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## Cleve Hayes Dies Suddenly Last Thursday

Grover Cleveland Hayes died suddenly last Thursday afternoon at his home, near here.

Mr. Hayes was born September 29, 1888, in Monroe County, a son of Benjamin and Betty Craig Hayes. He was a farmer, and for some time was engaged as an oil distributor in Clarence and Leonard.

Survivors are his wife, the former Lillie Copenhaver; a son, Raymond, of Clarence; and a grandson, Ronnie. He was preceded in death by an infant brother, and a sister, Mrs. Ernest Copenhaver.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Clarence Christian Church. Rev. J. L. Shoemaker of Moberly, assisted by Rev. Lyle Armstrong, officiated. Burial was in Maplewood Cemetery. The Greening Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## Ollie Graves Dies; Former Employee At Light Plant

Ollie Oliver Graves, lifetime resident of Macon County and former employe of the City of Macon, died Thursday night at the Lakeview Rest Home here. The body was taken to the Stephens and Gooding Funeral Home, where arrangements are incomplete pending the arrival of his daughter from Arkansas.

Mr. Graves, who was past 80 years old, was born and reared in the Graves Chapel community near Anabel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Graves. He was married to Miss Fannie Currier, who preceded him in death a number of years ago.

To their union was born one daughter, Mrs. Fred A. Fryor, of West Memphis, Ark., who survives, with several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Graves moved to Macon many years ago and was employed at the Macon Wholesale Grocery and later at the City Light Plant, where he was employed for 19 years.

## Former Resident Died Tuesday At St. Louis 1957

Mrs. Emma Orr Kiergan, former Clarence resident, passed away Tuesday at St. Louis. Funeral services were held at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Thursday, from the Lupton Funeral Chapel at St. Louis. The body will be brought by Greenings to Clarence Friday and graveside prayers will be read at Union church cemetery by the Rev. Howard Merchant at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Survivors include her husband, Nova B. Kiergan and a daughter, Mary Kiergan of St. Louis; a son, Capt. Nova B. Kiergan Jr., of the U. S. Navy; two brothers, Harry W. Orr of Salisbury and Ewing Orr of Fort Madison, Iowa; nephews and nieces, including Miss Irene Orr of Clarence.

Samuel L. Cress, 89,  
Of Clarence Dies;  
Services Sunday

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Samuel Lewis Cress, 89, died last night at his home southwest of Clarence. He had been in ill health for some time.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Fairview Christian Church near Cox, conducted by the Rev. Clifford Wrisinger. Burial will be in the churchyard cemetery.

The body is at the Greening Funeral Home in Clarence and will be taken tomorrow, weather permitting, to the family home to lie in state until the funeral hour.

Mr. Cress was born May 11, 1867 in Macon County, the son of William and Susan Sagaser Cress. He was reared in the Bethlehem Community in Macon County, and had spent the past 54 years on the farm southwest of Clarence.

His wife, Martha Elizabeth, had preceded him in death in May 1956.

Mr. Cress is survived by three children, Miss Linnie Cress and John Cress of the home and Paul Cress of near Clarence; one grandson and two great grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Dan Fuhs of Inglewood, Calif.

He was an uncle of Mrs. Jeff Laytham and Miss Opal Walker of Macon.

One daughter, three sisters and two brothers had preceded Mr. Cress in death.

## Last Rites For Mrs. Robert Icke Held Today 1952

Mrs. Robert Icke, 76, passed away Sunday afternoon about 2:30 o'clock in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hutcherson of near Clarence. She had been in ill health for three years and bedfast the past 16 months.

Mrs. Icke was born on July 25, 1879, the daughter of the late Andrew and Mary Graves Jones. She was united in marriage to Robert Icke on Jan. 23, 1900. She was a member of the Fairview Christian church but attended the Woodville Holiness church.

Survivors include her husband, her daughter, Mrs. Hutcherson; four sons, Delmar Icke and Gilbert Icke of Denver, Colo.; Emery Icke of Clarence and Hubert Icke of LaJunta, Colo.; a brother, Curtis Jones of Woodville; seven grandchildren, four great grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

The body rested in the Barkelaw & Davis Funeral Chapel until the funeral hour. Last rites were held this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from the Woodville church with interment following in the church cemetery. Rev. J. McClanahan was the officiant.

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## Mrs. G. C. Graves Died Monday At Kansas City

Mrs. Mary Emma Graves, 72, passed away Monday morning in the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lukens of Kansas City. She had been ill several weeks.

Mrs. Graves was born on April 18, 1884, a daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth Myers Long of the Graves Chapel community. On Sept. 24, 1905, she was united in marriage to Cleveland Graves and to them were born three children. She was preceded by her husband and an infant son.

Surviving besides Mrs. Lukens are a son, Stanley Graves of Clarence, a sister, Mrs. Ed Bengfield of Clarence, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren, two nieces and nephew.

She was a member of Clarence Center Street Methodist church.

The body rested in the Greening Funeral Home until 10:30 Wednesday morning when last rites were held from Graves Chapel conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Milton M. Thorne. Committal prayers were read and interment made in the church cemetery.

Casket bearers were Herbert Graves, J. T. Graves, Homer Graves, Paul Graves, Ewell Graves and Frank Bengfield.

## Phillip M. Graves, Long Ill, Dies Saturday 1961

Phillip Madison Graves, 83, died Saturday night, Oct. 7, at his home south of Anabel following an extended illness.

Mr. Graves was born Dec. 17, 1877 in Macon County, near Woodville, the son of the late Robert M. and Flora Sage Graves. He was married to Altie Polson on December 24, 1905, who survives. He was a farmer all of his life and had lived on the same farm for the past 56 years.

He was a member of the Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Walter Graves of Columbia and Manley Graves of Anabel; two granddaughters, Mrs. Betty Jane Gladney of Columbia and Mrs. Grace Good of Kansas City; three great-grandchildren; one brother, Emery Graves of Anabel; and other relatives. One sister preceded him in death.

The body laid in state at the Greening Funeral Home of Clarence until the hour of services, which were held Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 10, at 2 o'clock at the Fairview Christian Church at Cox Post Office, east of Excello. Rev. Lyle Armstrong officiated and burial was in the church cemetery.

OBITUARY  
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Dora May Butner

Dora May Pitzer, daughter of S. H. and Ida May Walker Pitzer, was born March 29, 1892, near Decatur in Macon County, Illinois. When 10 years of age she moved with the family to Shelby County, Missouri, near Leonard. On March 30, 1913 she was married to James W. Butner of Clarence. To this union one son, James Wesley, Jr., was born, who died in infancy.

After a few years the home was established at Brookfield where she passed away February 5, 1962. In early life she professed faith in Christ and joined the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband and adopted daughter (her niece), Mrs. Margery Edwards of Bakersfield, California; three brothers, Milton Pitzer of Columbus Junction, Ia., Orval Pitzer of Humeston, Ia., and Howard Pitzer of Lincoln, Nebr.; one sister, Mrs. Sam Cook of Clarence; and nieces and nephews.

One sister, Mrs. Lela Sutton and her parents preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held in the Bowden Funeral Home in Brookfield with burial in Maplewood Cemetery at Clarence.

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## Last Rites For S. L. Cress, 89, Held Sunday

Samuel Lewis Cress, 89, died Thursday night at his home southwest of Clarence after being in failing health for about three years.

Mr. Cress was born on May 11, 1867, in Macon county, the son of the late William and Susan Sagaser Cress. He was reared in the Bethlehem community and had lived the past 54 years on the farm near Clarence. He was married on Oct. 16, 1895, to Martha Elizabeth Tedford Cress who preceded him in May 1956. He was a charter member of the Fairview Christian church.

Surviving are a daughter, Miss Linnie Cress and a son John Cress of the home and a son Paul Cress of near Clarence; one grandson, two great grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Dan Fuhs of Inglewood, Calif. A daughter, Ahna Mary, died in 1924 and three sisters and three brothers preceded him.

The body was taken from the Greening Funeral Home to the family home Saturday where it rested until the funeral hour.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Fairview Christian church conducted by the Rev. Clifford Wrisinger of Macon. Interment was made in the churchyard cemetery.

Casketbearers included Lawrence Harding, Gentry Walker, Stanley Cress, Bennie Long, Mel Turner and B. T. Lamb.