

**Wm. Walter Cox Passes Away Suddenly at his home near Redman**

William Walter Cox, a prominent and well known farmer of this vicinity, committed suicide in her home in the north part of Bevier at about noon Wednesday.

Coroner Welch of Callao was summoned and made an investigation. He did not hold a regular inquest, but from his investigation and the contents of a note left by the deceased he decided it was a plain case of suicide.

Just before her death Mrs. Griswold had been in the home of a neighbor, Warren Mendenhall, and in order to use the gun she had seated herself in a chair and stood the gun on the floor, placed the barrel against her head and pulled the trigger. Her brains were scattered all over the room.

Mrs. Griswold's husband died several years ago. She has one son, Kenneth, who has been living with relatives in Clarence. She had resided in Bevier for several years and was considered a very good hard working woman.

The funeral was held Thursday afternoon and interment was made in East Oakwood cemetery.—Bevier Appeal

**Chester Ridings Dies**

Chester Ridings, of Macon, who was taken to the Green-Smith hospital at Kirksville Wednesday, passed away Sunday afternoon at 3:10 o'clock. When taken to the hospital he was in a critical condition. "Chester" as he was familiarly called, was 44 years, five months and 19 days old.

With Mr. Ridings' passing, death has entered the Ridings home twice in less than a month, Mrs. Ridings died Wednesday, May 29, just three weeks and four days ago. Seven children are left, namely, Clements, Mrs. Orrey (Josephine) Davis, John S., Dorothy, Edward Paul, Mary Sue and James Walter, all of the home. One child died in infancy. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ridings, Clarence, two brothers, Virsno, of Clarence, and Strand of Pontiac, Mich., also survive, as do a host of other relatives and friends. One brother preceded him in death.

Mr. Ridings, who was a mechanic of unusual ability, had been in business in Macon for years. No assignment was ever too large or too small for him to undertake and the more tedious a task the more delight Mr. Ridings found in his work.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 9:00 o'clock at the immaculate Conception church, conducted by the Rev. Fr. P. H. O'Rourke. Burial was made at St. Mary's cemetery, Macon.

**Crossing The Bar**

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me! And may there be no morning of the Bar.

When I put out to sea, For the from out our journey of Time and Place.

The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar.—Tennyson.

**WOMAN CAUSED WORRY CAUSED**

**Mrs. Murrill Griswold 40, Ends Life at Bevier This Morning with a Shotgun**

Special to Macon Chronicle-Herald.

BEVIER, Mo., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Murrill Griswold, about 40, committed suicide in her home in the northwest part of Bevier about 11:30 this morning.

Coroner W. A. Welch of Callao, was summoned and made an investigation, but from his talk with the neighbors and an examination of the surroundings in the room, together with the contents of a note he found, he decided it was plain case of suicide.

The doctor said the note was somewhat long, and the tenor of it was that Mrs. Griswold had been worrying over some matters.

Mrs. Griswold's husband died some years ago. She has a son, Kenneth, who is working at Clarence.

Just before her death Mrs. Griswold had been over to Warren Mendenhall's house, a neighbor of hers, while there she managed to slip out with Mendenhall's shot gun. Not long afterwards the Mendenhall family heard the report of a gun at Mrs. Griswold's. When they arrived there she was dead. It seemed like the charge from the gun had blown off about two-thirds of her head. The body was lying on the floor.

In order to use the gun Mrs. Griswold sat down in a chair, stood the shot gun on the floor, placed the barrel against her head and pulled the trigger. The brains were scattered all over the room.

Mrs. Griswold had resided in Bevier some years. It is said she was a good hard-working woman.

**LAST RITES HELD FOR PROMINENT MACON MAN**

Funeral services for Everett V. Haley, who was killed in an automobile accident on Highway 26, about 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning, about one-half mile west of the spur leading into Macon, was held at the Pearl Street Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

The services were conducted by the Rev. C. A. Bowles, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. Robert McIlroy, of New Franklin, Mo., a former pastor of Mr. Haley's at Clarence. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery at Macon.

Mr. Haley's death was caused by a fracture of the frontal bone of the skull thru the ethmoid bone, according to a finding of Dr. C. O. West, county coroner, who examined the body after the accident.

Mr. Haley was found in his car about 100 feet south of the highway Thursday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock by Arthur Bradford and his son, A. B. Bradford.

Everett V. Haley was born August 3, 1885 in Randolph county near Woodville, the son of James True and Sarah Emily (Wedding) Haley. He was one of seven sons.

He was married to Miss Lena Lilly September 22, 1907 and to this union one daughter, Miss Lilly V. Haley, one of Macon's most accomplished young ladies, was born.

Mr. Haley is survived by his widow and his daughter, who is a student at the Kirksville State Teachers College at Kirksville. Six brothers, Albert Sidney, of Misses City, Mont.; Elmer A., of Moberly; James L., of Hannibal; Dickson Lee, of Clarence; Fred Clay, of Holiday; William Luther, of Jacksonville, and two sisters, Mrs. Eva May Graves, of Anabel, and Mrs. Orpha Block, of Clarence, also survive.

Mr. Haley first entered business in the general mercantile store at Kirby, in Shelby county, which he ran for several years. He then joined the Standard Oil Company's Shelby county force and drove a tank wagon at Clarence for several years. So rapidly did he build the business for the Standard people that his worth was quickly recognized and he was transferred to the Macon field in 1919 and advanced rapidly to become the auditor for Petroleum products in this section started distributing Mid-Continent Haley Home Oil Company and months ago when he organized the Haley's entire life was given over to aiding others and his success in that line of endeavor, as well as his success in his chosen line of business was remarkable.

He was even tempered, kind, considerate and possessed an uncompensating personality that made one feel better to know and visit with him. That his death has cut short his wholesome influence is a severe blow to Macon and Macon county.

A very large crowd attended the funeral from Clarence and community, estimated to be one hundred.

**ALEX. P. READ DIED THURSDAY IN HOSPITAL**

Alexander Pendleton Read, son of Dr. Nathaniel Manson and Frances Pendleton Read, was born August 27, 1869 in Granville, Monroe county, Missouri, and passed away in the hospital April 9, 1936 at the age of 66 years, 7 months and 3 days. He was the oldest child in a family of five children. Two brothers and one sister survive, N. M. Read of Holiday, Mo.; W. G. Read, of New York City, N. Y.; Mrs. J. L. Dickson, of Clarence, Mo.; one sister, Mary Ellen Read, preceded him in death. Read, 73, 1933. He is also survived by two nieces, one nephew, three great nephews and four great nieces.

He attended school at Central college, graduating with honors, also winning the prize in mathematics. He graduated with the degree of A. B., and later took the master's degree at Central.

After graduation he taught school for a number of years, the longest at the Macon District college, a Methodist institution located at Clarence, and from here he went to Brookfield where he was head of the public school for some years. After retiring from the teaching profession he spent his time in registered black cattle. He continued until ill health compelled him to cease working. His illness continued for eight years and his death was caused by a paralytic stroke.

He joined the church in boyhood at Granville, and later transferred his church membership to Clarence when the family moved here January 6, 1893. He taught in the Sunday school and continued an active member while in health.

He became a Mason 40 years ago and continued a member of Clarence Lodge No. 662, A. F. & A. M., until the time of his passing. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

His father died six years ago, at the ripe age of 83 years and 11 months and the mother of the deceased passed away at the age of 68 years.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, April 12, Easter Day, at 2 o'clock at the Methodist church, Clarence, conducted by Rev. E. J. Maggart and Rev. F. J. Mabel, the pastor. The Masonic ritual was used at the grave. Burial was in Maplewood cemetery, in the family lot.

Those who sang were Dr. and Mrs. Lerley, Mrs. N. D. Troxell, Lindsey Garlow, Mrs. Emmett Sage at the piano.

The pallbearers were: W. H. Burnett, A. C. Thompson, A. B. Withers, Frank Wine, Preston Walker, J. L. McCoy.

**Infant Dies**

Funeral services for Ronald Wayne Secrest, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Secrest of Hannibal were held Friday afternoon at the James O'Donnell funeral home in Hannibal.

The child was born Wednesday morning in the Leveering hospital and died Wednesday evening. Survivors are the parents and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Secrest of Hannibal, formerly of northeast of Clarence.

**CHARLES ALBRIGHT SHOT**

On Tuesday Charles Albright, of Brookfield, was shot and killed by a man reported to be his friend and neighbor. He was reared in Clarence and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Albright. At this writing we have no further particulars.

**Worry Caused Woman's Death**

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