

## Death of Kate Kemper

Kate Irwin, eldest daughter of Senator Joseph and Harriet (Rust) Irwin was born in Shelbyville, Mo., July 2, 1855 and continued to reside there until she was fourteen years of age, when her parents moved to Clarence, Mo., where she spent the remainder of her life.

She was married to William Kemper of Shelbyville, Mo., on September 30, 1875. To this union four children were born, all of whom lived to mature years: Grace Ellwood, wife of Wm. L. Hamrick, Ella K., (now deceased), wife of Walter M. Pritchard, and Irwin and Bess, both now deceased.

She lost her husband by death March 21, 1928 and since that time she has made her home with her daughter, Grace.

On February 6, 1939 she fell in her bedroom and fractured her hip and notwithstanding she had received the very best of medical attention and nursing she was unable to survive the shock and passed away at 10:45 p. m. Sunday, March 26, 1939.

She leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, six grandchildren and six great grandchildren, and a host of friends.

In her daily life she was a lovable character and so recognized by every one who knew her. She was a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and in early life she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and at the time of her going was a member of the Center Street Methodist church where her funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock with the Rev. J. E. Usbell officiating. Interment was in the Maplewood cemetery beside her husband.

## ROBERT M. HOOPER

Robert M. Hooper, former Hagers Grove merchant, died at his home Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock after an illness covering a period of seventeen months. Some months ago he underwent an operation but did not regain his health.

Robert M. Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hooper, was born in the northeast part of the state April 14th, 1868, being 62 years of age at the time of his death.

He moved to Shelby county nine years ago residing the greater part of the time on a farm, except three years when he conducted the Hagers Grove store.

He was married in 1926 to Miss Melissa J. Gosney, who survives with one brother and one sister, namely George Hooper of Clarence community and Mrs. John Scott of Craig, Missouri.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence Thursday by Rev. C. Dunam of Hannibal and interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

## Mrs. Joseph Koftan Passed Away Tuesday

Fannie Koftan, wife of Joseph Koftan, was born October 19, 1866, near Prague, Bohemia, and departed this life at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, November 14, at her home north of Clarence. She had been in declining health for several years, and her condition became suddenly worse a few days ago.

At the age of five she immigrated to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hinovskiy, and settled in Pawnee county, Nebr. Later they moved to Tyndal, So. Dak., where she grew to womanhood.

On April 15, 1887, she was married to Joseph Koftan at Springfield, Dakota Territory. They purchased a farm near Tyndal, where the first 20 years of their married life was spent, later moving to Bassett, Nebr.

They lived in this locality ten years before purchasing a farm northeast of Clarence where she spent the remaining 22 years of her life.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her bereaved husband, seven children, Lawrence of Bloomfield, Nebr.; Mrs. Ella Adel of Witten, So. Dak.; Mrs. Edwin Langhammer of Kahoka, Mo.; Leroy, Frank, George and Albert of near Clarence, Mo. Five daughters preceded her in death, Blanche, Eva, Edith, Anna and Mrs. Bessie Chapin. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren; four great grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Josie Kohn of Beaver City, Nebr.; and a host of friends and relatives by whom she will be sadly missed.

Funeral services will be held at the Clarence Christian church at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

## George W. Layne

George W. Layne, son of Harrison and Lucy Layne, was born Oct. 3, 1855 and passed away Feb. 18, 1939, at the home place where he had spent the greater part of his life.

Mr. Layne was the youngest of a family of eleven children, his brothers and sisters having preceded him in death.

He was married to Lucy May Webdell, Nov. 18, 1883 and to this union two children were born, Charles W., and Cora May. Little Cora passed away at the age of four.

He united with the Oak Ridge Baptist church in early manhood.

He was a kind husband and father and is held in high esteem by his neighbors and friends. His devoted wife preceded him in death about nineteen months ago.

He leaves his son, Charles and wife, who have cared for him during his last illness, also several nieces and nephews and a host of others relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, February 20, at Union church at 2:00 o'clock, with the Rev. I. G. Atterberry of Shelbyville officiating. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

## J. W. LOSTUTTER DIES

J. W. Lostutter, 80, former Clarence citizen, passed away at Emporia, Kans., Tuesday morning after several weeks' illness following a paralytic stroke.

He leaves one son, Frank K. Lostutter of Emporia, Kans., and two grandsons. His wife, who was the sister of the late William and Abram Kemper of Clarence, passed away several years ago. Mrs. S. H. Rickey of this city is a niece of the deceased.

Born and reared in Clarence, Mr. Lostutter had many friends in this vicinity who regret his passing.

Funeral services and burial will be in Emporia.

## Mrs. Mary E. Yeoman Sayles Dies

Mary E. Yeoman Sayles of Kansas City passed away at 10:45 p. m. Thursday, May 25, 1939 in Clarence at the home of her son, Elmer Yeoman, whom she had been visiting for the past three weeks. Her sudden death was attributed to heart trouble.

A daughter of James and Sarah Stagg, she was born in Avon, Ill., December 12, 1857, being at the time of her death 81 years, five months and 13 days of age.

She was married to Isaac S. Yeoman in 1879, and they pioneered to western Nebraska, later moving to Kansas where they lived for a number of years. In 1903 they moved to Missouri. To this union six children were born, Mina, Elmer, Addie, Marie, Maurice and Isaac, Jr., the three daughters and Mr. Yeoman preceding her in death.

In 1919 Mrs. Yeoman went to Colorado Springs, Colo., where she lived until six years ago when she moved to Kansas City, Mo., where she had since made her home with a granddaughter, Mrs. Edgar A. Hook.

In 1930 she was married to Parndon Sayles of Colorado Springs, who also preceded her in death.

She united with the Methodist church in early life and was a true Christian character.

Surviving are her three sons, Elmer Yeoman, Clarence; Maurice Yeoman, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Isaac, Jr., Hannibal, and five grandchildren, namely: Deloras Browning Hook, Kansas City; Juanita Yeoman Roy, St. Louis; Leola Yeoman Huntsperry, Kansas City; Miss Jane Gale Gross, New York City, and Miss Berntean Yeoman, Manitou Springs. She also leaves two great grandchildren, Frank Keller Roy III, of Clarence and Howard Yeoman Huntsperry of Kansas City, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Clarence at the Million-Barkelew Funeral Chapel at 9:00 Sunday morning, with the Rev. Elba Martin officiating. Pall bearers were Albert D. Long, F. D. Griswold, John Long, J. E. Daniel, Victor Hodgkin and E. J. Jacobs.

Final rites were held at Avon, Ill., Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Methodist church. Burial was in Avon.

## Death of Mrs. McKethen

Louise Rebecca Brant McKethen was born November 23, 1867 and departed this life February 8, 1939, being 71 years, two months and 15 days old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Donald and Sallie Ann (Baker) Brant. In the year 1890 she was united in marriage to William Edward McKethen, and to this union three children were born, Carl McKethen, of Hazel Park, Mich.; Mrs. Alice Vaud McCarty, of Dearborn, Mich., and one child who died in infancy.

She also leaves to mourn her loss, one sister, Miss Alice Brant. A brother, Albert, preceded her in death three years ago.

Mrs. McKethen was born and reared in Shelby county and lived within this county until the past ten years. Her husband preceded her in death twenty-five years ago.

Mrs. McKethen was a fine Christian lady and neighbor. She united with the Christian church in early life and was true to her faith.

Funeral services were held at the Clarence Christian church Sunday afternoon at 2:00, with the Rev. Elba Martin officiating. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

## G. W. Moore

Geo. W. Moore was born Sept. 16, 1852 southeast of Shelbyville, the son of Hugh and Alexine Moore. He had two half brothers, John and Jimmie Richison, and one half sister, Mary Connors, all deceased.

They resided at their home north east of Clarence until the year 1912 when they moved to an acreage at the outskirts of Clarence.

He was united with the Baptist church at Oak Ridge about 45 years ago.

May 3, 1877 he was united in marriage with Nancy Elizabeth Perry, daughter of Ben and Margaret Perry at her father's home, northeast of Clarence, Rev. J. W. Penn, officiating.

To this union five children were born, Fleet Wood, deceased, Miss Mollie Moore, Mrs. Dulcie Yeoman of the home, Mrs. Don McIntyre, Clarence, and George Thomas Moore, Hannibal, Mo.

Mr. Moore was a retired farmer and one of the older residents of Shelby county.

He passed away quietly at his home about 6 a. m. July 18, 1939 after a short illness, leaving his aged wife and surviving children, also two grandchildren to mourn his death.

Short services will be held at the home this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock. Interment at Bacons Chapel.

## Mrs. Perry Willey Dies

Mrs. Perry Willey, prominent resident of Clarence, passed away at her home here last night about midnight following a double stroke of paralysis Saturday night at 10:30 o'clock.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williamson, she was born in Vermillion county, Ill., July 16, 1860. On February 6, 1879 she was married to Perry Willey at the home of her parents.

About 45 years ago the couple moved to Missouri and have lived in Shelby county for almost 35 years. For a number of years they have resided in this community where she had a host of friends. She was a member of the Center Street Methodist church here and has always maintained a vital interest in church and civic affairs.

Surviving are her husband, a son, J. B. Willey of Clarence, three grandchildren, Claude Willey, of Twin Falls, Idaho, Roy E. and Josephine, of Clarence, and one great grandson of Twin Falls, Idaho. Two other children preceded her in death.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

## Mrs. James B. Ray Succumbs

Mrs. James B. Ray, 85, passed away at her home here at 10:55 p. m. Sunday, October 8, following a year's critical illness from a heart ailment.

As Melissa Clutter, daughter of Thomas and Frankie Clutter, she was born in Monroe county January 21, 1854.

On August 15, 1871 she was married to James B. Ray. All their married life has been spent in Shelby county.

Surviving relatives include her 92-year-old husband and seven children, namely: Eugene, of Chester, Neb.; Elmer, of Hebron, Neb.; Rutherford, Lonnie, Lewis, of the home; Mrs. J. H. Clark of Oakwood, Mo.; Mrs. W. R. Stinson of Clarence. Two children preceded her in death.

She also leaves 16 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and one brother, M. H. Clutter, of Bradford, Ark.

Funeral services were held at the Clarence Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Geo. W. Lamken, pastor. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.