and Martin)

IRVING. Grace Irving, cook in hotel in Maryville, 1910. Had been married one year. Born in Kansas ca 1894. Father born in Canada.

INLOW/INLOE. Josephine Inlow married Winslow Peters, November, 1868.

JACKSON. The following family history is furnished by Edmonia Jackson Stith, daughter of Thomas and Mary Lee Gillium Jackson:

Thomas Jackson, vacationing in Louisville, Kentucky, returned to Maryville with a bride from Russellville, Kentucky. I am the youngest of five children born to the union of Mary Lee Gillium and Thomas Jackson. There were three boys and two girls. All of the boys died in infancy and the other girl died at the age of 19. These brothers and one sister along with my mother and father are all buried in the Oak Hill cemetery in Maryville. (Note: Thomas Jackson was born August 31, 1873, in Louisville Ky.) My mother never worked and my father came to Maryville from Louisville with the president of Maryville Teacher's college which is now known as Northwest Missouri State University. Later, my father worked for Dr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bell. (Thomas Jackson died October, 1944. He was a mason, Cyrene Lodge #58, Maryville. The president of the college who brought Thomas Jackson to Maryville was H. K. Taylor.)

My sister attended school in Louisville until her death and I too attended first and second grades in Louisville, but began my third grade in Maryville at Douglass school until it was closed. I attended Horace Mann Elementary School for grades four through eight in St. Joseph and graduated May, 1941 from Bartlett High School in St. Joseph.

I moved to St. Louis, Mo., in July 1948, and married Mr. Leo Houston Stith (native of Oregon, Mo.). I continued working at the Army Finance Center in St. Louis until the Center was moved to Indiana and Colorado. Beginning September 1960, I became a clerk for the St. Louis Public Schools and maintained that position until my retirement, April, 1983.

My daughter, Delores, attended the University of Missouri at St. Louis and now works for Union Electric. My son, Leo Jr. graduated from the University of Miami and is Spec. 4, United States Army, stationed in Germany. My youngest son, Erick Jackson Stith, graduated from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, where he was in Who's Who Among College Students. He is employed by Metal Foods Service Center a division of Alcan, Chicago Illinois, where he is a Marketing Sale representative. He is a Licensed Real Estate broker for Missouri and Illinois and in 1983 was listed in Outstanding Young Men of America. He plans to receive his MMD in Marketing from Northwestern University, Chicago, in June 1985. I have two grandsons, Leo III and Marlon. Dated: February, 1984.xxxxx

OBITUARY: Miss Helen Jackson age 19 died at 11:10 last night at the residence at 535 W. 5th. Thomas Jackson is the father. She was born Oct. 23, 1914 in Maryville. Besides the father, a sister, Edmonia, age 10. survives. Funeral arrangements to be made. December 28, 1933, Dem. Forum



Thomas Jackson



Mary Lee Gillium Jackson

Photographs furnished by
Edmonia Stith.



Helen Jackson



Edmonia Jackson Stith



Helen Jackson sitting in chair
Edmonia Jackson Stith on arm of
chair



Edmonia Jackson Stith
as a child



Helen Jackson



Edmonia Jackson Stith
April 1981

OBITUARY: Funeral services will be held at 3:00 Tuesday, A. M. E. church for Thomas Jackson, 71 years old, of Maryville, who died at 9:30, Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital. Services will be conducted by the pastor, Rev. Browder and the Rev. Canon of the Baptist church of St. Joseph. Burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery. Mr. Jackson who had been a patient at the hospital since August 7, following a paralytic stroke, died of a head injury suffered while asleep. He was born August 31, 1873, in Louisville, Kentucky. He came to Maryville about 1909, with the late H. K. Taylor former president of STC here, and continued to make his home in Maryville. Mr. Jackson was a member of the A. M. E. church and the Masonic lodge. October 23, 1944, Daily Forum.

OLD LANDMARK GONE. Wiley Jackson, An Aged Negro, Found Dead in His Home.

An old landmark has passed away and one of Hopkins' most unique characters is no more. Wiley Jackson was found dead at his home early last Monday morning (June 9, 1896). He had been indisposed for some time, but as he was up and around the day before, his death was entirely unexpected.

The gruesome discovery was made by John Miller, who went to the place about five o'clock to see if Wiley was in need of help, and was horrified to find the old man on his knees with his head leaning on a chest, dead.

There are not many characters in Hopkins who would be missed as will Wiley. Not for his prominence in any particular line, for Wiley's own business was all he ever had anything to do with, but his figure has been seen on our streets every day for the past 18 years. For many years past he has been the only colored resident of Hopkins, living alone in an old wrecked car between the main Burlington track and the side track. Born in Alabama he passed his early manhood in slavery and saw some army service during the war. About the only definite scrap of history relating to this period of his life is embraced in a telegram from Capt. M. B. Harmon of Pickering to A. C. Kennedy: "Wiley Jackson was employed with the ammunition train of the 14th Army Corps, and as such was on my pay roll about two years. He joined the train in 1863, and at the close of the war he came north with J. W. Harmon. I know nothing of his people." Like many of his race, Wiley's history previous to the war is a blank.

Wiley was a devout church member, and what ever the future reward may be he is certainly entitled to it. In his homely way he accomplished more real good than many more pretentious: always ready with a kind word for all and with friendly advice for the young. He was very zealous in temperance work; and although illiterate, he has delivered a quaint but forceful lecture on this line several times in our city. What good he has done was done because it was good and not for hope of future reward. He did the best he knew. Who can do more? June 12, 1896, Hopkins Journal

Hopkins, Missouri --Wiley Jackson an aged colored man was found dead at his home in this city. He had been indisposed for several days but his death was a surprise. For many years Wiley has been the only colored resident of Hopkins. "Way back in his dark infancy he was a slave near Mobile, Alabama and with thousands of other pickanninnies he grew to manhood when the Civil War lifted the curse that blighted his life. During the war he allied his fortunes with Gen. Sherman and made the famous march to the sea. After the war he drifted north and for 20 years was yardmaster at Burlington(RR)at Hopkins. Wiley was a devout Methodist --although illiterate, he made an interesting lecture." June 1896, St. Joseph Gazette.

Wiley Jackson, Hopkins' only permanent negro resident settled here in 1878. He maintained a coal supply shed for the railroad. Wiley died June 9, 1896. Services were conducted at the Methodist Church with interment in the Hopkins Cemetery. Hopkins Centennial, 1872-1972.

JENKINS. Invisable Green, reporter for the Republican wrote: Very early in Maryville, Davis Cosby circus came to Maryville; people dressed up and came from everywhere. Jeff Moore...took a bath in the 102 River and stepped on an ax... which had been lost the winter before by Andrew Jenkins, colored man, while cutting ice. April 28, 1892.

JOHNSON. Lizzie Johnson, born ca 1880 in Missouri, married 1 year, working for Ed Townsend in Maryville, 1910.

JOHNSON. Tobe Johnson, born ca 1860 in Missouri, farmer in Green Township Nodaway County later moved to Maryville. See census. His wife was Lena. Children shown in the 1900 census: Nettie, Clarence, Myrt, Eliza(Eliza?), and Gloria who was probably the child raised by Henry Wilson and his wife Mattie Johnson Wilson. May Johnson is listed as niece in the Henry Wilson household, 1910. Lawrence Johnson, son of Uncle Tobe Johnson was identified in Maryville, November, 1908. Nettie Johnson married Benjamin F. Palmer, December 1900. Identified as the daughter of William Johnson. Also see Gooden, Smart, Lattimore for information of Mary Alice Johnson and her children. (Also see K. K. K. for Rev. Johnson, 1888)

JONES. Mary Jones, born ca 1850, Louisanna, in the household of Ira McMillan in Maryville, 1870. Angeline Jones married John Cramer, March, 1871, Nodaway County. (See Cramer). Mary A. Jones married Henry Bolden August, 1872, in Nodaway County. (See Bolden)

KEENE. Professor A. A. Keene was teacher at the Douglass school in Maryville: "Prof. Keene will go to Iowa State, Iowa City, for the summer term and will take math, English, and physics." May 30, 1912, Tribune.

Gex Keene is one of the janitors at the postoffice, December 29, 1927. Montgomery Ward will open their store Saturday. There will be 98 employees. (Gex Keene was listed as one of them.) November 22, 1928.

KELLY/KELLEY. Rev. Mathew Kelley, born in Kentucky, married Gertrude Palmer Glover and he was minister of Zion Baptist church in Maryville at his death. (See K. C. Sun and Palmer)

OBITUARY: Rev. M. J. Kelley, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church died at his home Wednesday afternoon, West 5th Street, following an illness of three months. Funeral will be held Sunday at 2:30 at the church conducted by Rev. J. H. Herron of St. Joseph. Rev. Mr. Kelley was 47 years old and lived in Maryville the past 17 years. He has been pastor for two years. Surviving are his wife and four children, Mrs. Leona Hibbs, Kansas City, Vandora Kelley, James and Dorothy Kelley. His two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Martin and Mrs. Bertha Walden of St. Joseph and his brother, Edward Kelley of St. Louis have been here several days and will remain until after the funeral services. July 14, 1922, Tribune, Maryville.

William H. Kelly married Goldie Smith, November, 1918. Lizzie Kelley married Albert Martin, August, 1915. Vandora Kelley married Raymond Gunn. See marriages.

KING. William King was an ex-slave and he and his family lived in Maryville ca 1890s. Not much is known of the family except through his suit against the railroad and the information given when the family left with Charles Baker for Oklahoma. (See Baker and "Other Indignities") Andrew King born ca 1863 in Missouri was working in a hotel in Hopkins, 1880. Amanda King married Winslow Peters, December, 1890.

KINCHLOW. Will Kinchlow married Lola Smith, August 1915. Laura Kinchlow married Guy Martin, January 1919.

KOGER. Louella Koger of Wisconsin married William Gunn, May 191-

LEMASTER. Theo Lemaster mentioned as living here in 1915.

LAMASTUS. James Lamastus involved in the Emancipation Day celebration, August, 1874.

LANIER/LANEAR. Benjamin Lanier, born in North Carolina ca 1835, was living in Maryville in 1870. He married Sarah Prather (born in Kentucky) in Nodaway County, January 21, 1866. Children named in the 1870 census in the household are: Rufas, Henry, John, and Bell. Benjamin purchased a lot in Maryville, August 1870: Real estate transfer, B.G. Ford and wife sold to Benjamin Lnear, Lot 7, Block 11, Southern Extension of Maryville for \$200. August 31, 1870, Nodaway Democrat. Sarah Prather is listed as a slave in the inventory of I. N. Prather. See Frather.

LANGDON. Rev. B. H. Langdon was pastor of the A. M. E. church, Maryville, in 1880's during the time when the lot and building were secured. See churches.

LATTIMORE. Sylvia Lattimore came to Maryville from Georgia where she was born. She had a brother, Louis Lattimore and a nephew, Nelson Lattimore.

Tracing the life of Sylvia Lattimore

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Sylvia Lattimore

Sylvia and a few other blacks of Nodaway County were born in Georgia. Other Georgians identified through census records are Henry Malcome, Wiley Jackson, Riley Winship and Mary Alice Johnson. There is a discrepancy concerning the place of birth of Mack Smart — the 1870 census indicates Tennessee, and the 1880 census lists Georgia. There seems to be a connection or relationship in the above, so perhaps they came north together either as slaves or free persons after the war.

Sylvia Lattimore Wills had a short obituary on Jan. 23, 1890, in the Nodaway Democrat:

"Sylvia Wills, colored lady, 70 years old, died at her residence Monday morning. The deceased recovered from an attack of grippe and resumed her washing, the result was a back set, turning into pneumonia, of which she died. She was an old resident of the county and had many friends among white people."

The county records give much more information than the obituary. Sylvia was born about 1820 or 1830 in Georgia of parents who were born in Georgia. She had a brother, Louis Lattimore, who remained in Georgia. Louis's son, Nelson Lattimore, was living in Atlanta in 1894.

According to her probate papers, Sylvia had one child born to her in slavery in Georgia, whom she had lost track of over the years. She had not heard from the offspring since around 1860. Though denied her own child, Sylvia provided for and cared for at least two others, Mary Alice Johnson and Rebecca Malcome.

The first documents involving Sylvia (often identified as "Aunt Silvey") or those with whom she had

direct relationship are deeds for property in Maryville right after the war.

"Henry Malcome and Mack Smart (husband of Mary A. Johnson) purchased from Cezar Smart and wife Jane Miller Smart Lot 8, Block 6 of the town of Maryville for \$150, date January 1867".

Then, in December 1867, the families sold the property as follows:

"Mack and Mary Alice Smart, his wife, and Henry Malcome and Silvey Malcome sold for \$215 Lot 8, Block 6 to Ben F. Torrance and Lycurgus Miller.

"Deed made December 15, 1869, corrected 23 August 1870, Henry Malcome and Mack Smart bought from B. G. and Lucinda Ford for \$200 Lot 6, Block 13 in Southern extension."

In 1870, Sylvia Lattimore, born in Georgia, age 45, and Henry Malcome, born in Georgia, age 54, made up a household in Maryville. Sylvia's name was listed as Malcome. A young mulatto girl, age 6, Rebecca Malcome, born in Missouri, parents born in Missouri, was also in the household.

Also in 1870, in the town of Maryville, Mack Smart, born in Tennessee, and Mary A. Smart, born in Georgia, made up a household. Living in the household was Wiley Jackson, born in Georgia, and Riley Winship, born in Georgia. Wiley Jackson later moved to Hopkins, but Riley Winship is located after 1870.

Mary A. Johnson (first husband, Mack Smart; second husband, John Gooden), according to her obituary, was born in Oxford, Ga., May 10, 1860. Her parents died while she was an infant "and she was reared by Sylvia Lattimore." Mack and Mary A. were married in Nodaway County.

The birthdate listed in Mary Alice's obituary is probably incorrect. Her age is given as 23 in 1870, so her date of birth is more likely to have been ca. 1848. Mary was old enough to be a wife in 1867, thus the 1860 date is not realistic.

In March of 1878, the A.M.E. Church of Maryville hosted a church conference, and 15 A.M.E. ministers from out of town were assigned to stay in homes. The Rev. John Jeffers and the Rev. J. W. Jackson stayed at the home of "Aunt Silvey."

In 1880, Sylvia Lattimore, age 50, washerwoman, single, born in Georgia, parents born in Georgia, is head of a household. Becky Malcome, age 16, born in Missouri, is identified as her adopted daughter. Mary A. Johnson Smart's children, Frank and Silvia Smart, are also in Sylvia's household. Mack and Mary Smart were by then divorced.

Henry Malcome, age 60, married to Marinda Williams Malcome, had a household in the second ward of Maryville.

In 1881, Sylvia Lattimore is named as one of the charter members of the A.M.E. Church when it incorporated Nov. 10. The church had been meeting in homes since 1872.

Dec. 1, 1881, Rebecca Malcome married Robert Campbell of Creston, Iowa. Sylvia Lattimore, guardian of Rebecca, gave consent. The marriage was at Sylvia's home by the Rev. Langdon.

It is in Sylvia Lattimore's administration papers that the brother, Louis, and nephew, Nelson Lattimore, are named and the child of Sylvia alluded to but not identified by name or sex.

Sylvia Lattimore married Simon Wills in Nodaway County July 15, 1886. Simon's wife was ill with cancer in 1883, so assume she died soon after that date. Simon and Sylvia were married just a few years when Sylvia died of the "flu," which was near an epidemic in the winter of 1879-80. Her probate papers were first filed Feb. 11, 1890, in Nodaway County.

The administrator, Charles Hyslop, called for appraisal of Sylvia's property by H. T. Bolden, A. H. Hatton and S. R. Rowley. The inventory dated March 6, 1890, shows the following property, which was sold to B. F. Anderson for \$21, the highest bid.

One couch, one rocking chair, one center table, one wall parthett, four cane-bottom chairs, one bureau, one lamp, one looking glass, one chair, one bedstead and spring, one heating stove, pipe, one feather bed, four pillows, two quilts, one stand, one wardrobe, one rag carpet, one hemp carpet, one kitchen table, one wooden safe, one cook stove, two tubs, tinware and glassware and three kitchen chairs.

Administrator Hyslop indicated that the "white sow" inventoried earlier "seems to be in dispute" as to owner. The decision was that the sow was not the property of Sylvia.

Bills presented against the estate:
B. F. Anderson, undertaker, \$77.
Dr. G. W. Wilson, last illness, \$6.
W. P. Ware, medicine, \$18.55.
Total, \$101.55.

To pay the bills, the property, Lot 5, Block 10, southern extension, was ordered sold. After all bills were paid, her nephew and heir, Nelson

Lattimore, was paid \$57.90 from Sylvia's estate.

It is difficult to sort out Sylvia Lattimore's story. Since the purchase of real estate and the marriage of Mary A. Johnson took place right after the Civil War, it appears the families were in the area at least in the 1860's. Rebecca, who was with the families, was born in Missouri around 1864. The records point to the idea that Sylvia and Mary A. came out of Georgia between the years 1850 and 1860. Since Sylvia had not heard from her child in Georgia since about 1860, that is a likely date that they came north.

Wills, Maryville woman
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LEE. George Lee, born ca 1872, in Missouri, widower, was a teacher of the Douglass school in Maryville. His daughter, Viola, was born in 1892 and they were living in Maryville, 1910. Alice Lee was a member of the A.M.E. church, Maryville, 1904. May Lee married George Ousley in 1903. Her mother was Mrs. Matilda Lee of Savannah.

LEWIS. Corine Lewis, age 13, was servant in Ferrin boarding house, 1910, Maryville.

LIGHTNER. Kelly Lightner married Ethel May Gunn, September 1930. See Bunk Gunn and Palmer also.

LOGAN. Thomas Logan, born ca 1850 in Illinois, porter in dining car; wife Susan, born in Dakota, living in hotel in Hopkins, 1880.

LONG. John Long born ca 1855 in Missouri, farm laborer for William Duncan Green Township, Nodaway County, 1870.

LOVELL. OBITUARY: Mrs. Mattie Lovell died this morning at 4:30 at her home on S. Vine Street. She was 60 years old. She is survived by her husband, Rev. S. D. Lovell, pastor of the A. M. E. church, two sons, Clarence of St. Louis and George of Maryville, and a sister, Mrs. Sophia Madison of St. Louis. Funeral services will be tomorrow at the A. M. E. church at 2:30. August 11, 1923, Tribune.

OBITUARY: The body of Rev. S. D. Lovell, colored, who died at his home in St. Louis arrived in Maryville for funeral services this morning, to be at the A. M. E. church at 2:00 tomorrow. The Rev. Mr. Lovell was former pastor of the A. M. E. church and is well-known here. September 2, 1924, Tribune, Maryville.

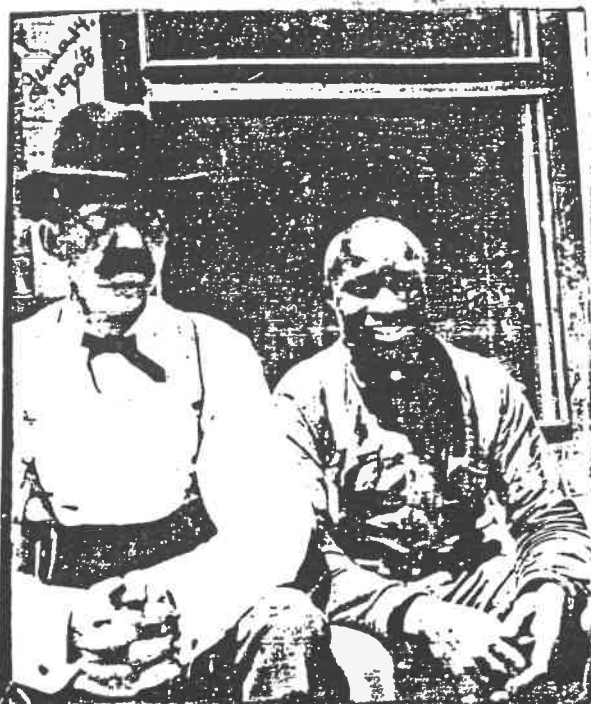
MALCOME. Deed: Book 24, p. 176, Nodaway County. Made 23 August 1870, B. G. Ford and Lucinda Ford sold to Henry Malcome and Mack Smart for \$200 Lot 6, Block 13, in Southern Extension of Maryville, deed made to correct previous deed made December 15, 1869.

Henry Malcome, born in Georgia, was an early Nodaway County resident. Sylvia Lattimore is identified as his wife in some of the records. Also see Williams and Lattimore; census.

Trustee Sale: Henry Malcome and Silva Malcome his wife by their deed of trust dated November 27, 1875, and recorded in the recorder's office of Nodaway County in Book 10, p. 484, for recording mortgage conveyed to undersigned Lot 5, Block 10, in Southern Extension of Maryville which said conveyance made to secure the promissory note in deed of trust described ..default of payment of said note how, I trustee by power invested by said deed of trust will on Monday 9 April 1877 at 9:00 a.m. at court house door, Maryville, sell said property to highest bidder. Joseph Jackson, Trustee.

The house belonging to Henry Malcome, colored man, was totally destroyed by fire as well as its contents Sunday evening. The fire originated from a lamp and spilled over and exploded. The room was at once filled with flames and the occupants hardly had time to escape with their lives. December 30, 1886. Republican. OBITUARY: The funeral of Amanda (Marinda) Malcome, the colored woman who died Friday afternoon will be held Sunday at 2:00, A. M. E. church, the services conducted by Rev. J. R. Carter, pastor of that church. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. She is survived by two sons, Jim Malcom and George Williams, and five grandchildren. She was about 80 years old. February 29, 1912. Democrat Forum.

James Malcome, the well-known colored porter at the Friend barber shop and Mrs. Mattie Bogges, a servant for several years at the home of Mrs. Theodore Robinson, were married Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock at the home of the bride and groom, on East Third Street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Carter of the A. M. E. church, in the presence of these guests: Mrs. Theodore Robinson, Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Bell, Mrs. G. A. Nash, Miss Alma Nash, and the colored friends of the bride and groom Mr. and Mrs. John McGeehee and Mrs. J. R. Carter. Mr. and Mrs. Malcome have had their home in readiness for three weeks. They are both proven faithful servants. Jim was Dr. Nash's coachman for 11 years before he took up his present work. They served dinner at 12:00 to Mr. and Mrs. McGeehee and Rev. and Mrs. Carter. August 20, 1912, Democrat Forum.

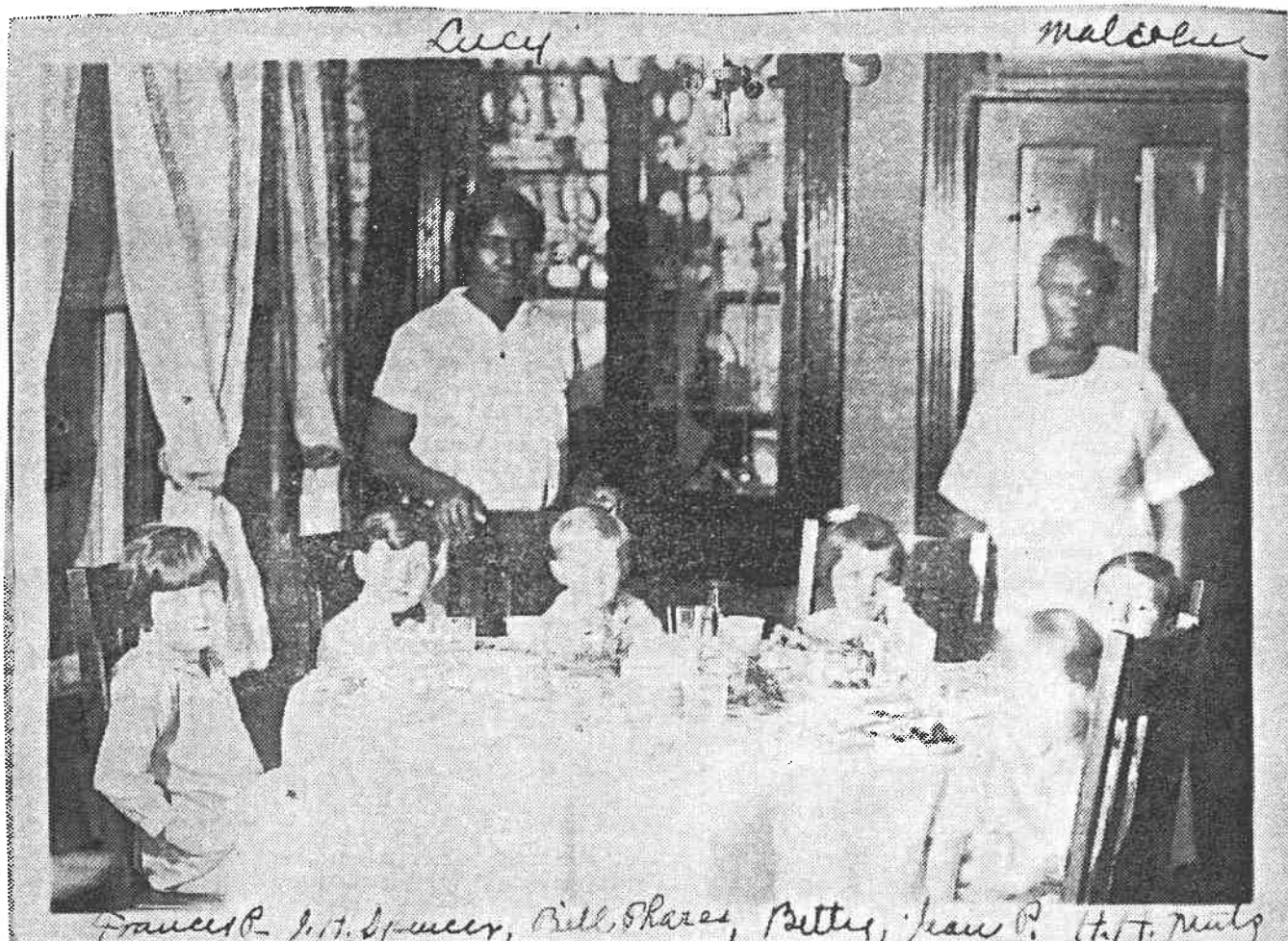


James Malcome and a friend. From the collection of Betty Wilson.



Below: Lucy Williams and Mattie Malcome

Mack - James Malcome



James Malcome was son of Henry Malcome who came from Georgia to Nodaway County right after the war ended. Assumed that Henry came along with Mack and Ceasar Smart, Sylvia Lattimore, Mary Johnson and Wiley Jackson. Photo above from Betty Wilson who was having a birthday party when the picture was taken. 298A



The barbershop scene was taken in 1905 where the former Peany Barber Shop was located at 407 N. Main Street. It was owned by George F. (Winnie) Woodard. Note all the shaving mugs shown at the right, which belonged to individual customers. Standing at the first chair, left, is I. E. (Dick) Tulloch; Ira A. (Teck) Tulloch, second chair, with Guy Airy, brother of Emery Airy, customer; and James Malcolm, porter. The late Howard (Dick) Strong operated the shop for a time. Dick Tulloch went to work at the shop in 1915 and later purchased the shop which was sold to A. D. (Deb) Strong. The mugs, spittoons, and mirrors would be collector items today.

You need not mention Omaha to James Malcome, negro porter and shoe shine expert at Godsey barber shop on the North side of the square. Jim went to Omaha last Sunday expecting to visit with friends and relatives. He returned Monday night. The reason for his change of intention was carried in the Monday paper, which reported race riots, lynching a negro prisoner, and the burning of the courthouse. Jim stayed indoors and wasn't out to see it happen. Jim says he doesn't intend to go back to Omaha. Maryville looks mighty good to him. October 2, 1919, Dem. Forum.

OBITUARY: James Malcolm died of heart disease at 9:30 at his home on East Second Street, following an illness since February. Funeral services will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 at the A. M. E. church. Rev. J. R. Carter of Gallatin will conduct the services. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. Mr. Malcolm was 43 and had lived in Maryville his (blur).... June 22, 1922. Tribune.

MARSHALL. Edward Marshall was one of the charter members of the A. M. E. church in 1881, Maryville. Mary Marshall attended Douglass school in 1928. Her parent/guardian was listed as Mrs. Vesta Walker. Mary Marshall married Ralph Palmer, July 1930; identified as the step-daughter of William Ford.

MARTIN. Ellen Martin identified as a daughter of Julius Graves. See Graves. Helen Martin, wife of Rev. G. F. Martin, living in Montana, returned home for the funeral of Gloria Johnson Cariger. Laura Martin born ca 1865 in Missouri, living in Nodaway County, 1880, census.

Stephen Martin's story is told through his military pension papers, obituary and other local documents. He married Dolly Hooker in Maryville. Stephen's military papers indicate he enlisted in USCT from Nodaway County and his service was credited here. He was once a slave of Teresa Martin of Andrew County.

COLORED VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTIVE LIST of

service of the United States under General Order No. 135, Head Quarters to have been the slave of *My Thomas Maitin* a citizen of

Description	When				
	Year of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	State
<i>My Thomas Maitin</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>5 ft 6 in</i>	<i>140 lbs</i>	<i>5 ft 6 in</i>	<i>Missouri</i>

R. B. M. A. B. K. S.

General H. D. Smith

My Thomas Maitin

I certify, on honor, that I have carefully examined the above named Colored Volunteer, according to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and mental infirmity that would, in any way, disqualify him from performing the duties of a soldier.

John J. Caldwell
Examining Surgeon

My Thomas Maitin

enlisted in the Colored Volunteers, enlisted in the Department of the Mo. St. Louis, November 14th, 1863. Claimed *Franklin* County, State of Missouri.

Born	County	Occupation	Enlisted		
			When	Where	By whom
<i>18</i>	<i>Franklin</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>November 14th 1863</i>	<i>St. Louis</i>	<i>By whom</i>

R. B. M. A. B. K. S.

I certify, on honor, that the above named Colored Volunteer was duly enlisted by me, and that the above is his correct Descriptive List. That I have minutely inspected him previous to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting service.

John J. Caldwell
Examining Surgeon
My Thomas Maitin
Recruiting Officer

STEPHEN MARTIN FORMER SLAVE DIED HERE AT AGE 88. Stephen Martin, age 88, an ex-slave and Civil War veteran died at 6:28 o'clock yesterday evening at his home on East Third Street. He had been bedfast the past week. The funeral is to be held at 2:00 Tuesday at the Bethel A. M. E. church. Rev. J. R. Carter, former pastor of the church here, now pastor of the Campbell Chapel of Glasgow, Missouri, will conduct the rites. He will be assisted by Rev. J. Ward, pastor of the church here. Burial will be in Oak Hill.

Martin was born March 16, 1845. He enlisted September 8, 1864, in Co. H of the 18th U. S. Infantry, and received his honorable discharge May 23, 1865. Mr. Martin was in two battles. Prior to the war he had been a slave. He was married to Dolly Hooker in Maryville, May 4, 1870, by Rev. J. S. Barwick. Mrs. Martin died July 31, 1932. Martin was a member of the Sedgwick Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. For years, Mr. Martin had been a plasterer in Maryville.

Surviving are two sons, Albert and Guy Martin of Maryville and a daughter, Mrs. Cornelia Braden also of this city. A sister is living but her address is unknown. Rev. Earl Martin, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church of Kansas City is a grandson. September 4, 1933, Forum, Maryville.

Box 18, #240, Estate Papers, County Court, Nodaway. Estate of Steve Martin. Earl Martin, executor, September 7, 1933. H. B. Cushman, administrator. Inventory:

Interest in Charles Martin estate, \$150 interest, \$3.74 cash,
\$850 real estate.

Steve Martin, real property, \$850, auto, \$125, 1/5 interest in the estate of Charles Martin, deceased, \$150.

Amount estate received for storm loss, \$292.85. Paid to J. H. Woodburn for repairs on house, \$184.

Earl Martin asks for permission to sell one buick sedan valued at \$135. At time of death, Steve Martin real property, Lot 5, West 15 feet of Block 41 in Stephenson addition. Guy Martin, heir of Steven Martin, asks for bond of executor. Application for proof of heirs: Cornelia Braden, daughter, Maryville; Earl Martin, grandson, 1751 Bellview, Kansas City, Mo.; Albie Martin, son, Maryville; Guy Martin, son, Maryville; Alwilda Galbraith, grand-daughter. September 1933. Final settlement, 1937.

Declaration for Pension, dated March 17, 1915, in Nodaway County. Stephen Martin, age 70, resident of Maryville, enrolled on 8th day of September, 1864, as a private in Co. H. 18th Reg. of US Colored Troops, Volunteer, Civil War, honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee, 23 May 1965; his occupation was farmer and he was born March 16, 1845 in Platte County, Mo., place of residence since discharge to about year 1875, Clarinda, Iowa, and from about year 1875 to present in Maryville, Mo.

War Department: Stephen Martin, Co. H. 18th Reg. USC Infantry, age 19, 5'8", black, eyes black, hair black, born in Platte County, Mo., farmer, enrolled September 8, 1864, discharged May 23, 1865. On April 30, 1865 was sick and in general hospital in Chattanooga, Tn.

Postoffice at enlistment: Luteston, Nodaway County, Mo. (now discontinued) When, where, married: Sept. 4, 1870, Maryville, Mo., by J. S. Barwick. Wife's name: Dolly Hooker I was not previously married; my present wife was not married before her marriage to me. There has never been a separation. Children:

Bert Martin, born 1871, living
Cornelia Martin, born 1876, living
Alva Martin, born about 1880, living
Charles Martin, born August 12, living
Oma Martin, born 1878, dead
Elmer Martin, born about 1882, living

Have you living children? (Date: April 30, 1898) Answer: Six. Oma, born 1875; Cornelia, born 1878; Burt, born 1877, Alva, born 1880, Guy, born 1882; Charley, born 1886.

In matter of pension claim of Stephen Martin, 690,311, Stephen Martin upon his oath says that on Sunday 8th of June 1924, because of affliction he became dizzy and fell over on the floor of the church he was attending and it was necessary to have aid and other persons get him up and take him home. November 25, 1925. Statement of Stephen Grimes: I have been personally acquainted with Stephen Martin for seven years. He has been in my employ during this time. same date.

Death Certificate: Stephen Martin, East Third, Maryville, Nodaway County, Widower, wife Dolly Martin, Date of birth: March 11, 1845. Date of death: September 3, 1933, age 88, 5 mo., 17 days. Plasterer. Born in Holt(?) County, Mo., Information about parents unknown to informant. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery, Maryville. Alva Martin, Maryville, informant.

Box 167, #38, Circuit Court, Nodaway County. Stephen Martin and Dolly Martin, seeking damages, City of Maryville. Abstracted: The plaintiffs are state taxpaying residents of the City of Maryville, Nodaway County, owners and in possession and occupying the following described premises as home, Lots 1 and 2 in Block 42, City addition to town of Maryville...on the first day of August 1891, said City of Maryville did empty its sewage pipes in front and along the above described real estate and lot... caused a disagreeable stench to arise and deadly and dangerous and unhealthy odors ...caused them great discomfort and still continues...asking for \$250 plus costs. Frank Griffin, attorney for plaintiffs. City requests a jury. Dolly and Stephen Martin awarded \$100, October 30, 1891.

Charles Martin, the colored janitor of the postoffice, went hunting with James Stockton Wednesday forenoon, Rural Route 3 carrier, and when he went to get out of the buggy by some means his gun was discharged tearing a hole through his right wrist and shattering the bone badly. It is thought his arm may be saved but it comparatively will be useless. Jan. 11, 1906, Rep.

Dick Martin, negro of St. Joseph, employed as janitor at St. Joseph post office and formerly of Maryville.....November 8, 1906, Republican.

Has Charley Martin, the young negro baseball fan and enthusiast, expert home plate sweeper and ground rule authority found his affinity? Is Charley to become a benedict and to foresake the paths of single blessedness? Years ago, not so many of them though, down in Clinton County, out southwest of Plattsburg, there opened her eyes on the big round world a little dusky girl. In her veins coursed proud Indian blood, because the little tot was a grand daughter of old Solomon Brooks, the gigantic and wealthy old negro who was more Indian than negro. It seems that from the cradle these two souls have been drifting down the paths of time until they must blend in a halo of romance. Charley learned only recently of the rich Plattsburg heiress, and forthwith donning his Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes hied himself to Plattsburg there to fall a willing victim to the smiles of the wealthy young heiress of the rugged old mixed blood farmer who died two years ago and whose death was heralded all over the United States. Charley refused to tell his most confidential friend, W. C. Pierce, just when the happy day is to be but the smile that wreathes his glowing countenance ever since he visited the county seat of Clinton County is a shadow of coming events. July 20, 1908, Tribune.

Probably without doubt the most expreididocious and hypornorious eating affair ever given in Maryville was the possum supper last Monday night given by Charles Martin the valuable dusky employee of the Maryville National Bank. He entertained 24 of his white gentlemen friends in the apartments of Deputy Game Warden Augustus Romasser. The most distinguished feat about the affair was the Host Charlie or "Little Eva" as he is called prepared the whole supper all by "hiss'f" and served it too, in the latest style. There were good things to eat that go with possum, sweet potatoes, dressing, salad, corn bread, coffee and so on and so on and so on, with all the sponduliness and infedium to suit the carnivorous. It was a complete banquet, and segatiated perfectly with the probnoriecs of the beautiful winter weather.

Little Eva's reputation as a cook has been established ever since the "meeting in the brush" last fall given to members of the asylum board by W. C. Pierce the Maryville member. Little Eva promised his friends there that day a luscious possum supper as soon as the "possums got ripe." Three weeks ago two fine possums were sent to Mr. Pierce from Henry D. Faxon a Kansas City member of the Board with the instructions they were to be given to Little Eva for the possum supper for his friends. Host Charlie fed and fattened them for Monday night's feast. December 10, 1909, Nod. Democrat.

Dick Martin an employee at Armstrong Foundry was injured by having some molten metal thrown into his right eye seriously burning the eyeball which may impair the sight of his eye. He was casting metal yesterday at the time of the accident. June 19, 1919, Democrat Forum.

A fat possum exercised mighty poor judgement yesterday by camping on the James Kavanaugh farm near Graham and in consequence the animal will furnish the possum for the bill of fare for the Thanksgiving dinner to be given by

the colored folks Thursday. Mr. Kavanaugh brought the possum in this morning and delivered it to Charles Martin at the Farmer's Trust Company, and Charley is aiming to fatten it just a little more between now and Thursday. November 27, 1919, Democrat Forum.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Guy Martin died at 5:00 this morning at her home on N. Fillmore following a long illness of TB. Mrs. Martin was 38 and besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Wesley of St. Joseph who was at her bedside at the time of her death. Funeral services will be at the A. M. E. church at 2:00 o'clock Saturday. July 29, 1920, Tribune. (Deed. Bert Martin and wife sold to Charles Samson, April 19, 1927, # of Block 1, Eastern Boundary of original Town of Maryville.)

OBITUARY: Bert Martin died at State Hospital at St. Joseph. Funeral will be at Maryville A. M. E. church. Martin, over 50, had been in poor health. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Martin, one sister, Cordelia Braden, St. Joseph, and three brothers, Albert Martin, Atchison, Kansas, Charles and Guy Martin of Maryville. January 7, 1929, Tribune.

OBITUARY: Persons wishing to view the body of Charles Martin who died yesterday morning may see the remains at Cummin-Blagg undertaking parlor between 9:00 and 2:00 tomorrow. Funeral services will be at 3:00 Sunday at the first M. E. Church(white), conducted by Rev. J. R. Carter of Keytesville assisted by Rev. E. Thomas of A. M. E. church here. Pallbearers will be John Gooden, Thomas Jackson, William Campbell, Frank Smart, Henry Wilson, and Robert Fields. G. H. Robinson, treasurer of John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company of Boston, who met Martin here and when Martin was in Boston was attracted by Martin's personality and conduct. Mr. Robinson wired the following: "I share in the loss of Charles, the faithful employee and very interesting character. Please purchase flowers for me." January 26, 1929. Tribune.

At noon today, Carl Braden, who is employed as janitor at the Citizens Bank, marched directly into the side of a passing car as he was crossing the street. Braden was not injured and got up much surprised and much wider awake. October 15, 1934, Forum.

In the October 24, 1934, tornado, the garage of Martins(Stephen) was turned over. Their buick car was inside and it went over with the building.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Guy Martin, age 40, died at 5:30 this morning at St. Francis Hospital where she had been for the past two weeks. She had been in failing health for the past year. Mrs. Martin whose maiden name was Verlee Watts was married to Guy Martin at Maryville in 1921. At that time, Higginsville was her home. Mrs. Martin taught school at Sweet Springs and Odessa. Her father, Rev. George Watts of Warrensburg, died February 23. She is survived by her husband living at 234 E. 5th Street and a brother, B. O. Watts of Warrensburg. Funeral arrangements have not been made. March 13, 1936, Daily Forum.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Cornelia Martin Braden, 80, died at 8:00 today at her home on 1117 E. 3rd Street, following a long illness. Mrs. Braden was born December 1, 1876, at Maryville, the daughter of the late Steve and Dollie Hooker Martin. She married Carl Braden of St. Joseph, who preceded her in death. She lived in Maryville the last ten years. Mrs. Braden was a member of the Bethel A. M. E. church. Survivors include a son, Earl Martin of Hannibal, and two brothers, Guy Martin and Alvia Martin of Maryville. Funeral arrangements are not complete. January 31, 1957, Forum

OBITUARY: Guy Martin, about 72, died at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at St. Francis Hospital after two weeks illness. He had lived in Maryville all of his life. Mr. Martin's home was at 1117 E. 3rd Street. He was a member of the A. M. E. church.

Mr. Martin is son of the late Stephen and Dollie Hooker Martin. He is survived by a brother, Alva Martin, Maryville, and a nephew, the Rev. E. B. Martin, Hannibal and a niece, Annie Hill, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 tomorrow at the A. M. E. church. Rev. A. A. Morgan will officiate and burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. The body is at the Price Funeral home. July 5, 1957, Forum.

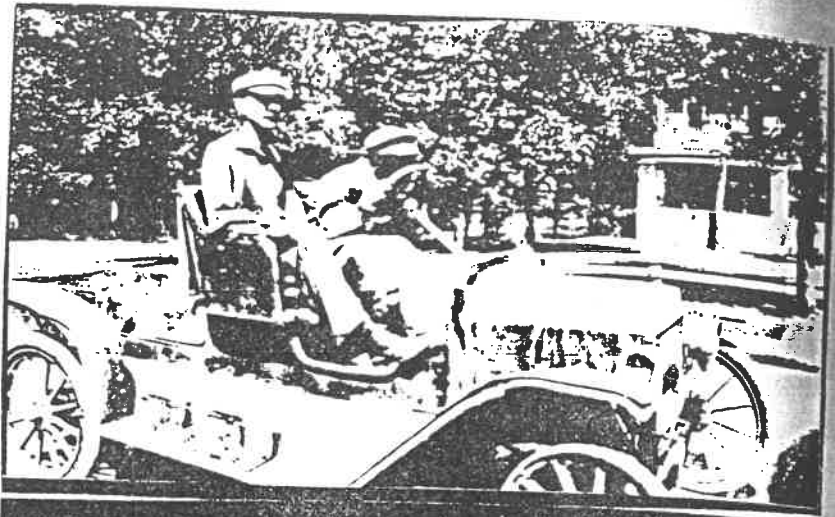
(Alva (Catfish) Martin is remembered by many of Maryville's current residents. He was here long after most of the black families had gone from Nodaway County.) See Palmer for picture of Catfish and another Martin.

MARTIN

CHARLES L.
1885 - 1925

Dad
1871 - 1911

Charles Martin
Photos furnished by
Betty Wilson(Chaves)



Dad T. Charley.



Charley - Dad, Mrs. Carl & Mrs. Schumacher
Mother

Charley

MAUDLEN. Cra Maudlen born ca 1887 in Mo., working in the household of Frank Smart in Maryville, 1910.

MAULTON. Messie Maulton living in Maryville in 1913.

MCCORKLE. Moses McCorkle was one of the trustees of the Zion Baptist church, 1895.

MCGEETHEE. John McGeehee was porter in the hotel in Maryville, 1910. Born in Kentucky. See Kansas City Sun.

MCMAKIN. Jesse MacMakin, name sometimes given as Morgan, lived at Parnell in Nodaway County with the William Morgan family. The Morgan family home was in Chaplin, Kentucky, and the cemetery at Chaplin Fork is where Jesse's mother was buried as well as members of the W. H. Morgan family.

OBITUARY: Jesse McMakin, the only colored person in Parnell died today after a long illness. He had been sick nearly a year and became much worse about six weeks ago. He was 68 years old. The funeral was held at 4:00 o'clock this afternoon. McMakin had lived with the family of William Morgan for the last 35 years. He had been raised as a slave by Mr. Morgan's father. After the war he refused to leave his master and came to Nodaway County 35 years ago with William Morgan. August 7, 1913, Democrat Forum.

MCWILLIAMS. Sarah McWilliams, born ca 1850 in Missouri, was cook in Maryville hotel, 1870. Mattie McWilliams was in Maryville in 1875. See trial of Andrew Miller and Harriett Fleenor. This may be the Mattie Williams in the slave story in the Williams section. Mattie McWilliams was born ca 1855, in Missouri, living with John Hobson, 1870, probably as a boarder.



Uncle Jess

Jesse McMakin
1899

Photographs furnished
by Joyce Chambers.



Uncle Jess, holds Quete Morgan Dowis (Mrs. June Dowis) at the age of one and one-half. Uncle Jess was a free Negro who chose to stay with the Morgan family when they moved from Kentucky to the Parnell area. Jess adopted the Morgan family name and lived with the family until he died at the age of 63. He is buried in the family plot in Parnell. Looking on i the former Dolle Judd. Times-Tribune, 12-18-1974

MILLER. Circuit Court, Nodaway County. State of Missouri vs Andrew J. Miller and Harriett Fleenor, Filed November 5, 1875. Did not post bond committed to jail to stand trial. Henry Graves, Clerk, by Wm. Roseberry, D.C. Charged with adultery on information of Grandville Fleenor before me, W. L. Johnson, J. P., 30 October 1875. Constable Nelson.

Complaint: Grandville Fleenor swears on oath that Andrew J. Miller and Harriett Fleenor of Nodaway County on 10 October 1875 did abide and cohabit with each other, said Harriett a married woman.

Subpeona for witnesses:

To: Henry Baker, John Simmons, Mrs. Ousley and Grandville Fleenor. Read to Henry Baker, Mrs. Ousley and Grandville Fleenor, not finding John Simmons.

To: Margaret Wills and George Graves. Read to George Graves and Winnie Stevenson (name added) not finding Margaret Wills.

To: Mariah Graves, Joseph Mall, A. W. Bariteau, and E. G. McMIndes. 1st of November 1875. Read to all.

To: Charles Bennett, Mattie McWilliams, Millie Bennett. October 30, 1875. Read to all. (for defendents)

Warrent for their arrest October 30, 1875, case to trial in November, 1875. Judge finds an offence has been committed as charged and probable cause that Andrew J. Miller and Harriett Fleenor guilty. Bond set at \$100 each. Both refused to post bond so "I issued a mittimus for their committment to county jail." W. L. Johnson, J. P.

George Ousley of age sworn: I know Andrew Miller and Mrs. Henrietta Fleenor, she is Mr. Fleenor's wife. The only time I saw them together was this fall... Andy visited Fleenors when Mr. Fleenor was absent. Cross-ex: I have been here since 4 March last and did not know they were married.

Mrs. Millie Bennett of lawful age sworn: I know Harriett and Andrew Miller. She lives in a part of my house; rents it from my husband; living there about two weeks. I am not home from four in the morning to 8:30 in the evening; her room has an outside door. Two nights ago, I saw Andy Miller in her room. There is a bed in the room. Cross-exam: I have been living there three weeks, Harriett two weeks. I don't think I could hear, don't think I could hear two persons on the bed, don't think the bedstead would creak.

Henry Baker sworn: I've known Andy Miller for 9-10 years and have known Harriett Fleenor--have principally helped to raise her, she is my wife's daughter. Fleenor and Harriett were married at my house about two years ago. Fleenor is at present living at my house. Harriett is living in one end of J. Schroeder's house rented by Mr. Bennett. The cause of her living there is she and Jack quit living together. Myself and Andy had a talk on the street three weeks ago. I told Andy if I was in his place, I would not go with her. Andy said he would go with her whenever he got ready. Andy said he would he would not go to Harriett's house unless she asked him. I have no idea why the separation ...because Andy was at their house. I've seen Andy Miller to to and from church with Harriett two or three times; they were friendly. Fleenor was not there. Harriett was at Elwood and at St. Joseph and Andy was at St. Joseph. Cross-exam: I've lived with my wife about 10 years; do not think it is right for a married woman to go with any man other than her husband.

Charles Bennett sworn: I live in Mr. Schroeder's house; Mrs. Fleenor lives in the west side of it. I rent to her for two weeks. My business is teaming(?), and I am home most of the time. I've seen Andy there both night and day.

Mrs. Minerva Baker sworn: I've known Andy Miller 12-13 years; was present when he(Grandville) and Harriett were married. I understand the cause of the divorce is Andy Miller. I don't know how it could happen.

Mrs. George Ousley sworn: I moved close to Mr. Fleenor's on the 4th of March and saw Mr. Miller pass by often and go into Fleenor's house. I never saw anything improper.

George Graves sworn: I know Andrew Miller and Harriett Fleenor. She said she would get J. Larkin to pay my father for me moving her. I moved her from where Jack Fleenor lived. I saw Andy Miller and Mrs. Fleenor last

Sunday; he was standing with his arm around her shoulder, the other was in his pocket. My sister was in the room. I saw Harriett and Andy at a dance last Wednesday night at Mr. Simmons and Andy had his arm around her; they were talking. When I moved Harriett she asked what do I owe you. I replied, you will have to see my father. She said, I will give the money to my Ju Larker and he will hand it to your father. I said, Who? Andy Miller? and she said, I see you have devilment in your head. She did not ride in the wagon with me.

A. W. Barteau sworn: I have known Andy and don't know Harriett; I have never seen them together.

Maria Graves sworn: I know Andy and Harriett. They have been living together about a year as man and wife. I see them at church and Andy is at Mrs. Fleenor's house. I saw them at a dance Wednesday night; he had his arm around her during the dancing.

Charges for court.

Taking prisoners to jail	4.75
A. Bariteau 1 day	.50
Maria Graves 1 day	.50
George Graves 1 day	.50
Winney Stephenson 1 day	.50
Henry Baker 1 day	.50
Mrs. George Ousley, 1 day	.50
George Ousley 2 days	1.00
Grandville Fleenor 2 days	1.00
Mattie McWilliams 1 day	.50
Millie Bennett 1 day	.50

Divorce granted to Grandville Fleenor. xxxx

Probate Records, Nodaway County. Andrew J. Miller, Petition, made July 12, 1883. Heirs of Mariah Graves.

Andrew Miller, age 13 on September, 1883, is heir of Mariah Graves Court is asked to appoint Andrew J. Miller his guardian, 12 July 1883.

Mariah Graves deceased, Mack Henry Smart, age 15, said minor over 14 requests James Gray as his guardian, 10 July 1883. James B. Prather, petitioner.

Andrew J. Miller and Winnie Stinson put up \$10 bond for use of State...Andrew Miller is appointed guardian of Andrew J. Miller, 12 July 1883.

A DARKY BOY. One Andrew Miller, colored, filed a petition or complaint one day last week before Judge Ed Vinsonhaler of the Probate Court alleging therein that he was the putative father of one Miller Graves, a boy at that time being in the custody of one Linn Graves, his step-father, that the said Linn Graves married the mother of the boy in 1872 when the boy was going on 2 years of age, and that the mother of said boy was now dead and that the boy was restrained of his liberty and that the complainant was justly and lawfully entitled to his care and custody and prayed the court accordingly. The case came up for hearing under writ of habeas corpus on last Friday but was adjourned until Monday, and from Monday until Tuesday when a result was reached after considerable testimony was adduced, bearing on legal points entering into the case.

After matured deliberation the court decided to let the matter remain in status quo until the regular session of the probate court the 12th inst. when the court will have jurisdiction to appoint a guardian if the matter is brought before it and the court expressed a belief that as between the parties, Miller was a more suitable guardian.

Dawson and Ramsay appeared for the complainant and Anthony and Griffin for the defendant. The progress of the trial developed the law to be in such cases about like this: The mother of the bastard child has the primary right to its custody and in the event of the death or disqualification of the mother, the right devolves upon the putative or reputed father, and that the step-father can claim and hold the care and custody of the child only when it is shown that he has held the child out as a member of his family and stands loco parentis in lieu of a parent in providing for the maintenance, education, etc of the child and thereby becoming responsible to third parties for such maintenance,

education, etc. In such cases the court may if the mother is alive upon evidence that she is disqualified as a proper person to retain the custody of the child and likewise the putative father and step-father are also not proper and suitable persons, appoint some other person as the child's guardian.

This is the first case of this kind in the history of the county. Judge Vinschaler presided with the utmost dignity and made his ruling promptly. His decision met general approval so far as we have heard any expression from those present during the progress of the case. July 12, 1883, Nodaway Democrat. See Stinson, Smart, Graves, Vance.

Jane Miller married Cezar Smart in Nodaway County, 1866.

Henry Miller was in Nodaway County in 1872; involved with the Emancipation Day celebration, also in politics during the reconstruction. See Reconstruction/Politics.

Andrew J. Miller is identified as son of Winnie Stinson/Stephenson. Andrew J. Miller (2) is son of Andrew and Mariah Vance Graves.

MITCHELL. Mary Mitchell was one of the charter members of the A. M. E. church in 1881, Maryville. Rev. W. A. Mitchell Sr. and his family lived in Maryville where he was pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church. For more on Mitchell, see Palmer and Kansas City Sun.

MONTGOMERY. Carl Montgomery married Gertrude Kelly, May, 1924. Euell Montgomery married Dorothy Palmer, December 1917. See Palmer and Kansas City Sun.

MORTON. J. Isaac Morton was a teacher at Douglass school and a trustee of Zion Baptist church. He also formed a literary society in Maryville for black citizens. (See Douglass and Society)

MOSELY. Lena Mosely had daughters, Mrs. Louis Crisman and Mrs. Fred Johnson, wife of Rev. Johnson. Lena Mosely married Bert Martin, November 1920. See Kansas City Sun.

MOSS. G. N. Moss was living in Maryville, 1935.

MOORE. Fawnletta Moore was attending Douglass in 1927. Parent/guardian was Mrs. Minnie Moore.

NICHOLAS. Arthur Nicholas, born ca 1880 in Colorado, father born in Tennessee, and wife Lovie Nicholas, born in Missouri, working for Perrin boarding house in Maryville, 1910.

NICHOLS. Sarah Nichols was wife of Julius Graves. J. W. Nichols was pastor of A. M. E. church, 1908. His son was Rev. W. B. Nichols.

NICHOLSON. Mrs. Mildred Nicholson was living in Maryville in 1918 while her husband, Edward Nicholson, was in the military service at Camp Funston.

NORTHCUT. Alexander Northcut, born ca 1854 in Missouri, was working as a porter in hotel in Maryville, 1870.

O'DELL. Kit O'Dell born in 1854 in Iowa of parents born in Kentucky, living in Grant Township, Nodaway County, 1900. Daughter, Sylvesta, in the household, born 1881. Alice wife and children: Minnie, Stella, and Irwin. (See "Jim Crow"). Jim O'Dell received a cut on his head on a Saturday night when he stepped in front of a car driven by Hughes. The accident occurred at the corner of E. 4th and N. Market by the Montgomery Ward store. January 12, 1931, Daily Forum. (Also see Gunn for other events of January 12, 1931.)

PADDOCK. Roy Paddock was a cook at the Linvill hotel, Maryville, 1914.

OUSLEY. George was an early resident of Nodaway County, first appearing in the in the 1875 trial of Andrew Miller saying he had been in Maryville since March of 1875. He also was a part of the 1876 Emancipation Day celebration. His wife, Charlotte Graves Ousley, was of the Julius Graves family. Early records show Ousley to be a leader in the black community and at one time ran for political office. The 1890 census of veterans of the Civil War, Nodaway County, show a George Ousley, which leads to the conclusion that he escaped slavery by assisting the Union soldiers.

Records indicate that George Ousley lived in Holt County. Both George and wife Charlotte were born in Kentucky. (Also see Gooden)

George Ousley vs Buford Farris, for the plaintiff, \$35, March 20, 1884.

George Ousley by his deed of trust dated 15 June 1887 recorded in Book 41, p. 613, conveyed to Gallatin Craig, Lot 3 and 4 in Block 37, Maryville addition. Default. Lots to be sold at courthouse door.

Box 175, #53. George Ousley vs J.T. Roberts. February Term, 1893. Charlotte Ousley lawful widow of George Ousley, deceased, to pursue the suit of George Ousley against Roberts. Claim that in May 1, 1884, purchase from Silas Craig, Lot 3 and 4 in Block 37, addition to Maryville for \$350; deed to George Ousley for which Ousley delivered two promissory notes; \$90 due 1885 and \$250 due 3 years after. Ousley made payments but he was wholly uneducated and could neither read or write and both Mr. and Mrs. Ousley were kept in ignorance of true state of the account. Claimed \$190 owned on the second note which they felt they had paid with cash and labor. In April 1888, Charlotte was induced to leave the house on the lot and to collect rent to use to pay off the note. Claimed that in 1891, Floyd, sheriff, pretended to sell the lot to satisfy the note and Lloyd pretended to purchase the lots for \$26 taking a deed. Claims pretended sale was void. Charlotte claims lots are paid for and she is the owner. Roberts living on the property, claims to be tenant of Lloyd. Asks for title to be restored.

Board of Alderman referred the matter of complaint of Mrs. Ousley from a fall on the sidewalk to the street committee. June 28, 1894.

Real estate: Charlotte Ousley sold to Mamie Probasco, Lot 4, Block 37, City addition to Maryville, #325, 1920.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Charlotte Ousley, colored, died this morning at the County Farm after complication of illness. Mrs. Ousley was 85 and is survived by one son, George Ousley. July, 1920.

Death Certificate: Charlotte Ousley, Maryville, Mo., widowed, date of birth, 1835, age 85. Death, June 30, 1920. Housewife. Birthplace: Kentucky, Name of father, Graves. Birthplace of father and mother not known by informant. Buried in Oak Hill cemetery, Maryville. Informant, George Ousley.

PAGE. Asa and Clara Page lived in Maryville, with Clara Page appearing as a widow of Asa in the 1906 Maryville City Directory. The family is also described in the 1910 census and the Kansas City Sun. Clara's parents were born in Kentucky; she was born in Missouri about 1867. In 1910, the census shows that Clara had 17 children, with 15 alive on that date. Ida Page, 16 died Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. Clara Page who lives at 507 West 5th. The dead girl is one of 16 children --all others living. February 22, 1906, Republican. Oliver Page and Miss Ethel Smart were married May 30, 1906. Long may their life be happy and their path strewn with flowers. H. T. Bolden, officiating clergyman. June 7, 1906, Republican. Harley Page, negro, suit for divorce from Lena Page, married June 13, 1910, separated June, 1912. August 12, 1915, Democrat Forum. OBITUARY: Mrs. Lavoid Page, colored, died last night at her home in Maryville following an illness of only a few days of a complication of diseases. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed but the service will probably be held Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Page was about 17 years of age and her marriage to Mr. Page took place two weeks ago. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. M.(Em) Gunn, several brothers and sisters, and her grandmother, Mrs. Susan Gunn of Maryville. Friday, May 11, 1923, Tribune.

PARKER. Rev. Parker was pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, 1923.

PETERS. Winslow Peters was a very early resident of Nodaway County. The records show him to be a well-digger and he had accumulated property by the time of his divorce from Katie Bell, daughter of Abram Bell. Peters may have been a free black. There is discrepancy in the records concerning his place of birth. Some records show him to be a minister. Deed: 19th October 1869, between Wm Jones and Mary Jones of the 1st part and Windsor Peters a man of color of the second part for \$125 by 2nd part, all of Lot 5 in Block 4 in Jones Addition to Maryville, Book 23, p. 455. Deeds, Claim of Homestead. Book 57, p. 563, Nodaway County, Winslow Peters to Katie Peters. To Whom It May Concern: Know ye that I Katie Peters of said county and state and a true and lawful wife of Winslow Peters and that in consequence of his abandonment of me, I hereby claim my right of homestead in and to the following tract of land and the appurtenances there-

unto belonging, which appears in the record in the name of Winslow Peters as appears in the records of the recorder's office in said Nodaway County, East 1/4 of SW 1/4 of NW Quarter of the NE Quarter of Sec. 17, Township 64, Range 35, containing 5 acres all in Nodaway County. 28th day of December 1880. In presence of Frank Griffin. Katie (x) Peters.

Last Friday, a novel case was tried before Squire Morehouse. Two darkies faced a charge of adultery and an exclusive negro jury of six was chosen to try them. Edwards and Griffin were the attorneys and to their arguments the jurors listened with great gravity. They found both parties guilty and assessed punishment at 30 days in the county jail. The 'Squire says they conducted themselves splendidly as jurors. This is the first case of an exclusive colored jury in the county that we ever heard of. September 11, 1880, Democrat Forum and Tribune. (Comment: Although this reads like the divorce case of Andrew Miller and Harriett Fleenor vs State of Missouri (Grandville Fleenor), the dates do not fit. They do fit the divorce of Winslow Peters and Katie Bell Peters. There were charges and counter charges, which might explain the decision of guilty for both. Thirty days in jail seems a bit steep for a divorce case regardless of the bitterness of the accusations.)

Petition of Divorce filed December 28, 1880, L. Growney, Clerk. Frank Griffin, attorney for plaintiff. Also: Katie Peters, plaintiff; Winslow Peters plaintiff and defendant. Lawrence Growney, attorney, Cross bill.

Subpeona: Saturday, March 19, 1881:

Aunt Winney Stephenson
Matilda Gilchrist
Henry Bolden
Betsy Robinson
Stevenson
Henry Baker

Frank Austin
A. J. Harmon
Steve Martin
Mary Young
George Lemaster

Subpeona: Saturday March 19, 1881:

Grandville Fleenor
Henry Malcome
Abram Bell
John Fields

Charles Koch
D. Mulholland
Henry Bolden
Mary Bolden
Mrs. Alden

Witnesses: Katie Peters, Henry Malcolm, Grandville Fleenor, John Fields, Simon Wills, Charles Koch, Mulholland, Henry Bolen, Mary Bolen, Frank Austin, James Mitchell.

Katie's testimony: She was a dutiful wife up to the year 1875 when he treated her cruelly...choked her and struck her with his fist. In 1879 he knocked her down and Grandville Fleenor interferred to save her life. There are no children in the marriage. He has real estate valued at \$750 5 acres and a house, a span of horses, harness and a wagon, and \$100 ready money. She has been working by the week for others and doing washing. Asks him to pay court costs. Wants maiden name of Katie Bell restored.

Winslow's testimony: Defendant denies that they lived happily together. denies mistreatment of her; he did not strike her up to year 1875, or choke her or beat her; denies using disgusting language; did not jump on her or was prevented from doing so by one Grandville Fleenor. He denies that the real estate she mentioned is valued at \$450, but is about \$150... denies he has any horses except one. They were married 8 October 1873 in Nodaway County and cohabited until October, 1880. He discharged his duties as a husband... treated her with kindness and affection. She was with Grandville Fleenor all of the time which was unbecoming...prays for divorce. xxxxx

LIVELY SABBATH SCHOOL. The colored children of this city were treated to a sight last Sabbath that good little boys and girls seldom see. Winslow Peters, a well-known colored man of this city and his wife, Kate, didn't agree the best in the world so some time since they divorced. Winslow last week took unto himself another loving spouse. When Winslow and Kate were living together like two turtle doves they had their picture taken together and each kept a copy. Mrs. Peters #2 soon espied the picture and said she would not have her Winslow so close to that woman and she took a pair of scissors and amputated them. Kate heard of it and her anger rose. Last Sabbath she took her picture which was a large one in a heavy frame and going to Sunday School where Winslow was sitting with his blushing bride, Kate placed it before her eyes with the remark,

"You see, we 'unstogether yet." Peters pushed her back when she struck him with a heavy blow over the head with the picture; then the fun commenced. Peters went for her in first-class style, and Kate came to scratch with a vim worthy of a noble cause. Never were Sunday School children treated to a livelier milieu. Kate was at least placed hors de combat with two front teeth knocked out. Peters contributed \$5 to the city's exchequer, and we await further developments. April 20, 1882, Republican.

Quit Claim Deed, Book 62, p. 57, Nodaway County. Winslow Peters, County of Nodaway sold to George Graves, 15 June 1881, for \$40, Lot 1,8,2, in Block 6, in James DeAtley's Addition to the City of Maryville. Signed, Winslow (x) Peters.

Winslow Peters married Sarah Hillman, 30 March 1882, Nodaway County.

Box 193, #5, Circuit Court, Nodaway County, Petition and summons by County Collector vs Winslow Peters and Mary J. Graham. Taxes due for years 1891, 1892, 1893 on Lot 7, Northern Boundry, Town of Maryville, Dismissed, paid.

Born, female, colored, September 11, to Winslow Peters and Sarah Adaline Peters. Father 40, born in Wisconsin(?), a well digger; mother, 26, born in Wisconsin. Returned by Dr. J. B. Morrison. October 15, 1885. Nod.Dem.

LONE STAR LITERARY SOCIETY. Maryville, Missouri, April 19, 1894. The Lone Star Literary Society was the scene of a grand spontaneous outpouring of people last Thursday night. The following officers were in attendance: Prof. Morton, president; Charles Baker, vice president; Mrs. Fannie Baker, secretary; Miss Nora King, assistant secretary; Stephen Martin, treasurer, Mrs. E. M. A. Peters, editress. Opened by singing #9 Gospel Hymn and prayer by Prof. Morton. Roll was called and absentees noted. We had quite a number of visitors. The Lone Star Literary Society is progressing nicely. The evening was spent in an enjoyable manner. Reading on the immigration to Siberia was the first thing on the program which was followed by a short and enthusiastic address by Rev. W. Peters, Messrs. Charles Baker, Frank Palmer, and Mrs. M. Searcy. The trio rendered artistic music.

We had an excellent address by Prof. Morton. The professor is an accomplished scholar and also a patriot. He does all in his power to elevate the moral and intellectual standard of his race. Since being in our town, he has always been at the post of duty. We can say we have been greatly benefited by his strenuous efforts in our Sabbath School as well as our day school and we feel it our duty to render him our unanimous and sincere thanks to Prof. Morton as he organized our literary society. We have been progressing very nicely with but few exceptions. We regret to know that Prof. Morton's time will soon expire in our school and it is hoped he will remain with us another years. Mrs. Amanda Peters. Republican

PORTON. Emma Porton married Robert Stewart in Maryville, November, 1880.

PRATHER and PALMER. Many of the black residents of Maryville tie back to the Prather slaves. Found is at least a portion of their number appraised in the Inventory of owner, I. N. Prather, in 1860. The administration papers also imply that some of the slaves escaped to Iowa and were returned.

Isaac Newton Prather, white, was born in Mercer county, Kentucky in 1802, son of Capt. Basil Prather. His home, Reindeer, 8 miles south of Maryville had a brick mansion. The Prather girls were beautiful. The home was typically southern, long rambling galleries and wide halls. Col. Prather brought a large number of slaves so each of his girls had her own colored maid and there were black mammies in abundance. The stagecoach drove past the mansion. July 25, 1934, Beal, Forum. "The first slave transaction in Nodaway County so far as the records show, occurred in this wise: Thomas Finch a pioneer of 1840 or '41 settled on a fine tract of land in the White Cloud country, built a small cabin and broke a few acres with oxen on which he raised his first corn crop. But Finch aspired to be a slave owner, so he entered negotiations with Col. I. N. Prather for the purchase of two negroes. The deal was made, Col Prather becoming owner of a fine tract of land and Finch the master of two half-witted darkies. He knew nothing about slaves and was unable to dispose of them on any terms. And so, the old history says, 'This is the first instance of a pioneer being scooped in Nodaway County.' "Tribune Tabloids, Hankins, March 9, 1923. A search for the above described transaction was not located in the Nodaway County records. If it happened, records may be in Platte County. I. N. Prather had several slaves in 1850. His many acre farm had corn, wheat, oats, grown on 225 acres and he had 8 horses, 8 work oxen and 2 mules. In 1852, he offered free lots to any one who would build in a new town he called Reindeer. The lots were marked off around his home.

Prather first politically active black man in Maryville

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By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Andrew Jackson Prather was born in Kentucky, and thus was a young boy when he was brought, as a slave, to Platte Territory by Issac Newton Prather in 1841. I. N. Prather, slaveowner, was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, in 1802, son of Capt. Basil Prather. A wealthy man, I. N. took a fancy to and bought the land of Hiram Hall, first white settler in the Nodaway County area. This land, eight miles south of Maryville, was site of the Prather Plantation, which had a palatial southern style house called, "Reindeer." The acres numbered over 1,800.

"Jack" Prather was part of this large plantation complex. The home was described by Bertha Beal in her articles, "1840-1870," as "beautiful, typical southern, long rambling galleries and with wide halls. Col. Prather brought a large number of slaves, so each of his daughters had her own colored maid, and there were black mamnies in abundance." It is likely that Jack worked around the house as a shoemaker since that was his trade after emancipation.

In 1860, after the death of I. N. Prather, his slaves were inventoried and valued. Seventeen slaves were named, including Jack, Anice, Amanda and Jerry (who was in Anice's obituary as her brother). Walker, nephew to Jack, is also listed, as well as Richard, who was in Jack's household in 1870, in Maryville. These appear to be a family or to be related. Jack is described as a "cripple" and was given zero value — this disability may be why he was a shoemaker. Anice was valued at \$900, Amanda at \$850, Dick (Richard) at \$500 and Walker at \$600.

Puzzling out relationships via records can be tricky. It appears that Jack had children, but these could be nieces and nephews or other relatives in his household. Anice and Amanda were named as his heirs, so it seems likely that they were Jack's daughters and that Richard and Jerry were his sons. Documentation not located.

When Jack Prather died, his short obituary in the Nodaway Democrat, May 13, 1893, gives very little about this early Nodaway County resident: "Jack Prather died at his home in East Maryville at 5:10 o'clock this morning. The deceased had been in poor health all winter. Jack is one of Maryville's oldest settlers, he being 58 years of age. Definite arrangements have not been made for the funeral." This would make the age of Andrew Jackson Prather about 5 when he came with Col. Prather, and he would have been hardly old enough to be Anice's father, according to her obituary. Ages of ex-slaves are very difficult to determine. Often they or their family did not know the exact date of birth.

The obituary of Anice Prather Palmer, born in Nodaway County, tells that her mother was sold from her while she was small to a doctor in St. Louis. Thus, if Anice is Jack's daughter, the black woman they sold away would have been his slave wife. This sale may have been in Nodaway County, but it was not located in courthouse records. Anice's date of birth is not easily determined, but it appears to be around 1850. Anice's obituary and also the Prather probate papers show the "allotting" or rental of the Prather slaves. It was this feared allotting which added to the break up of the black family units. Prather slaves were rented until the end of the Civil War, during a period when many slaves had been freed or had slipped out of slavery to freedom. When Anice Palmer died in 1911, in addition to her children, she had 37 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. It is possible that Andrew J. Prather is ancestor to her large family.

Soon after his freedom, Jack Prather purchased property in Maryville: DEED, 11 September 1869, between Nodaway County and Jackson Prather for \$5.00, Lot No. 5, Block 10, in the southern extension of Maryville.

In the 1870 Federal Census, Nodaway County, his household is listed in Maryville:

PRATHER, Jackson, age 35, male, black, shoemaker, real property \$150, personal property \$50, born in Kentucky.

PRATHER, Mary A., age 9, female, black, born in MO.

PRATHER, Richard, age 18, male, black, laborer, born in MO.

It was in this same year, 1870, that it became possible for Jack to be active in local politics. During the reconstruction period after the Civil War, the Radical Republicans were in control, much to the chagrin of the editor of the Nodaway Democrat.

Black men were given the right to vote in 1870, and Jack Prather was one of the early negro voters in the Republican party. The Democrat paper on June 29, 1870, described "Radical friends" who were opposed to the amendment which would franchise the rebels or southerners who instigated the war. Black men Jackson Prather, Charles Williams, Andy Miller and Mack Smart, were listed as opposed to the amendment along with leading Radical Republicans A. B. Cornell and John Ham.

In 1872, the Radical Republicans "were made up of about 80 white and 30 colored voters, and the 30 colored voted faithfully." The Democrat paper wrote: "The colored soldiers have come to the conclusion that if they have to be the bone and sinew of the party, do all the voting, wear all the old clothes and drink all the bad whiskey, they must have some of the offices...."

So, when, in August 1872, a vacancy occurred in the city Board of Trustees, Andrew Jackson Prather ran for

councilman. The Nodaway Democrat said it this way, "This is the first election here that 'a colored cuss from Africa' has been voted on as a candidate. Democrats and Liberals generally supported Andrew Jackson Prather (colored) and the Radicals voted for John Schenk (plain). The most singular part of the affair is that the Radicals were incensed that anyone should vote as they said, for a 'd-d nigger' in preference to a white man...." If the Democrat paper told it straight, the Radical Republicans were not ready in 1872 to vote for a black man.

naturally." Democrats were still smarting over the slavery issue. Iowa was called "Israel" or the promised land, and Missouri was called "Egypt" for its slavery conditions. "Half-tanned," no doubt, refers to mulatto.

When he died in Maryville in 1893, Jack owned and lived on Lot 6, Block 60, in Stephenson's addition. His two heirs (assumed to be daughters, but could be nieces or sisters) were Alice Anice Palmer and Amanda Twine (or Turine), who gave up their right to administer the estate to Henry Graves.

The personal property was inventoried May 16, 1893: one sow, \$10; bed and bedding, \$2; slop cart, \$1; bedstead, 25 cents; spade, 30 cents; glass jars and stoneware, water-bucket, tinware, \$1; granite, iron kettle, iron pot, 50 cents; shoemaker tools, lasts, looking glass, 25 cents; eight chairs, \$1; coal stove and pipe, \$2; lot of books, 25 cents; and wood, coal, scoop shovel, 25 cents.

Money due the estate: (The administrator considered the accounts doubtful.)

Bert Martin, \$2.05; John June, \$1; Rueben Shoemaker, 35 cents; Willis Gunn, \$2; Tillman Ross, 90 cents; George King, \$1.15; Albert White, \$10; Rol Harrison, 25 cents; and Frank Shoemaker, 50 cents.

Money on deposit in the First National Bank, \$7.

Anice was given the books valued at 25 cents, which may have been Jack's account books for his shoemaking trade. These also imply that Jack, even though a former slave, could read and write.

The personal property sale plus the bank deposit netted \$27.80, which was not enough to pay the funeral costs. B. F. Anderson presented this funeral bill:

Walnut casket, \$40; black broadcloth burial suit, \$10; underclothing, \$1.15; embalming, \$5; slippers, \$1.25; and hearse, \$3, for a total of \$60.40; plus Johnston and Lyle, bill for team and wagon for pallbearers, \$1.50; the administrator took his percent, \$4.50, and added \$3 because of smallness of estate; and probate fee, \$13.30.

The total bill was \$90.70, which was exactly the amount from the sale of the property, real and personal. Harry, Rolla and Burt Harrison bought the house and lot.

Thus closes the documents which somewhat reveal how Andrew Jackson Prather lived and died in Nodaway County. But the above hardly describes the human courage it would have taken for Jack Prather, a black, to run for political office so soon after the bitter Civil War. There is no gravestone to make his burial, but Andrew Jackson Prather did leave his mark on Nodaway County History.

Readers can only guess why Jack Prather, Oct. 1, 1874, two years after he lost his political bid for office, had a festival "for the benefit of himself at Alexander's Hall." He was assisted by the "colored ladies" who provided vocal music, and supper was served. It was a money-raising event. Jack, crippled, may have been in need of sustenance, or perhaps the festival was a part of the effort of the blacks to fund a church building.

Andrew Jackson Prather was well-known to the Maryville citizens. This is shown in this 1871 article: "Walker, an idle shiftless half-tanned Yankee, left last week carrying with him all the good clothes of his Uncle Jack. Walker came down from Iowa into the land of Egypt to get a little bread and attend the very excellent school we have had for colored persons. Having finished his education, he takes to business very

Administration Book, 1856, Nodaway County, J. N. Prather, guardian of I. N. Prather, reports settlement of estate of B.(Basil) Prather of Kentucky. xxxx

Box 94, File 8, Probate records, Nodaway County, Prather Estate.

Slaves appraised 16 October 1860:

negro woman Clara	\$300
negro woman Sarah	800
negro woman Amanda	850
negro girl Anice	900
negro girl Ann	300
negro child Susan	100
negro man Aaron	1000
negro man Morris	1000
negro man Jerry	1000
negro man Jack(crippled)	00
negro boy Bascom	900
negro boy Wyatt	800
negro boy Walker	600
negro boy Dick	500
negro boy Rufus	400
negro boy John	200
negro boy Henry	400

appraised by John Snapp, I. Mitchell, Henry Swearingen

November 14, 1860. I. N. Prather, deceased, ordered that James Prather executor, hire out slaves belonging to the estate, those not needed by use of the family, for 12 months.

3rd Settlement Administration: February 15, 1864, \$50 for returning and keeping negroes. April 23, 1864, for taking negroes below, \$48.35. July 9, 1864, paid L. B. Green a Dr. bill for negro child, \$2.50.

January 1865, due the estate, amount for Sally's work, one year, five months, 26 days: \$96.77.

Book D. Administrations, p. 304. Settlement of Estate of I. N. Prather, December 9, 1862.

December, Engle and Crouse for hire of negro girl, \$2.50
December, Expense of burying negro girl, \$1.50
June 15, paid to men from Iowa for assistance to return negroes \$98.00
June 24, expenses for taking negroes below, \$47.85
August 23, paid Votaw for assistance to recover negroes, \$5.00
October 20, 1862, paid Jesse Stinson board of horses while had negroes in custody, \$2.00.

1870 Federal Census, Andrew County, Rochester Township:
Prather, John, age 50, Hannah, age 22, Charles age 17, Frank age 12, Payton age 10, Louisa age 8, Lophia age 7, Allen age 1.

Sarah Prather married Benjamin Lanear in Nodaway County, January 21, 1866.

For more on Prather see Andrew Jackson Prather: The following explains A. J. Prather's absence from Maryville. A CARD. I have returned from Arkoe to Maryville again. I am ready for my business again such as clothes cleaning and shoe repairing. I clean ladies silk worsted goods, take out paint, grease and good satisfaction guaranteed. Gentlemen's goods the same. Call and give us work on 6th street, four blocks west of public square in Shells property. A. J. Prather, May 5, 1887, Republican.

OBITUARY: AUNT ANICE IS LAID TO REST. The funeral services of Aunt Anice Palmer who died Wednesday was held at the first Baptist church on Friday afternoon conducted by Rev. Mitchell, pastor of the colored Baptist church. The following obituary was written by the family:

Annice Palmer was born in Nodaway County on the Prather farm, 9 miles south of Maryville on the Savannah Road, 88 years ago. Her mother was sold from her while she was an infant to a doctor in St. Louis. Aunt Annice was reared by her mistress and at the age of 16 she was hired to a man by the name of Duncan for 5 years and at the expiration of this time was hired to a man at Forest City, Mo. for two years. At the end of 2 years she was brought home and sent to Rente(?) Mo. and hired to a

man by the name of Ben Harding and stayed with him until the close of the war. She was married in slavery to Wash Harding and to this union two girls, Maggie Palmer, deceased, and Mrs. Mary Smith of Maryville. Her first husband was sold from her in slavery and carried south and she never heard of him any more. After her freedom, she went to Boone County, Mo., where she met and married her present husband, George Y. Palmer, 1867, who had two children, a boy and girl; the girl Annice Palmer who resides in Chicago and the boy Will Palmer in Maryville. To this union were born 12 children, 5 girls and 7 boys. The girls are Mrs. B. F. Smart, Maryville, Mrs. Art Brown, and Mrs Mathew Kelly of Keokuk, Iowa, two died in infancy. She had 37 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Her only living brother Jerry Prather of Elwood, Kansas, was present and her only sister living, of St. Joseph Missouri. Mrs. Amanda Turine(Twine?) could not be present as she was ill. The deceased was known far and near as Aunt Annice. She leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn. She was a dear wife and a devoted mother and friend who lived daily for her husband and her family and friends and the community in which she lived. No one will be missed more than "Aunt Annice." January 12, 1911, Dem. Forum

Certificate of Death: Annice Palmer, born December 25, 1840 in Nodaway County, Mo., name of father, unknown to informant; maiden name of mother unknown to informant. Date of death, January 2, 1911, Informant: B. F. Smart, Sioux City, Iowa.

PALMER. GEORGE Y. PALMER, FORMER SLAVE IS 97 YEARS OF AGE. A survivor of slave days and all of their traditions, George Y. Palmer a resident of Nodaway County for 32 years, celebrated his 97th birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Smart, 523 West 5th, yesterday. Mr. Palmer is one of the oldest if not the oldest person in Nodaway County today. Despite his years he is quite active although he has been nearly totally deaf for about four years and is gradually losing his sight. The aged negro, typical of the old fashioned Dixie-land type, was born in Shelbyville, Kentucky, March 29, 1828, and was sold into slavery when he was about five years old. His master, William Palmer, brought him and a number of other slaves to Sturgeon, Boone County, Mo., three years later and here he served his master's family until his mistress Betsy Palmer died. After Lincoln's emancipation act became effective, Mr. Palmer continued to work for his master and family on their 160 acre farm near Sturgeon. Upon the death of his master, Mr. Palmer took complete charge of the farm for his mistress and remained there until her death. He moved to Nodaway county and settled in Maryville in 1893. Four generations were present at the birthday dinner and included three children, 28 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren. Three of his children, two sons and one daughter, were unable to be present. A large birthday cake containing 97 candles centered the dining table. April 2, 1925, Dem. Forum.

OBITUARY: George Y. (Uncle George) Palmer aged Maryville negro, one of the few remaining slaves of the Civil War period, died at 7:50 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Smart, 523 West 5th Street. Death was due to infirmities of old age. Uncle George was 101 years old last March 29. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made. Four daughters and two sons survive, Mrs. Frank Smart and Mrs. Mary Smith of Maryville, Mrs. Art Brown, Chicago, Mrs. Carl Montgomery, Omaha, Nebraska. J. M. Palmer, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Frank Palmer of Washington D. C., all of whom were with their father at his death except Frank Palmer. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Smart, since the death of his wife 18 years ago. Born in Frankfort, Kentucky, during the slave days, he moved around until he located in Boone County (Mo.) where he raised a family on a farm not far from Columbia. Thirty nine years ago he moved to Maryville and worked here for many years until his eyesight and hearing became impaired. April 18, 1928, Forum and Tribune.

Certificate of death: George Y. Palmer, born March 29, 1828; died April 18, 1929. Occupation, retired farmer, born in Kentucky. Name of father, George Palmer. Birthplace of father unknown by informant. maiden name of mother, unknown. Informant, B. F. Smart, Maryville, Mo.

Book B. p. 287, Boone County, Missouri marriages: George Palmer married Amanda Mayes, March 18, 1865.

From History of Boone County (Missouri), 1882. City of Sturgeon, p.561-602. Joel Palmer(white) born in Clark County, Kentucky, in 1811, then moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky; there married in 1831, Milly Fretwell. Came to Missouri in 1833, settled near Sturgeon in 1833. Son Lancelot was born 3 miles south of Sturgeon on the old Palmer homestead in 1834.

Joel Palmer was son of James and Elizabeth(Betsy) Fisher Palmer.

#1 - 1, 1870 Federal Census, Boone County, Missouri;
FALMER, George, age 35, male black, farmer, \$500, \$400, born in Kentucky
 , Annis, age 24, female, black, housekeeper, born in Missouri
 , William, age 12, male, black, born in Mo.
 , Ann, age 10, female, black, born in Mo.
 , Margaret, age 7, female, black, born in Mo.
 , Mary V. age 4, female, black, born in Mo.

OBITUARY: Ida May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson(William) Palmer died in Maryville, June 5, 1888, age 6 years. The angel of death has born away our little daughter Ida May. She was born in Boone County, Missouri, September 5, 1882, and after 11 months of suffering she took flight to her home not made with hands but eternal in the Heavens. Her funeral was preached June 6, in the colored M. E. church by Elder T. M. S. Kenney and was beautifully addressed. That we pray God speed to Brother Kenney that his head may be watered by the dews of heaven that he may be kept each day he lives by the angels of glory and when he is called from the watch walls warning the wicked, and of God's love that he may be handed down to his grave in peace, that that precious soul of his ascend to God who gave and meet our little daughter Ida May. June 14, 1888, Republican.

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William Palmer ready to do all kinds of housework. Leave orders at Moss Drug Store. March 17, 1898, Republican

Tump Palmer and William Gunn made an advance on squirrels Tuesday and their movements were as destructive as the Boer advance on the British, as they brought in 18 in one afternoon of hunting. November 2, 1899, Tribune

Elaborate wedding dinner was served at the wedding of John M. Wilson and Fannie Gex(white). A four-course dinner was served by the well-known Maryville caterers, Mrs. Annis Palmer and Mrs. Frank Smart. 21 December 1899 Republican.

Divorce: James Palmer, plaintiff, vs Ollia Palmer. Married 28th of January 1897 in Nodaway County and lived together until 28 January 1899. Charge abandonment; left with Charles Baker and went to the Territory of Oklahoma. 15 March 1900, Circuit Court records, Nodaway County.

One of the children of Col. William Palmer, colored, swallowed a carpet tack Sunday morning and so far as known the tack still remains swallowed. It suffers no pain from the accident. October 8, 1903, Republican.

Divorce: Benjamin F. Palmer vs Julie W. Palmer. Married 28 November 1895 in Des Moines, Iowa and lived together until June, 1899. Julie now living in Des Moines. September 10, 1900, Nodaway County.

Deed: Henrietta Smart to Trustees of Zion Baptist church, Lot 5, Block 30 Maryville Addition, for \$116. November 3, 1905.

AD: Lost, Monday morning, red pig weight about 40 pounds. Return or notify J. M. Palmer, 501 N. Walnut. July 19, 1907, Tribune.

T. and J. Palmer, colored, called to Kansas City by the death of their sister Mrs. Mary Wadkins, formerly of Maryville who died Sunday night at her home in Kansas City. She was about 35 and leaves five children, Annie, Henry, Claud, Mary, and Joseph. 14 November 1907, Republican. (name might be Walters)

Mrs. Annice Palmer, entertained a number of her white friends Monday night at a possum supper. Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Warren, Judge W. C. Ellison, Judge M. C. Tate, Judge W. L. Johnson, John B. Schenk, Arthur Andrews, Carl Wray, H. F. Allen, and A. C. Hopkins. Music was furnished by colored guitarists. January 9, 1909, Tribune.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Nora Palmer, wife of Columbus Palmer died Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Williams, after a long illness. She is survived by her husband and two children, Harry and Mildred. The funeral will be Wednesday afternoon. June 1, 1911, Democrat Forum.

When the Maryville soldier boys start down to Nevada tomorrow for a week of drills they won't go with any intention of having to eat their own cooking or of getting their nice khaki uniforms spotted with grease. The Maryville soldiers(white) are going down in style with two negro cooks to keep the pot boiling and set a table worthy of the beau brummels from Nodaway.

The contract goes to the superior culinary services of Rufus Palmer and Foyes Smith of local gustatory fame and the colored boys go down with instructions to put all the frills and finish that spuds and roast beef will stand. July 18, 1912, Tribune. "Tump" Palmer went fishing in the 102 River yesterday, remained all night and was found returning home this morning sopping wet, by a searching party sent to look for him. When asked where he had been he merely answered, "fishin" and let it go at that. It is said he stayed on the banks of the stream all night. June 3 1915, Democrat Forum. OBITUARY: The body of Columbus Palmer will be sent back from St. Joseph to Maryville for burial. It will arrive tonight and will be taken to the home of the deceased sister, Mrs. Frank Smart on West 5th. Funeral arrangements to be made. October 30, 1918, Dem. Forum. OBITUARY: Rufus Palmer died last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Frank Smart on West 5th Street. He was 34 years old. The funeral will be held Monday at 3:30 from the Mt. Zion Baptist church under the auspices of Cyrene Lodge #58, A.F. and A.M. March 20, 1919, Democrat Forum.

OBITUARY: Jean Montgomery, the four-year daughter of Euell Montgomery of Clarinda died last night at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. William Palmer on N. Fillmore following an illness of influenza and complications. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 at the Palmer home conducted by Rev. Mr. Lovell of the A. M. E. church. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. Besides her father, the child is survived by her grandmother. Mrs. W. A. Mitchell of this city is an aunt. May 8, 1923, Tribune.

Real estate transfer: Mildred Mosely to Henrietta Smart, interest in Lot 5, southern boundary Prather addition, Maryville. Part NW NE 18, 64, 35. \$25. December 14, 1924. Democrat Forum. OBITUARY: Mrs. Henrietta Smart, wife of Frank Smart, died at their home at 523 W. 5th at 8:35 Friday evening, at the age of 64 years. Mrs. Smart had been ill for the past year and confined to bed for the past two weeks. She leaves beside her husband, two sisters, Mrs. Arthur Brown of Chicago, Illinois, Mrs. Carl Montgomery of Omaha, Nebraska; two brothers, J. M. Palmer and Frank Palmer both of Kansas City. The funeral services will be held at 2:00 'o'clock Monday afternoon at the home with Rev. C. P. Morrow of the St. Francis Baptist church of St. Joseph in charge and assisted by Rev. January of Clarinda, Iowa and Rev. J. H. Ward of Maryville. The body will lie in state from 10:00 to 12:00 Monday. Burial in Oak Hill cemetery. September 30, 1933, Daily Forum.

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These Maryvillians performed in the annual Elks Club Minstrel Show. The picture was taken about 1915 behind what is now known as the Stephenson Hotel, and they performed on the stage of the former Empire Theater. Shown is the clown band, and from left to right, they are Rufus Palmer, Albert Butherus, Don Aldrich, "Cattish" Martin, unknown, Martin, Paul Denny and Frank Schumacher. Donald Price provided the picture.

Albert Butherus, Joe Sweitzer and Harry (Snaky) Palmer left this morning for Chillicothe where they will put on an "African dip" and wheel of fortune at the fair. "Snaky" will be it in the African dip and take his plunges daily to amuse the three-throws-for-a-nickle artists. July 24, 1913, Dem. Forum

OBITUARY: Funeral services for Mrs. William Palmer who died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Mitchell, will be held at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon at the A. M. E. church and burial will be in the Oak Hill cemetery. Rev. W. E. Gilliam will conduct the services. November 24, 1936, Daily Forum. Maryville's first and probably only negro draftee will leave Monday morning for induction into the armed forces. Herbert Nelson Palmer of Maryville will make up the one-man call. Only eight negroes are registered in the county among those eligible for service. August 15, 1942, Daily Forum.

OBITUARY: Isabel Mitchell, 87, Maryville, died Saturday at St. Francis Hospital where she had been a patient ten days after a long illness. Born November 27, 1892, at Maryville, Missouri, the daughter of the late William and Louella Palmer, she was married to William Mitchell who died in 1936. A member of the A. M. E. Ebenezer church, she had returned to Maryville three years ago. Among her survivors is a brother, Ralph Palmer, Kansas City, one grandson, William Owens, St. Louis, five great grand children, nieces and nephews. Services will be at 1:30 Tuesday at Price Funeral Home. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery. Dr. Paul White will officiate. November 3, 1980, Daily Forum.

Grand daughter of slaves, George Y. Palmer and Anice Prather Palmer. Isabel was last of early black families who lived in Nodaway County. Isabel lived in a Maryville nursing home her last years.

Photograph furnished by Charles Bell.



Sarah F. Mitchell, daughter of Rev. W. A. Mitchell, pastor of the Colored Baptist church will attend Lincoln Institute next fall to become a teacher. May 30, 1912, Tribune. OBITUARY: William Mitchell, 85, died at 9:20 p.m. Sunday at his home in Maryville. Mr. Mitchell was born December 11, 1878 in Jackson County, Missouri. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. Services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at Price Funeral Home by Rev. Melvin Hill. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery, Maryville. December 16, 1963, Daily Forum.

OBITUARY: Frank Smith, former slave, 85 years old, a negro who was born in slavery in Boone County, Missouri, died at 3:20 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. G. Gunn on West Halsey. He was given his freedom from slavery when he was 18 years old. He had lived in and around Maryville for the last 41 years. He was married in Boone county to Mary Palmer. The former slave is survived by his widow and six children, Mrs. Savannah Bryant, Chicago; Mrs. Henrietta Sinclair, Chicago; Mrs. Edna Dale, Chicago; Mrs. Ida Fields, Omaha; Mrs. Golda Lightner, Kansas City; Mrs. Gunn of Maryville. Two sons: Paul and Arthur Smith. One sister, Mrs. Betty Diggs of Sturgeon. Two brothers, George and Scott Smith, nine grandchildren and two great grand children. Burial will be at 2:00 tomorrow at the A. M. E. church with Rev. January in charge; burial in Oak Hill cemetery. December 15, 1932, Tribune.

NARROW ESCAPE. Janitor Frank Smith saves his children from burning residence. Fled in night clothes. Heroic work on the part of Frank Smith a well-known colored man living southeast of Maryville was all that saved his family from burning to death at 5:30 Wednesday morning when a fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the Smith residence. The members of the family were dragged from their beds by Mr. Smith and by rushing out of the house in their night clothes, saved themselves from being caught in the burning mass of timbers that had collapsed to the ground but a minute after the last member had escaped. When Smith arose at 5:00 to go to the Conservatory of Music where he is employed as a janitor, he discovered his house was a mass of flames. By quick work he saved his family. The house and its contents are valued at over \$800 and are a

complete loss as there was no insurance on the building. The fire department was called at 5:30 but the building had burned to the ground before they reached the scene. The nearest water plug required 1,000 feet of hose before they could get in fighting distance of the fire. The family consists of Mr. and Mrs. Smith and several children, Mr. Smith the only one escaping with clothing on. Smith is an uptown janitor. He managed to save enough to pay for his house and its destruction will cause much suffering. Efforts to secure relief for the janitor may be taken up in a few days. January 7, 1909, Republican.

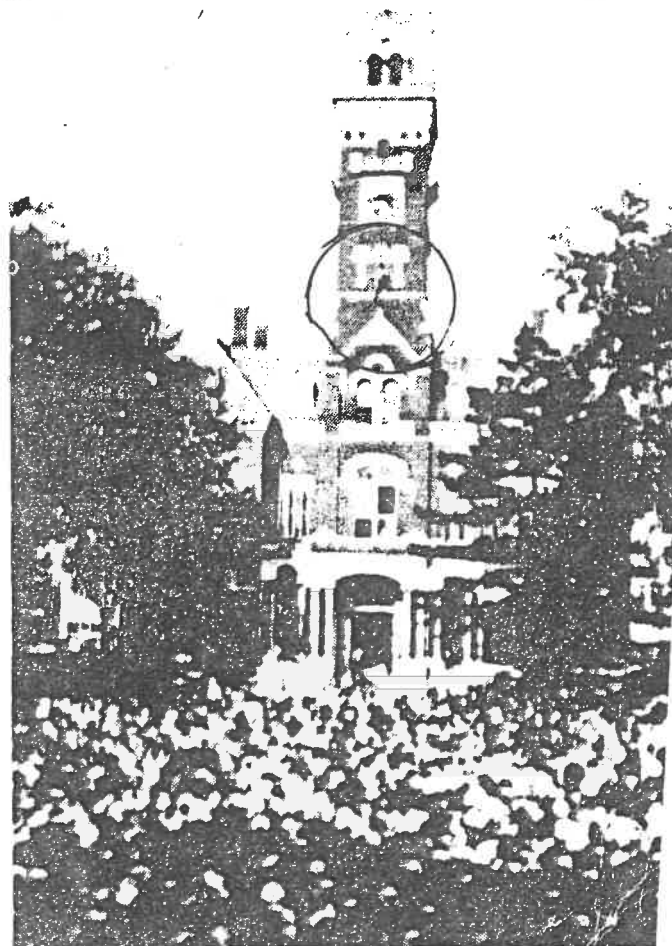
The flag which Harry Gardner placed on the tower of the court house is down. Paul "Shike" Smith, a young colored boy climbed the tower without use of ropes to take down the flag the "big fly" put up. August 17, 1915, Democrat Forum. HUMAN FLY. Paul "Shike" Smith, a 16 year old negro boy demonstrated last night about 8:30 by climbing up the corner of the Nodaway Valley Bank building to the first cornice where he turned a flip through his arms, better known as "skinning a cat" after which he climbed up and over the cornice to the roof. The stunt was a part of the Emancipation Day celebration. It thrilled the crowds downtown...In the afternoon contest, Forest Woodard and Maynard Collins, white boys, won the bicycle race. August 10, 1916, Democrat Forum. The boy scouts are looking for a steeple-jack to untangle the hoisting rope, but are unable to find anyone to go up the pole. Until the rope is freed the Stars and Stripes may not be flung in the breezes. August 15, 1918, Democrat Forum. Shike Smith, gymnast, acrobat and steeple jack extraordinary, climbed an 80-foot pole on Main Street and fixed the rope so "Old Glory" and the Polk Township honor flag of the Victory Loan might flaunt proudly in the breezes. The first time, he was unable to reach the top but on the second try several ladders were used to help him get a start with overhand method to the top. "Sure was some scenery up there," he said as he hastened away from his admiring crowd who had witnessed the dare-devil climb. Shike's real name is Paul and he has been employed at the Bee Hive shoe store for several years. May 29, 1919, Democrat Forum. The ligaments in the left arm of Paul Smith 25, 1102 E. Jenkins, were torn and his head cut in an auto accident last night about 10:00, one and one-half miles south of Bridgewater. With him in the Ford touring car were H. Palmer, 20, and Norval Tillman, 20, both of 714 North Fillmore. Tillman had a cut over the right eye and bruises; Palmer was uninjured. The trio was driving north on the road from Barnard when a front wheel struck a rock, blowing out a tire. The car turned completely over.....August 12, 1924, Tribune. Gex Keene, janitor at the Federal building, told the sheriff that the three had tried to get him to go along with them after whiskey....August 15, 1924, Tribune. A chicken was dozing under an automobile out in front of the Bee Hive on Main Street all yesterday afternoon; about dusk three men, Martin Lewis, Jr. W. A. Miller, and Paul "Shike" Smith were surrounding the chicken with the understanding that as nobody claimed the chicken the one who caught it would be the owner. The clothing salesman made the lucky grab. He sold the chicken to a co-worker for two bits who in turn made a deal whereby the ownership of the chicken changed hands, the consideration, 50¢. What became of the fowl is unknown. This morning Roy Mayes of American Express Co. was making inquiry and in reply Shike Smith said, "Lawd, I don't know what became of the chicken. I got enough troubles o' ma own." October 30, 1924, Democrat Forum.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Goldie Lightner, former resident of this city died at 3:30 yesterday afternoon at her home in Chicago. Funeral arrangements will be made upon arrival of the body from Chicago Thursday morning. Born in this city, the daughter of the late Frank and Mary Smith, Mrs. Lightner lived here until five years ago when she and her husband, Charles Lightner, moved to Kansas City. She later returned to help care for her father, mother, and sister, Mrs. O. G. Gunn, previous to their deaths which occurred in a period of two days. Since then she has lived in Chicago. Surviving besides her husband are four sisters: Mrs. Savannah Bryant, Mrs. Henrietta Sinclair, Mrs. Edna Russell all of Chicago, and Mrs. Ida Fields of Omaha; two brothers, Paul Smith of Chicago and Arthur Smith of Des Moines. March 20, 1936, Forum. Deed: Goldie Lightner, cemetery, Lot 11, n + Douglass Addition, Oak Hill February 20, 1933. Comment: "Arthur Smith was the cook at Ford Orchard east of Orrsburg in 1927, the year my husband and I were married, and my husband picked apples there and lived in the bunk house. Worth, Missouri, was having community dances that year and Arthur Smith set up a big supper at one of them, but the music didn't show up. About all I can recall of the food was that he made lots of good slaw. Doris Wynn, Maryville, Mo. 1984.

This is included because Rev. Twine may be the husband of former Prather slave, Amanda. "When Rev. William M. Twine, pastor of the colored Baptist church of Atchison applied for a box seat to Georgia Minstrals in Atchison

and was refused, he sued for \$1,000. Case will come up in Atchison County (KS) district court. May 14, 1874, Nodaway Democrat.

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This picture of the Nodaway County courthouse, taken sometime around 1915 included a "human fly" hanging by rope on the side of the tower. The feat was apparently a part a special celebration held in Maryville.

The "human fly" hanging by a rope on the side of the courthouse tower is probably Paul "Shike" Smith.

Price. Charity Price and Alexander Price. See Sun.

RANDOLPH. Alice Randolph, born in Virginia, ca 1852, was in the household of storekeeper, Ephephet Morris in Grant Township, Nodaway Co., 1890.

REED. Alice Reed was living at 820 N. walnut, Maryville, 1914.

REDMOND. John Redmond married Nettie Johnson Bush, daughter of Mary Alice Johnson Gooden. See Gooden and Sun.

REYNOLDS. Matilda Reynolds of Kansas City, KS, married Henry Wilson, March, 1905. See Sun and Wilson.

RICE. Rev. Spalford Rice is identified as the first minister of the A. M. E. church in Maryville. Group formed in 1872-1879.

RUSSELL. James Russell, cook in a hotel in Maryville in 1910. Born in Colo.

SAUNDERS. John Saunders, laborer, living in the residence of Clara Page, probably as a boarder, 1906, Maryville. John Saunders was on the Emancipation Day committee, July 1909.

SCHOOLLEN. Eugene, Ozie, and Amos Schoolen lived with their mother, Mrs. William Palmer in Maryville. Their father, John Schoolen, was deceased by WW I. (See black soldiers) There are differences in the information provided for the service records of Eugene and Ozie; Ozie Schoolen who has made his home with Mr. & Mrs. Logan Holt on Prather Avenue since his childhood, went to Kansas City Saturday morning to visit his brother and sister and stepfather for ten days. October 3, 1908, Tribune. Eugene Schoolen picked up for carrying a weapon was parolled upon condition of good behavior --never to visit a saloon, not to take a drink of liquor, and that he not make "goo-goo eyes." If parole is broken, he must pay a fine of \$100 and serve 6 months in jail. October 16, 1913, Dem. Forum. Amos Schoolen, laborer, residing at 914 N. Fillmore, in 1914, Maryville.

SEIGEL. Daniel, son of Julius Graves. See black soldiers and Graves.

SHAW. Sarah F. Shaw, daughter of Virginia Shaw Barber. See Graves.

SHELTON. Mary Shelton identified as step-daughter of Henry Baker in 1906.

SMART. One of the earliest black residents in Nodaway County, Mack (McDonald) Smart married Mary Alice Johnson soon after their arrival in Nodaway County. The records do not reveal just how Mack Smart and the other Georgia blacks came to Nodaway County. Nor is the relationship to Cezar Smart known. It is certain that after the war, we find the group together in Maryville, probably coming north with Union troops returning home in 1865. The pension papers of Mack Smart do not clear up the data: Pension #914,791, MACK SMART, of Maryville Mo., Service: G 31st Ohio, USC Infantry, Enlisted 1863, discharged July 1865. Application filed, 29 August 1890. Attorney, J. B. Keldow., Maryville, Mo. Testimony of Dr. J. N. Goodson, Maryville --claimant has a limp and other disabilities. Affidavit, I am the applicant, Mack Smart, Co. G. 31 Ohio, Colored, I state I have not been in the military or naval service of the United States since July 1865 and my entire military service was in Co G 31st Ohio, Colored troops. Post Office address: Maryville, Nodaway County, Mo. Signed: Mack (x) Smart, witnessed by Elihu Jones and Chas. E. Donlin, 18 June 1891. Affidavit by Henry Hill. I have know the applicant for the last ten years. He is now and has been for many years badly crippled up and seems broken down generally. He is a sober industrious moral honest citizen. 18 June 1891 Affidavit by Thomas Brown: I have know the applicant for 25 years and the applicant has worked for me frequently during this time and he has lived in the same city with me. He walks in a stiff and crippled condition. He is badly broken down and in my opinion can not do $\frac{1}{2}$ the manual or farm labor as he could 25 years ago. He is and has been a moral sober industrious citizen 27 June 1891. State of Missouri, County of Nodaway 25 August 1890, personally appeared Mack Smart age 54 of the city of Maryville, Nodaway County who declares that he is the identical Mack Smart who enrolled on the --day of 1863 in Co. G 31 Ohio, Colored Infantry in the war of the rebellion and served at least 90 days and was honorably discharged at Louisville, Ky., on the --day of July, 1865 and that he is unable to earn his support by reasons of disabilities. Attorney, John Kildow of Maryville, MO. Witnesses: Warren Johnson and John T. Welch.

Black man was lamp lighter

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Knowing that an ex-slave has a colorful story, but not finding specific narration of that story frustrates research of black history. This is the situation with McDonald "Mack" Smart. His short obituary of October 29, 1898, Maryville, hints at but does not describe his life.

"Mack Smart, one of the best known colored men in Maryville, died at his home east of Maryville after an illness of two weeks. In the early days when Maryville was lighted by lamps, Mack was for several years the city lamplighter. For some years prior to his death, he was Judge Anthony's man of all work. Mack was a sober industrious man and had many friends not only among the people of his race but the white citizens as well."

It is likely that MacDonald Smart took his surname from the Scottish Smarts who lived in Tennessee and other southern states. In addition, it is rather likely that Mack escaped slavery by working for the Union soldiers during the Civil War. In 1890, he received, in Nodaway County, \$50 from the quartermaster in Washington for work done in the war.

Just what brought Mack to Maryville is not known, but he is located in Nodaway County records in 1866 at the same period that Georgia ex-slaves, Wiley Jackson, Sylvia Lattimore, Mary Johnson and Henry Malcome found their way to the area. Cezar Smart was also here by 1866. Mack Smart was born about 1846 either in Tennessee or Georgia; the census records confuse his place of birth.

First document located the marriage record of MacDonald Smart to Mary Alice Johnson, 25 January 1866, in Nodaway County, by Minister William Schockey. Cezar Smart married Jane Miller, 18 August 1866 also in Nodaway County. Mary Alice was raised by Sylvia Lattimore and brought by her to the area from Oxford County, Georgia. Wiley Jackson, born in Georgia, came north with friendly Nodaway County Union soldiers right after the war, and it seems likely that Mack and his friends came along.

In November, 1866, B.G. Ford sold for \$225 to Cezar and Mack Smart and Henry Malcome, Lot 8, Block 6,

NW Addition, Maryville. Cezar and wife, Jane, then sold out to Mack and Henry, ½ of Lot 8 in May, 1867. Cezar Smart was not located again in the local records. Then, Mack and Mary Smart, Henry and Sylvia Lattimore Malcome sold Lot 8 to Ben Torrance and Lycurgus Miller, December 1867.

In the 1870 census, the family was listed in the town of Maryville:

Smart, MacDonald, age 24, black, laborer, real property \$200, personal \$50, born in Tennessee

Smart, Mary A., age 23, mulatto, washerwoman, born in Georgia

, Mary, age 4, mulatto, born in Missouri, January.

, F. age 6-12, male, mulatto, born in Missouri, January.

Wiley Jackson, age 23, born in Georgia and Riley Winship age 40, born in Georgia were in the household.

There was a Mack Henry Smart born about 1873 also in Maryville who was the son of Mariah Vance Graves. Mack Henry was probably the son of the older Mack. In the 1880 census, young Mack Smart was identified as stepson of Lin Graves and in his household. Mariah Graves, his mother, died July 1888, and Mack Henry Smart, a minor, was named a guardian by the probate court, a man named James Gray.

Mary A. Johnson Smart and Mack were divorced in 1879. The bitter testimony indicated that they had three children: Frank Smart, age 9; Silva Smart, age 4; Lovie, age 2. In 1880, young Frank and Sylvia were living with Sylvia Lattimore, and their father, Mack, was boarding in the home of Simon Walls. His occupation was lamplighter.

Ada Albert told of teaching Sylvia Smart at Douglass school in 1878 in the small brick building on East Jenkins. Ada taught there for two years. A windstorm came up and shook the little schoolhouse frightening the children. Sylvia began to cry so Miss Albert took her chair to the center of the room and there the teacher seated herself. She asked Sylvia if she thought the house would blow over then. Sylvia said, "No'm, it couldn't," and stopped crying. After that when a wind storm came, Miss Albert would seat herself in the center of the room and the students were perfectly satisfied.

On November 19, 1880, Mack Smart

married Mary Wills, daughter of Simon Wills, Maryville. The Wills family resided in Mack's house near Douglass School when this house burned at the beginning of that year. Mary Wills Smart died in August 1890.

Two different churches formed in Maryville and Mack Smart signed the incorporation papers of both. The A.M.E. group had been meeting in homes since 1872 and finally put a building on South Vine in November 1881. Mack Smart was one of the petitioners as well as one of the original members of this church, called Wards Chapel A.M.E. His wife, Mary², was a member also. Mack served as superintendent in the early years of the church.

When Zion Baptist Church incorporated in November 1895, Mack and B. Frank, were petitioners and trustees. J. Isaac Morton (teacher at Douglass) was president; Mack Smart, secretary; Frank Smart, treasurer. Zion was at the 1000 block on East 4th.

Readers need imagination to picture this black man as a lamplighter in Maryville. The town in its early days had kerosene lamps in the business area. In 1882, the town had 210 lamps to be lighted and the chore was divided into east side and west side. Mack Smart was hired for the east side and was paid, in 1880, \$10 each month. The lights had glass chimneys. In 1890, Maryville was down to 108 "coal oil" lamps and was considered changing to electric lights.

Mack's son, Frank, married Henrietta Palmer, daughter of George and Anice Prather Palmer. They lived on West 5th near the college campus where they had a catering service and laundry business. Frank's mother, Mary A. Johnson, later married John Gooden and they resided in Maryville many years. Children, Lovie and Mary were not mentioned in Mary Gooden's obituary when she died in 1933. Frank and Henrietta had a daughter named Mena Maus Smart died as a child. Frank, as his father Mack, was a leader in the black community of Maryville. Henrietta was buried in Oak Ridge and Frank moved to Omaha.

The records tell us much about Mack and his family. Still, a great is left to our fancy.

June 1, 1985, Country, Maryville, Missouri.

Mack Smart, colored, received notice last Monday last Monday from quarter-master, Department of Washington, that he has been allowed \$50 for work done by him during the war. We are glad to hear of Mack's good luck. February 13, 1890.

On Friday night, the house belonging to Mack Smart, near the colored school was discovered to be in flames. The house was occupied by Harry(?) Wills and family. The house was totally destroyed and but few of the household effects of Mr. Wills were saved. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Smart and Mr. Wills. The fire was supposed to be the work of an incendiary as the fire when first seen was on the outside of the house and remote from the chimney. January 1, 1880, Republican.

Box 84, #29, McDaniel Smart, plaintiff vs Mary A. Smart, defendant, filed January 10, 1879. Testimony: Mary A. Smart: She and Mack Smart were married 25 January 1866 in Nodaway County and lived together until June 1878...denies association with Walter Humbard. Husband scolded her and called her names in the house and in the presence of Sylvia Lattimore and other good citizens...asks for divorce and custody of children. Born of marriage, Frank Smart, age 9, Silva Smart, age 4, and Lovie Smart age 2. McDaniel Smart: denies that he mistreated his wife, treated her with kindness, accused her of associating with Humbard in September 1878. Asks for the three children.....xxxxxx

Ethel Smart married Oliver Page, 30 May 1906, Nodaway County.

Frank Smart, son of Mack Smart and Mary Alice Johnson, lived in Maryville where he married Henrietta Palmer. Their daughter, Mena Maus Smart, died as a young woman. Much of what we know of Frank and Henrietta is found in the Sun. See Palmer also. The article below is from the Sun and was written by Nelson Crews, editor, after he visited Maryville and Smarts. A CHARMING HOST AND HOSTESS. Kansas City Sun, April 29, 1922, p. 1.

The editor had the extreme pleasure last week of spending a few days visiting old friends, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Smart of Maryville, Mo., and it is needless to say that he enjoyed every moment of his stay with them.

The Smarts are among Northwest's most progressive citizens and in Maryville they are recognized by white and colored as being a most valuable asset to that enterprising little city, and they are highly esteemed by all who know them.

From a modest cottage they have enlarged and reconstructed their residence into a really stately mansion, with every conceivable modern convenience and a charming elegance that leaves an impression upon one who gazes upon it. A wonderful basement running the full length of the house has been built divided into five rooms, embracing conservatory, laundry, kitchen, furnace room, sun and storage rooms, cemented floors throughout and the conservatory large enough for a ball or banquet room. The upper floors are the quiescence of domestic elegance, with a blending of colors in decorations, rugs and furnishings that are ravishing to the eye.

From a broad veranda one enters into a combined reception room and library, with beautiful hardwood floors and hand painted ceilings that prevail throughout the home while the wide doors and windows are fitted with draperies and curtains in keeping with the elegant furnishings of the various rooms, while the walls are covered with a hand painted paper which is found in the homes of but favored patrons. To the left of the music room with piano, graphonola, music racks and everything the home implies--the opening from it to the south is the guest room, a veritable bower of cozyness and modern elegance.

To the north is the bath, the most complete and beautiful bath we have ever seen in a colored home; pure white tiling, hardwood floors, medicine and toilet cabinet, a broad full length French plate glass mirror from floor to ceiling, hand painted walls above the tiling with pleasing designs of birds and flowers, magnificent fixtures, frosted window, white draperies and line cabinet, all combining such rich elegance and beauty as to completely enchant. To the north, reached through a private entrance from the bath or the spacious hall that runs the length of the house, is the sleeping porch and it requires not stretch of the imagination to say it is the last word in sleeping porches, stately windows all beautifully screened and curtained, extend around two sides of this room while between this and the bath are spacious wardrobe rooms fitted with clothes rods.

Down the hall immediately is the dining room, with beautiful hand-painted

walls and ceiling, brilliant electric dome and plate glass china cabinet, illuminated in its interior with electric lights, giving a brilliancy to this stately dining room that is indescribable. Hand carved plate rails with rare and antique china encompass the walls and the massive dining table easily seats twenty people. Immediately back of this room is the white tiled kitchen, which has every convenience, with gas, electric, and coal ranges, inbuilt pantry, etc. The electric lighting effect throughout the house is beautiful, and in every room there is a telephone switch connection that enables you to use the telephone from any part of the house upstairs or down. The residence is heated by the latest model furnace with hot and cold water throughout the house. They are now building a beautiful sun porch on the east side of the house which when fitted with choice wicker furniture will be in keeping with the rest of the house.

The Smarts own and conduct the most lucrative laundry business in Maryville and would do a much larger business if competent and experienced help could be obtained. They cater only to the most exclusive families in that city and have an opening at all times for a few energetic honest upright colored women. A few good colored families could find employment immediately in Maryville where colored people are treated with more consideration than in any other town in Missouri. The hospitality of the people of Maryville, white and colored, is proverbial, and no one ever visits their city without being impressed with the sincerity, loyalty, and progressiveness of its people. The Sun congratulates the Smarts upon the splendid example they have set for the race and admonishes our people that it is not in the crowded marts of the city that the race can reach its highest point of achievement and progress but out in the rural districts in the smaller cities and towns where colored prejudice is not as pronounced, that we can witness the fruition of our fondest dreams.

Mrs. Smart's father, George Palmer, 94 years of age, lives with them and talks most interestingly of the Missouri of seventy years ago. xxxx

Mr. & Mrs. Smart gave a reception last Thursday to about 75 guests in honor of Nelson Crews of Kansas City who was a former schoolmate of Mr. Smart (B. Frank). The occasion was very interesting to all concerned, a large number of the guests being outside of Maryville.

Deed: Book 202, p. 27, Nodaway County. Benjamin F. Smart bought from Virginia Rose, February 8, 1929, Lot 2, southern boundary of Prather addition to Maryville.



B. Frank Smart



Henrietta Palmer Smart

SMITH. Henry Smith, born ca 1848 in Missouri, mulatto, described in politics of Maryville of 1870's. He was one of the first blacks to run for office during the reconstruction period. Smith was living in the Brewster household in 1870, Maryville.

Frank Smith married Mary Palmer in Boone County. See Palmer and Prather.

Blanche Smith and daughter Marguerite lived in Maryville in 1919. Blanche had a niece, Mrs. Irene Gaugh of Gallatin. See Sun.

But the Smith most local residents remember or can tell of is "Aunt" Liza Smith of Clearmont, Nodaway County. Her picture is from the publication of Nodaway County, "Early Days of Clearmont."→

"The other day when W. F. Smith was at his father's at Clearmont, he found among some old papers the following bill of sale of a negro woman and two girls made to his father, Jerry C. Smith and his brother, Staunton Smith in December, 1844.

BILL OF SALE

I, Alex^r Duncan of Boone County, Missouri for the sum of \$550 have sold unto Stanton Smith and Jeremiah C. Smith, one negro woman, Dianna, 40 years old and one girl Eliza Jane 9 years old, and one girl child Emaline, 7 months old.... xxxx

The girl, Eliza Jane, named in the above is still living with Uncle Jerry and wants no better home or better treatment than she has received from this family." June 25, 1903, Republican.

OLD AUNT LIZA. "Aunt Liza" a colored woman of Clearmont returned to her home at that place after a week's visit in Maryville. She has quite a history. She was born in Missouri in 1833 and was taken with her family to Kentucky. When she was 9 years old she and her mother were bought for \$900 by Jeremiah C. Smith an old settler of Nodaway County and father of W. F. Smith, a real estate man in Maryville. J. C. Smith then lived in Kentucky.

W. T. Smith's father kept the two negroes together for a few years then Aunt Liza was given to J. C. Smith's sister-in-law who taught the colored woman to cook. In about 1850, W. F. Smith's father brought Aunt Liza to Nodaway County and settled near Clearmont. Just before Lincoln issued his emancipation proclamation, she was given her free papers.

But she continued to work for the Smith household until the death of her former master in 1887?? After his death, W. F. Smith and his two brothers purchased a block of land near Clearmont and built a five -room cottage on it, furnished the home, built a cave and well, and fenced the ground in. A cow and pigs were bought and then the property was given to Aunt Liza.

"If there is anything she desires," says Mr. Smith, "and money can buy it, we get it for her. She is living comfortably as anyone in Clearmont and she doesn't have to work for a living either."

Aunt Liza comes to Maryville about once every two years and thinks it is a great treat. She is the only colored person in Atchison Township and is one of the most popular characters in that section of the county. She insists she has more company than anyone else in Clearmont. September 28, 1905, Republican.

Lamar Station, reporter, Rhoda Teese. Uncle Jerry Smith died...he owned a slave girl who was set free by the emancipation act, but never left her home. She nursed her mistress, Mrs. Jerry Smith, through her last illness and death, and then kept house for Uncle Jerry until he passed away. She raised a son who is a lawyer and has a good education and lives in Chillicothe. He came home to attend his late master's funeral. February 21, 1901, Republican.



Aunt Liza Smith, Clearmont

(Jeremiah Smith died February 15, 1901, age 96, born in Madison County, KY, first came to Boone County, MO, did boating on the Missouri and Mississippi rivers. Married Nancy Jones, 1856, and moved to Nodaway County. Farmer.)

Census, 1900, Town of Chillicothe, Livingston County, Missouri:

SMITH, Commodore, boarder on Jackson Street, born December 1867, born in Missouri; father born in Kentucky, mother born in Missouri, lawyer. Living in the household of J. Ryan and wife. (Commodore was not identified as black.)

Commodore Smith, brother of W. F. Smith of Maryville and practicing lawyer at Chillicothe will marry this month, Miss Elsie Wathall of Barclay, Kansas. They will make their home in Chillicothe. May 21, 1903, Republican.

Commodore Smith, formerly of Clearmont, is mentioned for representative from Livingston County on the Democrat ticket. 5 October 1905, Republican.

SPEARS. Andrew Spears, born ca 1852, in Missouri, employed in breaking prairie, 1870 census, Nodaway County.

STETNEY/STEFNEY. Mary Stetney/Stefney, born ca 1868 in Missouri, living in the household of Henry Malcome as niece, 1880. (May be step-daughter) Marinda Stetney Malcome listed as mother of George Williams who was also in the household of Henry Malcome. See Williams.

STEWART. Robert Stewart married Emma Porton, November, 1880, Maryville.

David Stewart(white), head of household in Maryville, 1910, age 37, married 19 years, born in Missouri was waiter at hotel. His wife, Mary, black, age 41, married 19 years, no children, born in Missouri, parents born in Kentucky. Family living on East Edwards, Maryville. Also in the household, Maria Graves, black, age 63, widow, 4 children, 2 alive in 1910, born in Kentucky, parents born in Kentucky. (Maria, wife of Elija Graves. See Graves.)

STINSON/STEPHENSON. Deed: Book 13, p. 410, Nodaway County. Winney Stephenson sold on 15 day of February 1866 to Perry Wright, Lot 2, Block 2, NW addition to Maryville; had mortgage, was satisfied.

Reporter to Democrat Forum told of early days of Maryville(June 8, 1911). He wrote of going to church in the courthouse in 1865. He observed that the ladies sat together; Brother Turner preached. "I cast my eyes a little farther to the southwest corner and behold there sat Aunt Winnie Stinson. She was the only colored woman in the house, I think, and history without her name I would consider incomplete." He observed that the girls were the majority since the boys had not yet returned from the army. xxxx

Deed: Book 12, p. 354, Nodaway County, John Saunders, Sr., of Buchanan County for \$25 paid to me by Winey Stinson of County of Nodaway, sell unto said Winey Stinson, Lot 1, Block 2, NW addition to town of Maryville, 30 day of May 1865.

Fair notes, September 7, 1888, Republican: "Aunt Winnie" and her accordian delighted the crowd daily.

Slave freed upon owner's death

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

Aunt Winnie

Just a part of Aunt Winnie's story is told in the following obituary:

DEATH OF AUNT WINNIE, Nodaway Democrat, April 7, 1887. "This faithful old colored woman has gone to her long home. She was brought to this state from Kentucky at an early day and was owned in Platte County. She was brought to this county by William A. Ammons and sold to Uncle Jesse Stevenson, for whom she kept house until his death. No servant could have been more faithful than she was, and she was rewarded by him at his death with her freedom and the property on which she lived until her death. Through some technicality of the law, the property had to go through administration, and her title proved worthless. At the sale of the property, Uncle Jesse's children bought it and had it deeded to her. They were not willing that her faithful discharge of duty to their father should go unrewarded.

"Aunt Winnie had many warm and faithful friends among our best citizens who had known her a long while, and who were ever ready to administer to her wants in time of need. These attentions were kindly appreciated by her and never forgotten.

"She did not know her age but was probably about 80 years old though she always contended she was much older. She died from an attack of pneumonia on the evening of the 2nd of April, 1887, after having as good care and medical attention as could be had in our city.

"Many a little child in Maryville dropped a tear when told it would never see Aunt Winnie again. Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. Taylor of Savannah at the Main Street M.E. Church, Tuesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m., after which her remains were laid to rest at Oak Hill Cemetery. Peace to her ashes."

In the 1880 census, Winnie was enumerated living alone in Maryville, widowed, age 78, born in Kentucky; parents both born in Kentucky. Thus her date of birth would have been about 1792. William Ammons, who is said to have brought her to Nodaway County, was born in Virginia. No record of a slave transaction from Ammons to Stephenson or Stevenson was found in the Nodaway County records.

Bertha Beal, in her 1934 history of Nodaway County, said the Jesse Stephenson family brought Aunt Winnie with them from Kentucky when they came to Missouri in 1844. Jesse ran a hotel on North Main, where Winnie entertained by playing her accordeon at public affairs. It seems more likely, however, that Winnie was purchased from Ammons with that slave transaction in Platte County records, since Nodaway County records do not begin until 1845.

The Stephenson family changed its name to Stinson, and Aunt Winnie shifted her surname along with her owners. Bertha Beal reported the reason for the name change as it was given to her by Andy Stinson: When the Stephenson family lived in Madison County, Ky., and Jesse was just a child (ca. 1800), Indians entered the home where several families quartered together for protection. The Indians were driven out, except for one, who slashed to death the father of Jesse and captured one of Jesse's sisters. This sister was kept by the Indians for two years, during which time the family looked for her. The Indians could not say "Stephenson" and contracted the name to Stinson. The young daughter was eventually found and restored to the Stephenson family.

In Maryville, the family used Stinson, although a mix of Stephenson and Stinson surnames is found in court records.

Jesse Stinson died in 1859, and his will was probated Oct. 10, 1860. In it he freed Winnie, "...I give and bequeath to my black woman Winney, my slave, her freedom and also the following deserted property to wit — lot two in Block two in the Western Addition to the town of Maryville. Also two bedsteads, two feather beds and bedding, five comforts and her wearing apparel and jewelry, accordeon, watch, one table, six chairs, six glass jars, six stone jars and all the carpet that may be on hand and two hogs to be hers at my death....signed Jesse Stephenson."

To settle the estate of Jesse, his property was sold, including the house meant for Winnie. The house was sold at the courthouse door in 1865, and even though it was valued at \$100, the Stephenson children let Winnie have it for \$1. Winnie had purchased Lot 1, Block 2, next to her

home, from John Saunders in 1865 also. The city taxes for both lots 1 and 2, Block 2, Buchanan Street, were delinquent in 1870. In March 1875, the Nodaway Democrat reported that, "Aunt Winnie is having an addition to her dwelling."

Winnie Stinson-Stephenson had a son named Andrew Miller. In October 1875, Andy was defendant in the divorce trial of Grandville "Jack" Fleenor and Harriett Turner Fleenor. Neither Harriett nor Andy had bond money, so they were committed to jail until the trial.

Many witnesses were called, including Winnie. Jack Fleenor was granted a divorce, although the most serious testimony given was that Andy and Harriett went to church and dances together and that Andy had his arm around her. This divorce did upset the black community because the blacks were called as witnesses for or against those involved.

In 1883, Andrew Miller was in Maryville courts again, this time trying to gain custody of his son, who was also named Andrew Miller.

Andrew Jr. was born about 1870 to Maria Vance. Maria married Linn Graves when Andrew Jr. was about 2, and the little boy used the name Miller Graves. When Maria died,

Andrew, the putative father, filed for custody of his son. Probate court appointed Andrew Sr. as guardian of

his son in the first decision of its kind in Nodaway County.

At Winnie's death in 1887, her will was filed, in which she named both her son, A. J. Miller, and grandson, Andy Miller. She bequeathed 22 feet off the north side of Lot 2, Block 2 to the grandson, with the rest of the estate to go to her son — after funeral expenses were paid. She requested Joseph Jackson to be the executor.

But since "there is no one entitled to letters of administration of said estate," Charles Hyslop was appointed.

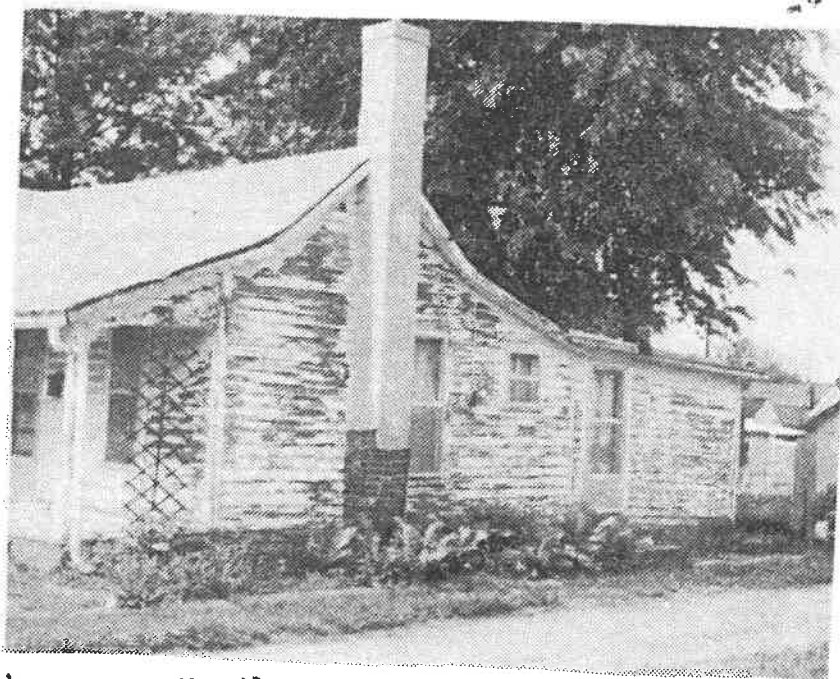
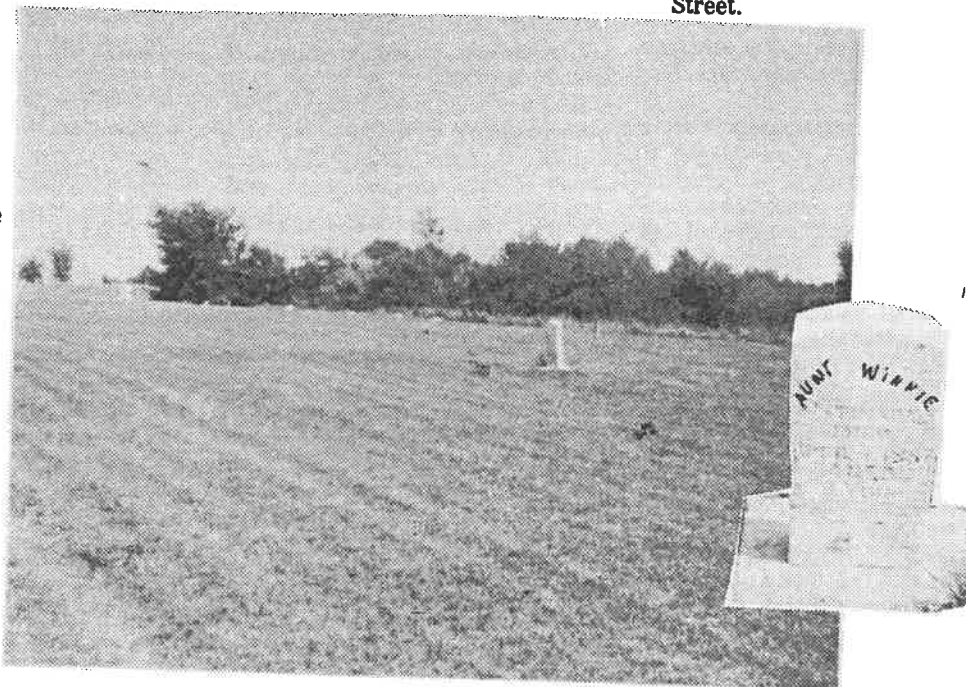
Lot 2, Block 2 was ordered sold to pay the funeral expenses; appraised value \$125. The north half of Lot 2 was sold to Henry C. Burnett, and the south half went to Robert J. McLaren. Winnie's administration papers show this accounting of her estate:

Expenses for funeral, \$65.
 For care and cleaning property,
 \$7.12.
 Deed expense, \$3.
 Appraisal fee, \$3.
 Administrator's fee (five percent),
 \$6.05.

Probate fee, \$2.30.
 Attorney fee, \$3.
 Publication fee, \$10.
 The balance (remaining from \$125)
 to be expended for a tombstone for
 the deceased.

The estate was settled Aug. 5, 1888.
 In Oak Hill Cemetery, Maryville,
 standing all alone and joining Pot-
 ter's section, Winnie's grave is
 marked with a stone on which is
 carved, "Aunt Winnie." It is quite
 likely that her small house remains
 today on Lot 2, Block 2, Buchanan
 Street.

The grave-
 stone of
 Aunt Winnie
 stands all
 alone at the
 edge of
 Potters
 section of
 Oak Hill.
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 contains
 many un-
 marked
 graves.



This small house on North Buchanan in Maryville appears to be
 the same house described in Winnie Stinson's records. Since the
 photo was taken in 1984, the house has been painted and restored.

WILL

I Jesse Stephenson of the County of Scotland
in the State of Missouri do Publish and make
this my last Will and Testament I give and
bequeath to my Son Edward Stephenson Five dollars I give
and bequeath to my two Sons Andrew and
Leindry jointly and Equal the following described
property to wit Town lots in the Town of Maryville
the County Seat of Scotland County in the State
of Missouri the Lot on which I now live which
is the corner lot South of the Court House in
said Town of Maryville and the lot East of
the above described lot also lots one two three
& four in Block three I give and bequeath
to my Black Woman Minnie my Slave
her Freedom and also the following described
property to wit Lot two in Block two in the
Western addition to the Town of Maryville
in said County also two Bedsteads two
feather Beds & Bedding five Comforts and
her wearing apparel and jewelry according
match one table six chairs six glass jars six
Stone jars and all the Carpet that may be on hand
and two boys to be hers at my death and lastly
as to all the rest residue and remainder of my
property both Real and personal whatever...

in witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand and Seal this 10th day of October

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TAYLOR. Fannie Taylor of St. Joseph married Grandville Fleenor, November 1918.

THOMAS. Green Thomas opened a barber shop and shoe repair in Maryville 1918. No indication of where shop was located.

Rev. T. P. Thomas was pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist, 1914, Maryville.

TIGNIG/TIGNOR. Rebecca Tignig or Tignor, born about 1820 in Virginia, was in the household of A. Dearing, White Cloud Township, Nodaway County

THROWER. Arthur Thrower, 18 years old, home in Chicago, had a leg amputated in St. Francis hospital from injuries when he fell from the Wabash. 1918.

TILLMAN/TILLMON. The following family was living at 404 N. Walnut, 1914, Maryville: Louisa Tillmon, widow, husband deceased; John Tillmon. Frankie Tillmon, cook at Perrin Hall, also at same address. Other Tillmons in the area: Norval whose parent/guardian was Mrs. Alfred Allen. George Tillman, here in 1916.

TURNER. Harriett Turner, daughter of Minerva Turner Baker, and step-daughter of Henry Baker. See Baker, Palmer, Fleenor
OBITUARY: Bertha Turner, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Turner, residing on E. 4th, died Thursday at 5:00 after an illness of six weeks. The little one was buried at 2:00 in Oak Hill cemetery. July 7, 1892, Nod. Democrat. Aaron Turner, porter for Wilcoxon, 1906, Maryville. Russell, Thelma, and Edward Turner attending Douglass school in 1933.

VANCE. Henry Vance was an early slave in Nodaway County. He was born in Kentucky and father of Mariah Vance thought to be the first black person born in what was to become Nodaway County. Maria married Linn Graves.

Celia(Selah) Vance is probably the slave in the Byers slave records and was in the 1870 census as housekeeper for John Davis, white farmer, Atchison Township. Samuel Gooden, age 9, was also in the household.

The following story was printed in 1911: Oliver Vance, one of our colored citizens tells a Democrat Forum reporter an interesting story of the life of his grandfather Henry Vance who died last week at Des Moines.

Henry Vance was born in Woodford County, Kentucky, in 1815, and was 96 years of age. During his early life, he was a slave and lived with Col. Anderson Taylor who sold him for \$75. He was later sold to H. A. Byers of this city for \$900 and finally passed from his hands for \$350.

He had 16 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. Oliver Vance of this city is the only surviving grandchild in Nodaway County.

He had a daughter, Maria Vance Graves, whom many of the old settlers remember. She is said to have been the first colored person born in Nodaway County. She was born in 1839, and was the property of John Saunders and remained in his control until Lincoln's emancipation proclamation. She married Linn Graves and both she and her husband have been dead for a number of years. September 21, 1911, Weekly D. Forum.

In Deed Book, Book 1, p. 118, Nodaway County, filed 9th March 1844:

Thomas Stephenson of Cooper County, Mo. (abstracted) gives to wife 1/5 of estate and choice of my negroes...which I received from her father's estate which I derived by my virtue of my marriage with her....

To son Andrew Stephenson, land in Saline County 1/5

To son Hugh Stephenson, Saline Co., 1/5

To daughter Eliza Byers, negro named Nancy & 1/5

To daughter Mary J. Dupuey 1/5

Codicile: will that my faithful old negro woman, Milly, may have her choice to live with my wife or any of my children. Recorded in Nodaway County, June 13, 1848, Amos Graham, Recorder.

Box 16, File 36 Circuit Court Nodaway County. In suit of Caleb Burns et al against Randolph Byers et al, Petition to partition slaves, Filed 4 May 1859. Action against Lemuel Byers(non-resident) to divide slaves belonging to the estate of Thomas Stevenson, deceased, to wit:

Henry, Selah, Rebecca, Mariah, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lucinda, Laura, Louisa, Lewis, who are residing in Nodaway County...ordered that each heir entitled to an 11th part and that the Sheriff of Nodaway County proceed to sell said slaves at public vendue for one-third cash in hand and one-third in 6 months...said sale to be advertized by handbills and publication in two newspapers in Northwest Missouri..... Thomas Stevenson died year 1844 and that by his will made March of 1844 he devised to his daughter 1/5 of estate including land and negroes, certain slaves came into her possession with increase as follows to wit: Henry, Selah, Rebecca, Mariah, George, Thomas, Samuel, Lucinda, Laura, Louisa, and Lewis, all now of Nodaway County....

From the Republican: A curious memorial of slaveholding in Nodaway County is to be found in the Maryville Reporter, a paper published in Maryville in 1860 and now is in the possession of the editor of this article. Only a few years back from our point of view yet very few of today can realize that such things happened so recently. In the paper dated, December 14, 1860, is the following advertizement:

SALE OF SLAVES

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Nodaway County Missouri, made the 30 day of October 1860, the undersigned Sheriff within and for county aforesaid will offer for sale at Public Vendue on the 31 day of December next at the Court House in town of Maryville in the County aforesaid the following negro slaves: Henry, Selah, Rebecca, Mariah, George; Thomas, Samuel, Lucinda, Laura, Louisa, and Louis.

The terms of the sale to be one-third cash in hand, one-third in six months and one-third in 12 months from the date of the sale...Said slaves to be sold for the purpose of partition between the heirs of Eliza Byers, deceased.

T. J. McQuiddy
Sheriff of Nodaway County

NOTICE

The sale of slaves advertized to be sold in Maryville, Nodaway County on the 31st will be postponed until about the 15th of March next at which time there will be another family of negroes to be sold, of which due notice will be given. T. J. McQuiddy, Sheriff.

--from Republican, February 8, 1877.

The other family of slaves to be sold are likely to be the slaves of the Patton family.

November Term, 1860

Now comes Samuel Roberts, guardian of persons and estate of George M. Dallas Patton and Louisa Maria Patton, minors under age of 21, and heirs of Robert Patton, deceased ...said children to have real estate in Nodaway County and to have undivided interest in one negro woman named Lucy and two children, Fannie and Simon, for the education and support of minors and that Samuel Roberts is empowered to sell the said slaves...notice to be published for four weeks.

Another description is below:

Business took the editor (H. E. Robinson) to Barnard Monday. Coming up on the bus from the depot, a gentleman remarked to another, "This place is some larger than when I first saw it in 1860, and I saw something I never witnessed before or since, that is three slaves auctioned off by the sheriff. This was done on the west side of the courthouse square. I shall never forget the queer feeling this sight gave me."

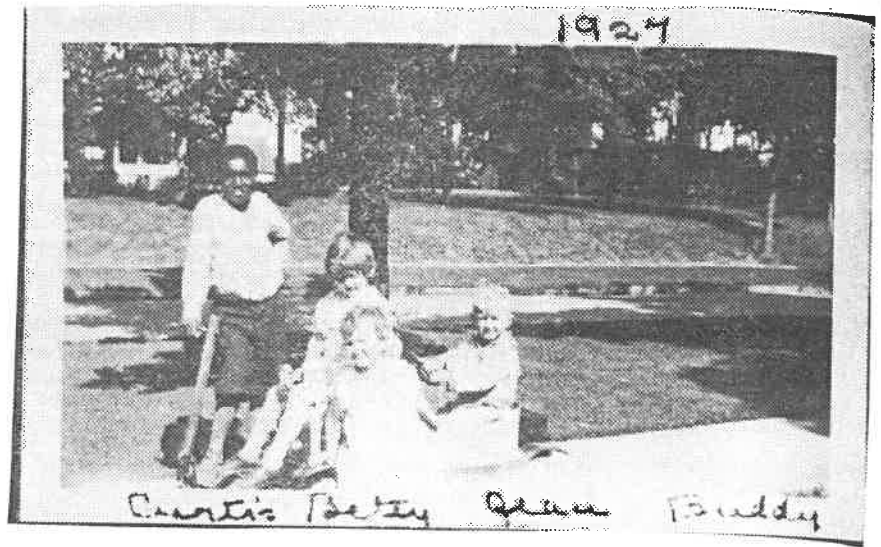
I made inquiry and learned the man's name was C. J. Patterson and he has lived in Andrew county 40 years. I told him I had in my office a copy of the paper published before the war and that I thought it contained the Ad. of those slaves he saw sold. We talked of the stirring days here at the outbreak of the rebellion, among was the demolishing of the printing office, a deed done by Joe Hart, a young Andrew county school teacher, known by Mr. Patterson. August 17, 1899, Republican.

Real estate transfer: Oliver R. Vance to Lizzie Vance, June 30, 1915, 1/2 of Lot 1, Southern boundary, Frather addition, for \$1. Also see Sun for more on later Vance family.

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George Williams' stone in Oak Hill

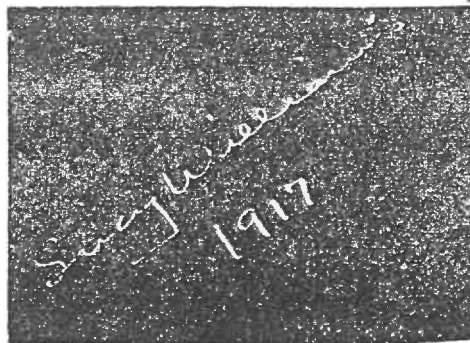


Lucy Williams and her son, Curtis



Lucy's mother, Mattie Williams, was a slave in the A. P. Morehouse family. A. P. Morehouse, of Maryville, was Governor of Missouri in 1888.

Photo from the collection of Betty Wilson



WAGONER. Henry Wagoner, born ca 1840, laborer, boarding with Henry Malcome in Maryville, 1880.

WALDRON. Rhoda Waldron, born ca 1858 in Mo., working in Dr. Campbell's household in Maryville, 1880.

WALKER. Lottie Walker died in St. Joseph hospital. March 15, 1898, Nodaway Democrat, Maryville.

WATTS. Verlee Watts, daughter of George Watts of Warrensburg, Mo., married Guy Martin. Her brother, B. O. Watts, Warrensburg. One daughter Hazel Wesley of St. Joseph. See Martin.

WARD. Rev. J. H. Ward, wife Gertrude, living in Maryville, 1935, where he was pastor of A. M. E. church.

WELLS. Mrs. Gertie Wells, sister to Mrs. James Malcome, married Benjamin Parient, November 1919, Maryville. See Sun.

WHITE. Lewis White, wife Izora, living at 1101 E. Jenkins, in 1914. They lived here in 1918 and then moved to St. Joseph. Leona White, daughter of Izora White, married Frank Boyd in 1915. Senora White married Adolphus Gunn, April 1918; identified as sister to Mrs. Frank Boyd.

Albert White, born ca 1852 in Mo., laborer, in household of E. Johnston, Hopkins, Nodaway County, 1880. Albert White voting in election 1885. OBITUARY: Albert White, a well-known and respected colored citizen of Maryville was overcome by heat last Thursday, July 9, 1897, while stacking hay for Charles Pixler west of town, so that he died this morning at 2:00 o'clock. July 15, 1897, Republican. OBITUARY: Ada White, the 15 year old daughter and only child of Leasy White died of typhoid fever on Monday, August 9, 1897. The father died only a few weeks ago and now Mrs. White is left alone to mourn. The sympathies of all are with the afflicted woman. August 12, 1897, Republican. Letha White, widow of Albert, living in Maryville at 616 E. 2nd, 1914.

WILLIAMS. David Williams was one of the first blacks of Maryville after the war ended and was a businessman here. Born in Pennsylvania ca 1830 and a free black, he operated a barber shop in Maryville. In the 1870 census, he was residing with John Hobson. He was identified as a mulatto. Also in the household of Hobson was James Williams, barber, mulatto, born in Illinois. James may have been a brother or son of David.

Charles Williams, cook for B. G. Ford(white) was born ca 1849 in Mississippi. It seems unlikely that Charles was relative of David and James although the political records show them as associates. See Reconstruction and politics.

Mattie (Martha J.) Williams, born in Lexington, Mo., is somehow connected to Minerva Turner Baker. Mattie's first child, Nora, had a surname Turner as did Harriett Fleenor, step-daughter of Henry Baker. Mattie married George Williams, son of John Williams and Marinda Stetney Williams of Saline County, Mo. Mattie had a brother, Henry, in Lexington, Mo. See her slave story.

Jackson Williams, born ca 1853, in Kentucky, living in the household of Henry Baker as a boarder in 1880, Maryville.(See Douglass for Fenton Williams the first black student to attend Northwest MO State, Maryville)
Mamie Williams of St. Louis, married William Campbell of Maryville.

MATTIE, SLAVE OF THE MOREHOUSE FAMILY. In 1909, Henry Williams visited in Maryville his long lost sister, Mattie, for whom he had been searching for many years. The story of their reunion was printed in the Nodaway Democrat: "Henry Williams, colored, of Lexington, Missouri, is in Maryville visiting his sister, Mrs. Mattie Williams, for whom he has been looking for 20 years. They were child slaves during the civil war. Mrs. Williams was brought here when a child by the late Albert P. Morehouse, while her brother was kept in Lexington by relatives of the Morehouse family. After a time the boy lost all trace of his sister and having forgotten the name of Morehouse and did not know what place she was taken, he came to think she was dead. Finally, he learned she had been brought to Maryville and wrote Postmaster Beech who made inquiry for him. The

brother and sister were soon writing to each other, and he came as soon as he could to visit her."

(A. P. Morehouse did not come from a slave state. He was born in Ohio in 1835 and came with his father to Missouri in 1856. However, Morehouse was in Lexington; he married Mattie McFadden there in 1865. It seems quite likely that the slave child, Mattie, came into the Morehouse family through the McFaddens, during the period, 1862-1865. Although a Union man A. P. Morehouse held a great deal of sympathy for the Confederate cause, as his newspaper, Nodaway Democrat, proves. His allegiance to the Democrat party led him to Governor of Missouri in 1888.)

Mattie's date of birth is about 1860, so she would have been quite young when brought to Maryville. Her birthplace is listed as Missouri. She married George Washington Williams about 1888; their marriage was not found in Nodaway county, though this was expected. George Williams is identified in the 1880 census, Nodaway County, as stepson of Henry Malcome who had a wife Marinda, born in Virginia. George had a sister, Lucy Williams, also in the Malcome household.

In putting Mattie's history together, slavery gets in the way of finding the missing pieces. Mattie may not have had the same surname as her brother. The 1900 census lists the George Williams' family, living on North Buchannan, Maryville. Mattie died September 2, 1925 and she was buried in Oak Hill. Chester Williams died January 2, 1933.

The story of Mattie Williams depicts clearly the cruel way slavery broke up the black families. The relatives often were never able to find each other after emancipation. The fact that Mattie was owned by Morehouse whose name was in the Missouri newspapers perhaps helped make the re-union of the brother and sister possible. xxxxxx

OBITUARY: George Washington Williams age nearly 57, died at his home on North Walnut yesterday. He had been a resident of Maryville for 30 years. Funeral at A. M. E. today. He leaves a wife, three sons, and two daughters. July 11, 1912. / George Williams who died at this home Wednesday will be buried in Oak Hill this afternoon. Rev. J. R. Carter to officiate. Pall bearers: Albert Allen, J. L. Gooden, W. M. Palmer, William Jackson, O. Schoolen, and Wm Wilson. July 11, 1912, Tribune.

Death certificate: Martha J. Williams, born July 4, 1861, in Lexington, Missouri, parents names and birthplaces unknown to informant. Died September 2, 1925, reported by Lucy Vance, Maryville, Missouri.

Death certificate: George W. Williams, born in Saline County, Mo., parents: John Williams and Marinda Stetney/Stefney.

George Williams, son of George and Mattie Williams is written of in this article in the Maryville paper. In 1912, Maryville citizens were worried about disease; the fly was singled out as a cause. George Williams, a porter at Strong and Pearce barber-shop used sulphur fumes and won the kill-the-flies day in Maryville. "The day was Saturday and not much of a success. Only three persons turned in flies to Mayor Robey at his office. George Williams, a little colored boy, had the greatest number, 2021 flies, and won the prize offered by George H. Baker, president of the Real Estate Bank. One other boy turned in 5 flies and another 14." According to the reporter, the mayor "lumped the number off at that," which answers the question of who counted the flies.

Other Williams data: Deed, March 4, 1870, Charley Williams grantor to Anton Weyrick, Book 24, p. 600, Nodaway County.

David Williams, the barber, left yesterday for Topeka, Kansas, where he goes into business on a large scale. He is a good workman and will doubtless command a good business at his new location. He sold his shop here to Joseph Mertz who intends to minister to the wants of people who want shaving to complete satisfaction. July 11, 1872, Nodaway Democrat. --We have seen a letter from David Williams, formerly a barber in Maryville from which we learn he is in Dennison, Texas. He says he has found the finest country in the world and is making money; had made \$69.75 at barbering last week. He thinks a man might get rich in that country raising cotton. March 20, 1873, Nodaway Democrat. Letter to editor from Dennison, Texas from A. C. Case(white). Dennison is a fast town, has about 3,000 inhabitants, a large number who are gamblers and pickpockets.

Almost every second door is a saloon. We found Dave Williams here, looking as happy as he used to in Maryville after shaving someone all night. Several of the boys up there have seen him look just that way. He says he would rather live in Maryville but he can make \$5 to 1 there. Signed, A.C.C. (Dennison), May 9, 1873, Nodaway Democrat.

WILLS. Simon Wills was an early resident of Nodaway County. Obituaries of this family do not give much background. Simon, born in Virginia, about 1815, had a wife Margaret who was born in Kentucky. Children of Simon were born in Missouri, 1850 and after. Daughter of Simon, Frances Wills, identified as aunt of Ethel Hawkins and Julie Elders. Martha Wills, daughter of Simon, identified as cousin of Dollie Hooker Martin and Katie Campbell Baker. See Sylvia Lattimore for Wills also.

Dr. Britton of Stanberry was in Maryville last Friday. He was here treating a cancer for Mrs. Wills, colored. October 25, 1883. Nodaway Democrat.

Simon Wills who lives just south of the public school building lost his hogs.....March 5, 1885

OBITUARY. Simon Wills died June 1, 1907, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Taylor in Gallatin, Missouri. His body was brought to Maryville his former home, for burial. The services were held at the A. M. E. church Sunday afternoon, June 2, conducted by the Rev. H. T. Bolden, followed by burial in Oak Hill cemetery. The pastor's sermon was from the text, "Blessed are they who die in the Lord." June 6, 1907, Republican.

Mrs. Martha Harris, a former resident of Maryville is visiting her cousins Mrs. Dollie Martin and Mrs. Clarence Baker. Mrs. Harris before her marriage, was Miss Martha Wills and is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wills of Maryville. Mrs. Harris is now head cook at the State University at Madison, Wisconsin. This is her first visit to Maryville for over 18 years. August 12, 1915, Tribune.

OBITUARY. Mrs. Francis Wills Taylor, colored, died at 9:15 o'clock at the home of her nieces, Miss Ethel Hawkins and Mrs. Julie Elders, East First Street. The body will lie in state Tuesday at Cummins Undertaking Parlor. Funeral service will be held at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday at Gallatin. Burial will be at Gallatin.

Besides two nieces in Maryville, those surviving are one stepson, Henry McNeal, Oklahoma, and one step daughter, Miss Nora Taylor of Muscatine, Iowa. Mrs. Taylor is an old resident of Maryville and well-known here. Before her marriage she was employed by the late ex-Governor Morehouse and the late Theodore Robinson. Her husband died several years ago in Gallatin where she lived until last fall when she became unable to live alone and came to Maryville to make her home with her niece, Mrs. Julie Elders. She became a member of the A. M. E. church at an early age. June 5, 1930, Forum.

Sylvia Lattimore Wills, wife of Simon, died January, 1890. She had some property and it was appraised. See Lattimore. In 1893, after the court had not yet located heirs of Sylvia, Simon petitioned for inheritance. Yet by 1894, Sylvia's heirs in Georgia were located.

WILSON. Mary Wilson, born ca 1875 in Mo., Thomas Wilson, born ca 1879 in Mo., living as servants in the household of Mary Wilson(white) Hughes Township, Nodaway County, 1880. Henry Wilson, born ca 1868 in Mo., Mary Wilson, born ca 1870 in Mo., Stella Wilson, born 1900, all in the household of Frank Lattin(white) in Maryville, 1900, probably as boarders or renters.

A Henry Wilson lived in Maryville, coming from Centralia around 1790, and died here. OBITUARY: Henry Wilson, age 71, for nearly 29 years the colored porter at the Elks Club, died at 4:30 this morning at his home on West 5th Street. He had been confined to his home for the last two years, he had not been in good health. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon at the A. M. E. church, conducted by Rev. J. H. Ward, pastor. Burial will be in Oak Hill cemetery.

Mr. Wilson was born February 16, 1862, at Centralia, Missouri. He came to Maryville from Centralia 43 years ago next October and worked for the Nodaway Valley Bank and doing housecleaning. Twenty eight years ago he began working for the Elks Club working there until he was forced to retire two months ago.

His first wife, Mrs. Matilda Johnson Wilson, died October 9, 1928. He was married to Mrs. James Malcome on March 23, 1929, who survives. Mr. Wilson belonged to the A. M. E. church, holding offices of trustee, treasurer, and steward.

The body will lie in state from 10:00 to 12:00 tomorrow morning in the home. May 1, 1933, Forum.

Mrs. Henry Wilson of North Maryville entertained six guests Sunday. Those attending from a distance were: Misses Mamie Heights, of Kansas City, and Hattie Jackson of Omaha. August 23, 1902, Tribune.

Henry Wilson, porter of the Elks Club rooms this week purchased of D. E. Kettering of Kansas City the residence property at the corner of 5th and Mulberry which he proposes improving and putting in good shape. Henry now owns two good residences in the city and we understand is negotiating for a third. He believes in the future of Maryville and shows his faith by his investments. June 8, 1907, Tribune.

HEAVY WIND STORM. Some wind damage was at the college and the floor of the Library was covered with water. A Ford roadster in which William Campbell and Mrs. Henry Wilson were driving was damaged when it ran into a fallen tree in the 600 block on Walnut, and Mrs. Wilson was reported slightly injured. July 5, 1934, Forum.

WINSHIP. Riley Winship, born ca 1830 in Georgia, living in Maryville, 1870 a laborer.

YOUNG. Rev. J. R. Young and wife lived in Maryville, 1919, where he was pastor of Mt Zion Baptist church.

Frank Young and his mother, Mary Young, came north with the Jefferson Larmer family to Ravenwood, Mo, Nodaway County, after the Civil war. Jeff Larmer and his wife Elizabeth Hickman Larmer lived in Lee County, VA. After the slaves were freed, Frank's parents stayed with the Larmers. Frank's father died and Mary and Frank came along to Missouri ca 1890. Mary Young died soon after the family arrived and Frank was cared for by the Larmer family. Jeff Larmer raised blooded horses and it was Frank's love of these animals that attributed to his death. His obituary, which follows on the next page explains his accidental death.

The DeShazer family of Ravenwood gave this account of Frank's courage when he was just a teen-aged boy. "I relate as Dad told me: This was a strong horse that had only been ridden twice before. It was muddy that day so Dad(George DeShazer) was wearing "gum boots." Just as Dad put his foot in the stirrup, the horse moved and caused Dad to fall with his one foot still in the stirrup. The horse started to whirl around in a circle, extending outward. The horse had made two circles each getting closer to a large burr oak gatepost, and the third circle would have slammed Dad's head against the post; it surely would have killed him. There were three white men and Frank standing there. All the white men did was yell "Whoa, Whoa, Whoa," but Frank Young ran in and threw his arms around the horse's neck causing it to stop whirling, and it then began backing up instead. This allowed the other men to grab the horse's reins and to hold the horse while they got Dad loose from the stirrup. So if it hadn't been for a black man perhaps none of us would have been here." Reported by Buel DeShazer, son of George DeShazer. Event took place on the farm of Isaac Barton near Sweet Home, around 1905-08.xxxxx

Frank Young was a favorite of his peers

By Martha Cooper
Maryville

In Lee County, Va., several black families used the surname Young. Many of these ex-slaves, after emancipation, moved into the town of Stickleyville. Claiborn Young, white farmer, still had several blacks with the surname Young enumerated in his household, 1870 census, Lee County. The Larmer family who later moved to the Ravenwood area of Nodaway County were also enumerated in Lee County, Va.

When the Jefferson Larmer family came to Missouri sometime around 1890, they brought two black people from Rocky Station Township (Lee County), Frank Young and his mother. They were, no doubt, part of the large family of Young ex-slaves.

Mother Young apparently died before 1900, since she was not found in that census in the Larmer household. Frank was identified as living in the Jefferson Larmer household as a servant, born May 1880, age 20, single, born in Virginia and parents born in Virginia. Frank died before the census was taken in 1910. Country, in September 1984, carried a photograph of Frank Young with a group of Ravenwood men, which supports what many from that area have indicated — Frank was well liked by the community.

Yet his obituary gives a two-sided picture of how Frank Young and his mother fared in Jackson Township, Nodaway County:

"Frank Young was born at Stickleyville, Lee County, Virginia, May 1st, 1880 and died March 20, 1910, aged 29 years, 10 months, and 19 days.

"When a child he and his mother came to Nodaway County with Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Larmer with whom Frank continued to live until his death. Like many of his race, he was a fearless horse man and for this reason, was a great assistance to Mr. Larmer, who keeps a number of blooded horses. It was his love of

horses which cost him his life. He had gone over to spend the afternoon with James Horton and in the company of Mr. Horton's sons was attempting to break some young colts on the place to ride. The first colt that he rode proved very docile. This threw him off his guard and he was more careless with the second, and was thrown off, breaking his neck in the fall. Death resulted instantly.

"Although Frank being a colored man he conducted himself in such a way to win the respect of the entire community. He was industrious and honest, two qualities that will win respect anywhere. He was never presumptuous or forward, but accepted the difficult place that nature had allotted him, because of his color, without complaint. Frank's faults were principally those which had origin in his kindness of heart and trusting nature. He did not know how to say no to a friend. One of the largest crowds gathered together on such short notice in Ravenwood was present at the funeral which was held at the Methodist church conducted by

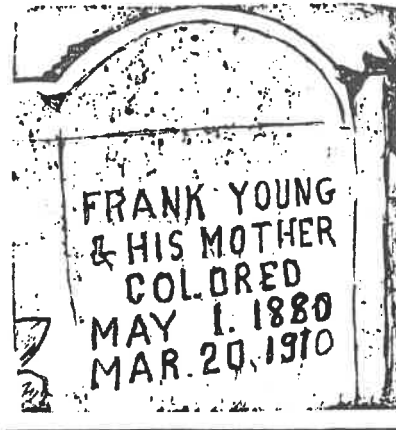
Rev. J.D. Randolph. He was buried beside his mother in Monroe church cemetery."

March 25, 1910, Ravenwood Gazette.

Even though a huge crowd honored Frank at his death, this honor stopped at the graveyard. Frank was buried beside the grave of his mother at Monroe cemetery fence edge, since integration was not extended even to burial grounds during that period.

A recent article by Rose Wallace, Maryville, tells of her discovery of Frank's gravestone just over the fence, tucked in a tangle of fencerow brush. However, Monroe cemetery caretakers have respectfully mowed a narrow path to the Young graves.

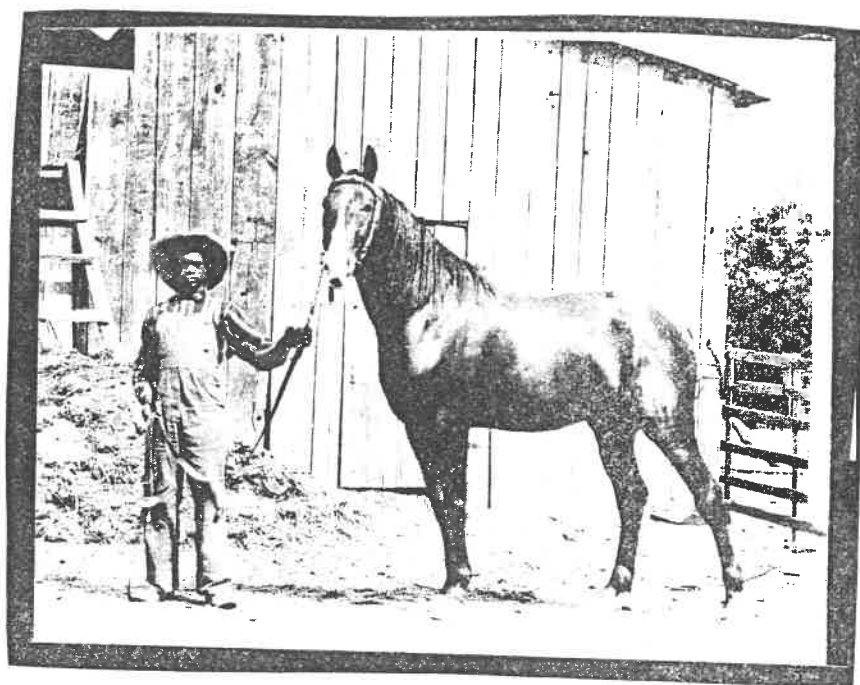
One hopes that the family back in Lee County, Va., were told of the deaths of Mother Young and Frank and of their burial place. One also wishes that relatives could know that today someone at Ravenwood still cares enough to honor their memory by tending their graves.





Ravenwood men

The Ravenwood men used to dress up and have their photograph taken. This photo and the one below were taken about 1900. The pictured are: Enre Alexander (from left rear), Pos McElvain, Roland Duffy, Frank Young, Charley DeLong, Ernie Orr, Irvie Bently, (front from left) Bill Sawyers, Sampson, Roxy Hawk and Frank Yarnall.



Frank Young

Photo furnished by Julie Hicks

COMMENTS FROM MARYVILLE RESIDENTS
1985

Thomas Elders and Julie--Thomas worked for Haines. They lived at 615 E. 2nd; house burned. Julie played the piano. Thomas made hot tamales. Julie worked for Townsends.

Roland Johnson worked for the Bee Hive store...

Of the "colored" school, I knew one teacher who seemed to teach all grades. She was a lovely lady of great courtesy and undoubted courage. I used to admire her from a distance, tho' I never met her.... The cornerstone of Douglass school was covered up and the windows replaced; now a residence.

Jesse McMakin(Morgan) was called Uncle Jess by everyone. He is buried in Rose Hill, Parnell, in the Morgan plot.

Commodore Smith was lightskinned; went to school with white children at Clearmont.

Raymond Palmer worked for Armstrong Motor Co. as janitor.

Henrietta Smart had a nickname, "Cal" and for a time Frank and Henrietta lived on 3rd floor, 635 West 3rd...Henrietta Smart worked for Ferd Townsend...Frank and Henrietta catered for townspeople...

Nettie Redmond kept house for William Mitchell. When she passed away, he lived alone...was old. Isabel Mitchell's daughter Ella was handicapped, had polio, is now deceased. Grandson, William, lives in Kansas City.

During the years, 1913 to 1935, that I lived in East Maryville, I never heard any bigoted talk against negroes. After the tragic occurrences in the Gunn family, I saw none of the family again. Their empty house was set on fire soon after, but I would never believe it was any one of our neighbors who was responsible, and there was no approval voiced by any one in my hearing....Bunk Gunn worked on farms...

Guy Martin worked for Bagby...Alvie(Catfish), Charles and Guy Martin would sing together...Charles Martin was a Mason, worked for Farmer's Trust. Charley died in 1929, as a result of inadequate medical care.

Mary Hardin broke off a needle in her foot. She got cobwebs and soot from the chimney and put this on the wound to stop the bleeding. It got the needle out. Mary Hardin was a dear lady who always had time for children. Every spring she would dig up ground and plant a garden. She was delightful as a friend and neighbor. Bob and Mary Hardin(he was not a negro) were good neighbors. They usually kept a cow and we bought milk from them for several years. Mary Hardin for several years worked for Uel Lamkin, president of the State Teacher's College, as their private cook, and she was highly regarded by them. Mary's husband, Bob, used to drive her across town in their Model T Ford coupe to work and usually she was brought home by the Lamkin chauffeur or Mr. and Mrs. Lamkin.

Summer picnics were joyous occasions...they would walk down the railroad track to the river carrying picnic baskets and singing...When the black people went to Sarah Graves' farm home at Skidmore, they rode in the back of a truck. They would drive down the road with all singing. They would have a watermelon feast at the farm.

Rev. Ward did a lot to heal the community after 1931. He loved to hunt; had a brother in Omaha. Rev. Ward played the cornet and spoke German. Sometimes Rev. Ward baptized in a horse tank by the A. M. E. church. Walter Smith bought the old church from Trustees in St. Joseph District. He sold it to a fellow in Hopkins in 1960 who tore it down for the lumber. The little parsonage house in back was used for fire practice by the city. The bell tower burned off the Baptist church but the building is still there.

Shike Smith played baseball..was also a great skater...Johnie Fields smoked a clay pipe...Bud Campbell worked at the postoffice..John Gooden cleaned carpets. Ozie Schoolen was a porter on a crack train...Tom Holmes always wore a vest and hat..his daughter married a fellow who worked at Montgomery Ward...Theodore Carter was in the Navy in WW II. Mrs. Carter did laundry...Mrs. Frances Greggs worked for Townsends..had a daughter in Kansas City...Everett Page was chauffeur for Robinsons; later went to St. Joseph and worked for Plymouth store...was a preacher in Elwood.

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