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Greetings:

Time for another COLLAGE! The Society has another publication out, "The Death Registrar of Cape Girardeau County 1883-1893", a very nice book for \$5.00; also the Surname List is available listing 63 compilers and 692 surnames for \$1.00.

All members attending the May meeting received a copy of the Society's Constitution and by-laws. Considering the stormy weather and the holiday week-end, we had a real good turnout for the May meeting.

The dues are payable at the May meeting and so far we have 45 paid up members and expect several more at the next meeting.

We had several nice gifts: The Stone Family by Nelson Stone and Grampa Naps Grandchildren by Mrs. Hussey. The Library bought and placed in our section Perry County Religious Haven in the West by Timothy O'Rourke and Encyclopedia of Missouri Courthouses. We contributed copies of our publications: The County Farm Records; The Death Registrar; and the Surname List. The Society bought and placed in the Library The Hartle Family by Thomas Kasinger, 1850 Stoddard County Census, History of Stoddard County, Stoddard County Cemeteries, New Madrid 1850 and 1860 County Census, and the New Madrid County Mortality Record for 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. There are several more records of other counties that we hope to purchase in the near future.

Again we had two great programs. Mrs. Tom Granger presented the March program "Trails to Missouri", and Mrs. Alma Lee Slinkard gave the May program "Go West Young Man Go West".

Jean Ellen Adams, President

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# CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS

This list of names was taken from a photostatic copy from the General Services Administration National Archives, of The Confederate War Department, Washington, D.C. by Simeon E. Lewis.

The entire regiment or what was left of it that belonged to the Trans-Mississippi Department was surrendered by General E.R. Kirby Smith, C.S.A., commanding said Department, to Major E. R. S. Canby, at Shreveport, La. June 7, 1865.

Parole: Co. A., 8th Missouri Cav. Confederate Army - June 7, 1865

2nd Lieut. Joseph G. Lewis.....Company Commander  
Capt. J.H. Cobb

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2nd Sgt.....	John Cargill.....	Bollinger County
3rd Sgt.....	William Fullbright.....	Cape County
1st Corp.....	Eli C. Lewis.....	Cape County
2nd Corp.....	Henry W. Shafer.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Donald J. Allen.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	William C. Allen.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	George C. Chandler.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Francis M. Cole.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Chesley B. Cargile.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Andrew J. Cargile.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	James A. Daniels.....	Cape County
Private.....	Christopher E. Baker.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Andrew J. English.....	Cape County
Private.....	James A. Flany.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	William H. Flaniken.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Robert S. Harris.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Soloman N. Hayden.....	Cape County
Private.....	Francis M. Hartle.....	Cape County
Private.....	George H. Holly.....	Cape County
Private.....	Daniel Lape.....	Cape County
Private.....	Jonathan Limbaugh.....	Cape County
Private.....	Jesse M. Pierce.....	Cape County
Private.....	John F. Robinson.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Washington G. Ramsey.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	William Ramsey.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Joseph Rathbuns.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	George W. Smith.....	Cape County
Private.....	Jackson M. Snider.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Henry A. Sanders.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Ransom Stephens.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Benjamin F. Stevens.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Frank A. Sadler.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Matthew N. Taylor.....	Bollinger County
Private.....	Henry A. Upchurch.....	Cape County
Private.....	Isaac R. Wallace.....	Stoddard County
Private.....	Jacob Welder.....	Bollinger County

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DEATH REGISTAR OF CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY. . . . (con't from VOLUME 1, Number 1)

AMELUNKE Henry, d 31 Mar 1889 (59-6-27) Married  
b Bokelem Hanover, Germany Res: 41 years  
Bd: City Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

AUGUST Anna, d 5 June 1892 (23 years) Married  
Bd: Dutchtown, MO

BIRDWELL Sterline Price, d 8 Aug 1883 (20 years) Single  
b Mississippi co. d Jackson, MO Bd: Mt. Olive  
Cemetery @ Webster Groves, MO

BULLINGER G.V., d 23 Nov 1883 (20 years) Married  
d Cape Girardeau, MO Bd: Old Salem Cemetery

BURROUGH Jacob H. (Lawyer), d 2 Dec 1883 (57 years)  
Married b Pennsylvania d Cape Girardeau City  
Bd: Lorimier Cemetery

BOWMAN Pleasanton Green, d 3 Jan 1884 (36-2-8) Married  
b Pope co. IL Bd: Williams Cemetery

BUSCH George W., d 22 Jan 1884 (20-5-28) Single  
Burial place not shown

BRODTMANN Charles, d 21 Feb 1884 (9 months) Single  
Bd: City Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BEAN Thomas J., d 26 Jan 1884 (38-3-17) Widower  
Bd: Family Cemetery @ Gordonville, MO

BUEHRMANN Otto, d 29 Feb 1884 (8 months-1 day) Single  
Bd: City Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BRASSFIELD John Albert (colored) d 2 Mar 1884 (19-5-13)  
Single Bd: Nunn Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BIERBODT Adelheid, d 12 Mar 1884 (15-2-6) Single  
b Mississippi co. d Cape Girardeau Bd: Miss. co. MO

BODE Mary, d 30 Mar 1884 (45-0-5) Married  
b Casturam, Boehmia d Cape Girardeau, MO Res: 32 years  
Bd: Luthern Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BOWMAN Robert D., d 4 Mar 1884 (14-6-2) Single  
Bd: Applecreek Cemetery, Pocahtontas, MO

BIRD \_\_\_\_ (no 1st name) d 19 Mar 1884 (1-7-0) Single  
b Cape co., MO d Lathin, MO Bd: Manering Cemetery

BALDRIDGE Mariah (colored) d 10 April 1884 (65 years)  
Widow b Tennessee d Appleton, MO Bd: Baptist Cemetery

BARTELS Martha, d 27 May 1884 (12 years) Single  
Bd: Gordonville, MO

BAILEY William H., d 14 July 1884 (18-4-4) Single  
Bd: Arnsburg, MO

BUSH John Francis (colored), d 21 July 1884 (3-6-0)  
Single Bd: Jackson, MO

BOCK Wilhelmina, d 21 June 1884 (25-4-22) Married  
b German Nationality Res: 18 years Bd: 6 miles  
SW of Jackson, MO

BRADLEY Mary R., d 9 July 1884 (45-5-2) Married  
Bd: Jackson, MO

BURROUGH Mary, d 25 July 1884 (47 years) Widow  
Bd: Lorimier Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BERTLING Anna Maria, d 14 Sept 1884 (32-1-0) Married  
Bd: Hanover Cemetery near Cape Girardeau, MO

BROWN Lucises, d 12 Aug 1884 (23 years) Married  
Bd: Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Fruitland, MO

BLANCHET (infant) Female, d 25 Sept 1884  
Bd: Luthern Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BRENNEISEN Christine, d 4 Oct 1884 (83-2-11) Widow  
b Ottenheim Baden d Cape Girardeau City  
Res: 3 years Bd: Luthern Cemetery

BANK John J., d 1 Oct 1884 (1-2-1) Single  
Bd: City Cemetery @ Cape Girardeau, MO

BORGFELD Elizabeth Lydia, d 1 Oct 1884 (1-6-1)  
Bd: Cemetery not shown

BEAL John, d 22 Nov 1884 (24-6-0) Married  
b Applecreek Twp. Bd: Goshen Cemetery  
@ Oak Ridge, MO

BRAUN Johan Barnabas, d 6 Dec 1884 (2 months-7 days) Single  
Bd: Catholic Cemetery, Friedheim, MO

BORDEN Happy C., d 3 Dec 1884 (18-4-27) Married  
b Brownstown, IN Res: 3 wks d Millersville, MO  
Bd: Millersville, MO Cemetery

BOID C.W.I. (male), d 16 Jan 1885 (0-10-2) Single  
b Brownsville, MS Res: 3 wks. d Cape Girardeau, MO  
Bd: Catholic Cemetery

BEAN C.B. (male) d 21 Jan 1885 (45 years) Married Bd: Bean Family  
Cemetery



The following items for the year "1929" were taken from the Southeast Missourian's 25 and 50 Years Ago Columns. These clippings have been placed in the library and contain many interesting items.

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- JANUARY
- 3 Mrs. Kenneth Howard, 26 yrs. old, dies in Flint, Michigan, of pneumonia; was the former Miss Winter Green.
  - 6 John A. Long, 605 Locust, dies of pneumonia; was employed at Leming Lumber co. mill.
  - 11 John Kaiser of Sikeston dies 18 days before 91st birthday; was born in Germany and came to US at age 14 and Scott County 4 years later.
  - 11 Miss Henrietta Moon, aged 79, dies at Baltimore, Maryland; was sister of Mrs. H.P. Peironet and once taught at Lorimier School.
  - 13 Dr. Charles S. Blackman, aged 60, dies; was physician at Parma.
  - 14 Mrs. Mary Ann Griffin, aged 86, dies at home of son Frank Griffin near Blomeyer; was wife of late William Griffin.
  - 15 Mrs. Ruth Ross of Commerce, aged 84, dies.
  - 16 Edward Gerlach, aged 82, pioneer resident of Egypt Mills community died Tues. at home of daughter Mrs. George Brinkman.
  - 18 Tornado east of Benton kills 2 children: Marjorie Hargraves, aged 4, and Buddy Hargraves, aged 3; father, Loren Hargraves was seriously injured.
  - 23 George C. Hasslinger, Cape jeweler, dies at age 67 years.
  - 30 Francis Monroe Davenport, aged 86, dies at home of son, James, near Leemon; had eventful service with Confederate forces.
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- FEBRUARY
- 3 Dr. Elias J. Malone of Sikeston, aged 76, dies.
  - 4 Funeral services for William W. Sample, aged 71, of Lutesville.
  - 6 Funeral services at Kennett for James A. Rodgers, aged 80.
  - 10 Henry Craft, aged 91, dies at home of son, Charles Craft, of Neelys Landing; was Confederate soldier.
  - 10 Mrs. Katherine Heisserer, aged 85, dies at home of daughter, Mrs. Emelia Bollinger of Oran; was wife of late Simon Heisserer.
  - 12 Memories of President Abraham Lincoln's assassination in 1865 shared by the following: Frederick Hahn, aged 87, who had been in Federal Army; Charles P. Miller, aged 76; R.E. Taylor, aged 83, and F.A. Kage, aged 80.
  - 13 Alvin H. Kneibert finds old documents--Subsistence Receipts from Civil War days, Toll Gate Receipts from 1868-1869, and other papers 1857-1861.
  - 14 Jackson man, Christian Stein, aged 103, dies; was born in Germany in 1825. Came to US in 1854 and served in Civil War with Federal troops.
  - 20 Mrs. Caroline Schultz, aged 85, dies; came from Germany to live with uncle, H.E. Brennecke and later married the late Charles Schultz.
  - 27 John and Alda Cotner--at auction to settle estate--pay \$4,525 for 280 acre farm on Green's Ferry Road; was purchased in 1872 for \$100.00 by Virgil Prince, a former slave.
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- MARCH
- 3 W.R. Whittaker, aged 84, dies at home of daughter, Mrs. Rose Waggner; was Civil War veteran.

MARCH	7	Mrs. Elizabeth Schenn, aged 60, dies in covered wagon near Ancell.
	8	Wilson Brown and wife deed 60 acre farm north of Fruitland to John H. Ludwig and wife for \$4,000; land is part of old Marcus Brown farm.
	15	C.H. Adams, aged 73, dies in Liberty and body is brought here by Miss Birdie Adams; was in timber business.
	18	James King, aged 50, killed instantly when boilers explode at Fulkerson Bros. Handle Co. where he was night watchman.
	23	Benjamin F. Morrison of Sikeston, aged 34, dies as result of injuries sustained during robbery February 9.
	25	Funeral held for Rev. Wm Beck, aged 70; was pastor of Lutheran Church at Sedgewickville only 4 months.
APRIL	9	John Frederick Johnson, a native of Sweden, dies at age 75.
	17	Mrs. Louisa DeMortiers, aged 45, dies; was widow of Patrolman Albert DeMortiers who was shot to death October 27, 1917.
	17	Miss Birdie Mae Adams dies at home of mother, Mrs. C.H. Adams; was born and educated in Indiana.
	25	Edwin G. Rudert, aged 65, dies; was born at Tilsit and was associated in business with father, John Rudert, and brother, Otto Rudert.
MAY	1	P.H. Owens of Illmo dies at age 34 in Greenway, Arkansas.
	18	Mrs. Margaret Hatchett buried in Bluff Cemetery near Idalia, aged 100-109 yrs; lived near Gray's Ridge where her custom was to walk with basket of eggs to store 2½ miles away and return with basket of groceries....Death was caused by blood poisoning when one of her hens pecked her hand.
	19	Mrs. Phillip A. Hocke, the former Mary Edith Meyers, dies at age 57; husband died January 1928.
	29	Jacob Doyle, now 84 and residing in Osceola, Arkansas; visits and relates that he is receiving Civil War Pension.
	30	Ceremonies at bridge, Common Pleas Courthouse Park, and old Lorimier Cemetery mark observance of Memorial Day here where 13 Civil War veterans, ranging in age from 85 to 91, still reside in Cape Giar.
JUNE	3	Body of J.R. Stubblefield will lie in state at home of daughter, Mrs. John A. Ferguson of Cape Girardeau and interment will be in Commerce; died in St. Louis at age 57.
	3	Herman Schwab, aged 57; Mrs. Caroline Froemsdorf, aged 75, wife of August Froemsdorf of Jackson; and Mrs. Mary Reck, aged 78, wife of Anthony Reck of Pocahontas, all die of heart attacks.
	6	Mrs. Wilhelmina Geldmacher Stoffregen dies at age of 84; was born at Herzogthum, Braunschweig, Germany.
	8	Mrs. Charles F. Foeste, the former Mary Schlueter, dies at age 72.
	12	Funeral services held at Leopold for Phillip N. O'Brien, aged 80.
	13	Timothy Hosmer, aged 86, dies at home of daughter, Mrs. H.O. Freese; was Civil War veteran.
	14	Relic is gone...Louis Krueger removes 35 year old iron hitching post from parkway in front of his home at 722 Broadway, where it had become menace to automobiles.
	18	George Fagan, Missouri Utilities Company Lineman, dies of electrical shock.
	30	Memorial services for Gen. Gramwell Booth, Salvation Army Commander.
JULY	4	Rebecca Blattner, aged 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Blattner of Sunny Hill Farm drowns in Castor River.

JULY	6	August Nothdurft, aged 80 dies at Gordonville; was born near Tilsit.
	15	Joseph Oberndorfer, aged 81, dies near Frohna.
	22	Funeral for George F. Hunt, aged 86, who died at home of daughter Mrs. L. H. Butler; was Confederate veteran.
	26	Mrs. Julia Foster Finley of Commerce dies at age 100; reared many foster children as well as one son, R.W. Finley, druggist at Chaffee.
AUGUST	9	Rev. Thomas H. Jenkins, aged 64, a native of Oak Ridge dies; was director of Religious Education Department of Will Mayfield College and was married to the former Louvina Fronabarger.
	19	Mrs. Magdalene Hink, aged 81, died Saturday at the home of her son, A.G. Hink of Gordonville; was born in Hanover, Germany where she married John Hink who died in 1908.
	22	George H. Weis, aged 84, dies at home of son, William A. Weis; was born in Germany and came to this country at age 10.
SEPTEMBER	2	Judge Jesse H. Hale of Chaffee died Saturday in St. Louis.
	3	Mrs. Mary E. Oaks, aged 78, dies; husband Henry S. Oaks died 19 years ago.
	10	Walter Albert, aged 61, dies a victim of heart malady; was son of Sebastian Albert, pioneer resident.
	18	Col. L.M. Bean, veteran civil engineer, will celebrate 86th birthday; receives small inlaid cedar chest, made from cedar log cut from historical Bean Cemetery, established in 1800.
	19	J. Frank Proffer, aged 73, hasn't missed a County Fair since 1874.
OCTOBER	10	John Wilferth, aged 85, of Whitewater Twp. dies at home of son J. Fred Wilferth at Millersville; was born in Germany and came to US at age 7, also served in Civil War.
	12	William Dawson, Sr., former 14th District Congressman dies at age 81 at New Madrid.
	29	Alexander Williams, aged 80, died Monday; birth name was Holland but took name of family he worked for during slavery.
NOVEMBER	8	Clarence L. Watkins, aged 40, is killed by falling rock at Damm rock quarry at Neelys Landing; J.D. McLain dies of heart attack when told of son-in-laws death.
	9	Ferney Runnels, aged 92, dies at home on Whitewater River at Runnels Ford; was Civil War veteran.
	11	G.J. Keller, aged 72, dies at home on Koch Avenue.
DECEMBER	1	Mrs. Bella Hines Hart, aged 92, dies at her home in Jackson; first married Joseph P. Evans, then Robert R. Russell, then W.K. Hart.
	3	Charles W. Desselmann, dies at age 68.
	11	Mrs. Wilhelmina Jahns, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E.O. Summers at age 82; was born in Germany and was wife of the late Henry Jahns.
	18	Wm. Wolters dies at age 61.
	20	Mrs. Catherine Oats, aged 96, dies at home of daughter, Mrs. Lena Schweer; came to Jackson from Pennsylvania 50 years ago.
	22	Mrs. Annie McGee, aged 72, dies at home; was born at Cairo, Ill.

"To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root."

CHINESE PROVERB

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## LETTER OF INTEREST

The following letter was received by Alice Spillman recently.

I may be on a very cold trail, but I am trying to trace the travels, or trail of my paternal grandfather from his birthplace in Gallatin Co., Ill. through Missouri in the 1850's. I only know he was born in Gallatin county in 1839 and drifted into Missouri after his parents' deaths. He married a Missouri lass named Margret Wood, then a few years later, with 2 or 3 babies in the covered wagon, he came to Texas in time to help General Magruder take Galveston back from the Yankees. He had charge of the Ammunition wagons in that battle and I have a full description of the action as he gave it to me as I wrote it down and won the prize, then being offered by the Houston Post to the boy or girl who sent in the best account of that battle. I was 12 years old then and am 81 now. I am the only person alive now who knew my grandfather well and I am not long for this world and am anxious to try to trace my ancestral parentage if possible. I was reared in his home, but never realized, then, the importance of knowing his origin. His father, one Robert Shaw, came from Scotland (where a shaw is a clump, or grove of trees or bushes), but I was too young to appreciate the heritage he left me. He was George Washington Shaw, named, I suppose in appreciation of the first president of the new land his father had come to. He was born in Gallatin county, Ill. in 1839. His father was, supposedly, killed by Indians when George was about five years old and the mother died a few years later. George drifted into Missouri as a teen-ager and married a Margret Wood, there. They later came to Texas and pioneered in this state, where he served as an early day sheriff and prospered as a merchant and rancher. I was born and grew up in his home, but as an average teen-ager, never inquired about much of his early life. Now I am trying to trace to see if there might be trace in some Missouri records of his marriage to Margret Wood, of any possible kin by name of Wood. I can't hope there might be Shaws as it seems his father must have come from Scotland alone.

I am writing you, as the Missouri map shows your town might have been in his trail from Illinois to Texas. It is a long "shot", I realize, but I'm grasping at "straws" to try to find some one who might have known, or heard of Margret Wood, or George W. Shaw in the 1840's, or before. If you know of any other source of possible information, please let me hear. I would like to hear some trace of him for posterity, as he played a very important part in Texas history. Just one of these overlooked by historians. He was an important supporter of early day churches. And in spite of reaching Texas with little else but several children, he prospered to be a leading merchant, rancher and postmaster of Llano county, Texas, much of which is now covered by the waters of Lake Buchanan, created by the building of Buchanan Dam that covers all but a few acres of my beloved childhood home. My hobby is poetry and I have several I have done about my early life and the building of Buchanan Dam that inundated several communities of central Texas.

But that is another matter. What I am trying to learn now, is if anyone in your area might have known or heard of the family of Robert Shaw of Gallatin county, Ill. I thank you sincerely and may God bless you.

Sincerely,  
EULA SHAW HEREFORD  
Rt. 1, Box 90  
Mart, Texas 76664

Temporarily at:

BIRTH REGISTAR OF CAPE GIRARDEAU COUNTY. . . (con't from VOLUME 1, Number 1)

ABERNATHY f. Robert Henry; Farmer; Near Oriole, MO  
m. Martha Caroline Ward  
c. (no name listed); Female; June 22, 1885

ANGEL f. James A.; Farmer; Apple Creek Township  
m. Clarissa Elizabeth Helderbrand  
c. James Edward; Male; July 3 (no year listed)

ADAMS f. Ben H.; Editor Cape Girardeau, MO  
m. Hedwig Casebolt  
c. (no name listed); Male; June 5, 1885

ADAMS f. George W.; Day Laborer; Hubble Twp., Near Allenville  
m. Sarah Catharine Proffer  
c. (no name listed); Female; August 16, 1885

AUBERGER f. John; Potery; Cape Giardeau, MO  
m. Elizabeth Steubraecher  
c. (no name listed); Female; August 29, 1885

ABERNATHY f. H.; Farmer; Cape County, MO  
m. R. Henrick  
c. Ada Cora; Female; September 2, 1885

AMNETTE f. William Hutson; Farmer; Byrd Township  
m. Sallie Ann Day  
c. (no name listed); Female; October 11, 1885

ADKINS f. William H.; Byrd Township  
m. Martha Jane  
c. (stillbirth); no name listed; Female; September 17, 1885

ADAMS f. Thomas; Farmer; Hubble Township  
m. Columbia Hunter  
c. (no name listed); Female; December 26, 1885

ADAMS f. Andrew; Farmer; Apple Creek Township  
m. Belle Bulbright  
c. Nettie Adelle; Female; February 22, 1886

ALLERS f. Charles; Farmer; Cape Girardeau, MO  
m. Gertrude Kraft  
c. (no name listed); Female; March 19, 1886

ALLEN f. Fred; Farmer; Kinder Township  
m. Nancy J. Stovall  
c. (no name listed); Female; February 22, 1886

AMALUNKE f. Henry; Cooper; City  
m. Julia Koechig  
c. Herman; Male; June 5 (no year listed)

AUFDENBERG      f. Henry; Farmer; Kinder Township  
                      m. Caroline Lange  
                      c. Louis H.; Male; June 25, 1886

ALTENTHAL        f. Henry; Farmer; Byrd Township  
                      m. Mina Koch  
                      c. Cora M.; Female; November 3, 1886

ASTHOLZ          f. Henry A.; City Marshal & Collector; Cape Girardeau, MO  
                      m. Augusta H. Brandes  
                      c. Albert; Male; October 31, 1886

ATCHINSON        f. William A.; Farmer; Kinder Township  
                      m. Barbara L. Kingen  
                      c. John F.; Male; December 6, 1886

ADKINS            f. William H.; Farmer; Byrd Township  
                      m. Martha Jane  
                      c. (no name listed); Male; December 20, 1886

ALLEN             f. John R. Allen; Daily Labor; Cape Girardeau, MO  
                      m. Catharine Brown  
                      c. Zora Lee (Negro); Female; January 17, 1887

AHRENS           f. John H.; Farmer; Cape Girardeau County, MO  
                      m. Jane M. Mason  
                      c. Henry J.; Male; February 13, 1887

ALLERS            f. Charles W.; Tinner; Cape Girardeau, MO  
                      m. Sarah A. Engelmann  
                      c. Hebert Rudolph; Male; March 17 (no year listed)

AUSTIN            f. Asa Marion; Farmer & Blacksmith; Cape County, MO  
                      m. Alice Snider  
                      c. Yuba D.; Female; March 26 (no year listed)

ABERNATHY        f. Anderson; Dealer in horses; Cape Girardeau, MO  
                      m. Martha Green  
                      c. Norton (Mulatto); Male; August 8 (no year listed)

ALLEN             f. Fred; Farmer; Kinder Township  
                      m. Nancy J. Stovall  
                      c. (no name listed); Female; July 30 (no year listed)

ANDERSON         f. Abner; Farmer; White Water Township  
                      m. Sue Fulbright  
                      c. (no name listed); Female; September 18, 1887

ALFORD            f. William; Farmer; Cape County  
                      m. Pauline Brune  
                      c. Henry; Male; October 30, 1887

ADAMS             f. Ben H.; Printer; Cape Girardeau  
                      m. Martha Casebolt  
                      c. Luli Marie; Female; October 31, 1887

## STEAMER LAMASCOTTE EXPLOSION:

by

Alice Rose Spillman

On October 5, 1886, at 9 o'clock in the morning, the steamship LAMASCOTTE left the wharf at Cape Girardeau, Missouri for St. Louis with it's passengers and freight. The Captain of the ship, Captain Thompson, had recently obtained from proper authorities a special permit to carry one hundred and twenty-five extra passengers, he had provided for their safety by taking on board four extra boats with their equipment and one hundred and twenty-five extra life preservers, sixty floats and extra crew members. All this was done in anticipation of an increase in passengers to and from the St. Louis Fair. The steamer proceeded up the Mississippi River, making it's landings on schedule, passing the bars at Devils Island safely, and was heading for Crawfords Landing when a heavy, dead smothering sound was heard. Moments later several of the crew members rushed to the forecastle badly scalded and moaning in pain. The first mate had been blown about 20 feet from the boat and was struggling in the water, the second mate was lying on the deck badly scalded and helpless. The Captain rushed to the engine room and upon inspection saw that the flue had collapsed and the boiler head was blown out. Flames broke out and panic ensued.

The Captain immediately called upon the remaining crew members to collect the women and children and take them to the bow of the boat assuring them that they would be saved as the boat was slowly nearing the shore. The stage of the boat was lowered and the passengers stepped onto it, ready to jump ashore when it touched land, when suddenly the current of the river turned the boat out into the stream again, putting off their hopes of escape. Those on the stage made frantic efforts to cut loose the wire cords which was holding it to the side of the ship, but to no avail. One of the chimneys broke and fell across the stage causing it to capsize, throwing the passengers into the water. A few of the passengers had provided themselves with life preservers, others had refused or in the panic had failed to obtain preservers.

The tow boat EAGLE, with two barges, was close behind the unfortunate LAMASCOTTE and according to the coroners report of the accident it was clear it had the power to have saved the greater number of the lost. The EAGLE was in the wake of the crippled steamer LAMASCOTTE and the slightest push from the EAGLE would have sent the crippled ship to the bank and the victims could have jumped to safety. Instead the EAGLE passed the crippled ship, went above them and landed. Much criticism was held toward Captain Ebaugh, Captain of the EAGLE, and his conduct and treatment of the survivors before returning them to Cape Girardeau. (See Coroners Jury Report)

The EAGLE returned the survivors to the Cape Girardeau wharf in the evening, which was the towns first news of the disaster. The news spread rapidly and friends and relatives of those who had left Cape Girardeau that morning gathered at the wharf for news of their loved ones. Fathers, mothers, husbands and friends were walking about in a stupor, hoping against hope, for news of their relatives. Will H. Wheeler of Cape Girardeau, whose wife and two small daughters were among the lost, searched in vain for his dear ones. His wife was an only daughter of Mr. J.H. Stratman, an esteemed townsman.

Carriages and wagons, supplied with mattresses, soon arrived to transfer the suffering to the local hospital. The city physicians were quickly on hand,



helping to relieve the distress as far as possible. By midnight all were housed or hospitalized and receiving medical help. The scene at the St. Francis Hospital was appalling. The survivors who had been rushed there for treatment were scalded on their hands, arms, faces, sides, breasts and backs. The physicians and Sisters were administering cooling drinks, and applying soothing lotion, while death was moving from bed to bed placing it's seal of relief to the suffering.

As the books and passenger list were lost in the explosion an accurate passenger list was not available, but with information from surviving crew members and passengers the following people were either passengers or crew members on the fatal ship.

Passengers included: Judge William Hager and wife; Fred "Fritz" Lind; Miss Amelia Krueger; Miss Julia Rabich; Louis Siemers and wife; John H. Miller and his wife and two children; Mrs. Will H. Wheeler and two children, Daisy and Lily; Dennis Wilson; Miss Lena Buehrmann; Mrs. Clay Phelps; Charlie Thomas; Mrs. Barnes and her two children; J. N. Russell; A.J. Howard; William Spartzell; Dallas Webster; Joe Burns; Lew Chatman; Anderson Sharp; Marshall Wade and Albert Rice.

Of the above passengers the following were missing or lost: Mrs. Will H. Wheeler and two daughters, Daisy and Lily; Mrs. John H. Miller and two children; Mrs. Barnes and two children; Miss Amelia Krueger; Miss Julia Rabich; Judge William Hager and wife; Fred Lind; Charlie Thomas and Albert Rice.

As mentioned before Mrs. Will H. Wheeler was the wife of a very prominent townsman and was the daughter of Mr. J.H. Stratman of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Judge Hager was a prominent citizen who had served for two years as Presiding Justice of the County Court and had just received a new nomination for the same office. His wife was also lost.

Miss Amelia Krueger was the daughter of Christ Krueger, a butcher in Cape Girardeau. She and Miss Julia Rabich were both on their way to St. Louis, Missouri.

Fred "Fritz" Lind was the son of Leo Lind of the city and was on his way to the exposition and fair in St. Louis, Missouri.

Many acts of heroism were shown, amongst which was Miss Buehrmann of St. Louis who was on her way home. She seized one of Mrs. Wheelers little daughters, swinging herself over the guard rails and held only by one arm until her hand, arm and side were burned and blistered, her hair singed and one side of her face scorched, then exhausted dropped with the little girl into the water. The child was swept from her and was seen no more. Fortunately Miss Buehrmann was rescued and lived as a sad witness of her suffering and harrowing experiences.

Also, Mrs. Siemers, who had jumped into the water with Mr. Hager, endeavored to encourage and support him until he was swept from her grasp and sank from sight.

Mrs. Clay Phelps displayed courage when she took a station on the staging and when it capsized was thrown into the water but being an expert swimmer struck out for shore and saved her life.

Mr. John H. Miller and family, who were preparing to leave the boat at Crawfords Landing picked up his two sons, who clung to his neck, turned to his wife and

said, "Jane, we cannot stay here and be burned, let us go together," and they jumped into the water. In the struggle he lost hold of his two sons and they both, along with his wife, sank into the waters. He was later rescued.

According to an article in the local newspaper the following were reported as lost or missing, however several of the crew members died later and can be found in the list taken from the Death Registrar recorded in Jackson, Missouri.

Those missing were: J. Roy Perkins, 1st clerk; Louis Adams, 2nd mate; W. O. Brian, 1st Engr.; Mrs. Johnson and Cindrell Peoples, both chambermaids; Steph Wells, a porter; Mrs. Wheeler and two children; Mrs. Miller and two children; Mrs. Barnes and two children; Miss Amelia Krueger; Miss Julia Rabich; Judge William Hager and wife; Fred Lind and Charlie Thomas.

Those saved were: J.B. Thompson, Captain; E.N. Branhan, 2nd clerk; James Daugherty, 1st mate; James Donohue and John Hanlan, both pilots; D.C. Mantz, 2nd Engr.; C.E. Vaughn, watchman; C.J. Givens, cabin watchman; Henry Lowery, steward; O.P. Gray, Texas Tender; and deckhands and roustabouts, Clem Smith, George Reeves, J. Osborn, George Lovell, W. Price, D. Webster, A. Given, A. Love and Ollie James all officers and crew members of the steamer.

Passengers saved were: Louis Siemers and wife; Miss Lena Buehrmann; J. N. Russell; Dennis Wilson; Mrs. Clay Phelps; John H. Miller; A. J. Howard; Wm. Spartzell; Dallas Webster; Joe Burns; Levi Chatman; Anderson Sharp and Marshall Wade. (Several of these died later in the hospital at Cape Girardeau, Missouri.)

The steamer, after burning, sank some two miles below where she caught fire being entirely submerged all but a small corner of her wheel.

The following was the finding of the Coroners Jury: "The Jury finds that (naming the parties) came to their deaths by scalding, which occurred in consequence of the explosion in some part of the boilers of the steamer LAMASCOTTE; and from the evidence adduced before us, we find that the officers of the steamer LAMASCOTTE made every effort to save and relieve the passengers and crew of the said steamer. The Jury also, from the evidence before us, cannot find language strong enough to express our condemnation of the inhuman treatment which the stricken and suffering survivors of the ill-fated LAMASCOTTE received at the hands of one Captain Ebaugh, in charge of the two boat EAGLE, whose exhibition of brutality was of the most revolting nature, and in the opinion of the Jury, such a person should meet with severe punishment, at least to the extent of having his license revoked."

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The following was taken from the Death Registrar recorded at Jackson, MO from 1883-1893. All were shown that they died in the St. Francis Hospital in Cape Girardeau, MO from burns and scalding from the explosion of the steamship "LaMascotte". All were shown to be buried in the City Cemetery in Cape Girardeau, MO except an unknown female chambermaid which was shown as having been buried at Neelys Landing, MO.

ADAMS, L.D.....Secord Mate, b Rochester, PA d 11 Oct 1886  
CHATMANN, Levi.....23 yrs old, b Paducah, KY d 6 Oct 1886, single  
DAVIDSON, GEORGE S..42 yrs old, b Evansville, IN d 9 Oct 1886, married  
DAVIS, William.....Colored, b Midway, KY d 6 Oct 1886, single

ELLIOT, William.....Colored, b St. Louis, MO d 6 Oct 1886  
 FENNIGEN, Sech.....Colored, b unknown d 5 Oct 1886  
 JONES, William.....Colored, b St. Louis, MO d 6 Oct 1886, single  
 JORDON, G.H.....Colored, Evansville, IN d 6 Oct 1886, single  
 LACY, Thomas.....Colored, b unknown d 5 Oct 1886  
 RICE, Albert.....Colored, b Cape Girardeau, MO d 6 Oct 1886, single  
 SCHERER, M.G.....34 yrs old, b Covington, KY d 6 Oct 1886 (could be G. McSherer)  
 Unknown Female.....40 yrs (about) Chambermaid, d 5 Oct 1886, bur Neelys Landing, MO  
 WAIDE, Marshall.....Colored, 25 yrs old, b Walnut Hill, KY d 7 Oct 1886, single

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#### PUBLICATIONS FOR SALE

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\*\*\* QUERIES \*\*\*

SPENCER  
SENER

I am interested in corresponding with anyone researching the following family. I am a descendant of Thomas Spencer who married Elizabeth Senter. They and several children arrived in Cape Girardeau co around 1820. Their daughter Elizabeth Miriam Spencer was born near Oak Ridge, MO on 23 Feb 1825. Thomas Spencer and Isreal Spencer were on the 1840 Cape co census as living in the Applecreek Township.

Ruth E. Karisny  
P.O. Box 153, Ball, IA 71405

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STANNARD

Searching for any information on the Stannard Family.

Mrs. Robert Stannard  
13111 Willow Drive, Shelbyville, MI 49344

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TUCKER  
GRANT

Searching for information on the Joseph Roy Tucker and Bertha Grant Family who lived in Jackson, MO in the early 1900's. They had 4 children: Joseph Glennon Tucker; Margaret Tucker; Ruth Tucker and Mildred Tucker. Both parents supposedly died in the flu epidemic of 1917 in MO. The son, Joseph Glennon was placed in a Catholic orphanage. Two of the daughters were raised by the Grant side of the family and raised with the Grant name. Margaret Tucker married Robert S. McKnight.

Susan Knight Tucker  
720 Geronimo, Bowling Green, KY 42101

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STOUT  
HAYDEN

Can you give me any information on the Stout and Hayden Families of Cape Girardeau co, MO? I am a descendant of Anderson Stout, m Emily Hayden 27 Jan 1831. Anderson Stout was born 1809 and thought to have had a sister, Sarah Stout--b 1800, d 27 Mar 1873--in Cape Girardeau co, MO. Would like to correspond with anyone working on this family.

Mr. Walter McConnell  
1940 N.E. Hood St., Grisham, OR 97030

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TANGEMANN

In my research I have recently discovered that my Great Grandfather, Carl Heinrich (Charles H.) Tangemann was one of the few survivors of the collision between the ships Talisman (on which he was a passenger) and the Tempest about 19 Nov 1847 near Cape Girardeau, MO. I am interested in obtaining copies of any newspaper account of this accident or any other official records that might be available concerning this incident.

Donna M. Campbell  
120 Scott Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945



QUERIES (continued)

SHAW

Tracing the travels of her paternal grandfather, George Washington Shaw, born 1839 Gallitan co, Illinois. Married in 1850's in MO to Margaret Wood. Later moved to Texas.

Eula Shaw Herford  
Rt. 1, Box 90, Mart, Texas 76664

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WHITWORTH

Seeking information of Fields Whitworth Family. 1850-1860 census records and early marriage records were sent on this family.

Dora Mae Turner  
P.O. Box 53, Chandler Heights, AZ 85227

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DIXON

Needs information on Albert Dixon and his son, Jefferson Wiley Dixon, born 1856 and died 1918, Pettis county, MO.

Mrs. Cynthia S. DeVeiteo  
4202 Northeast 39th Ave., Portland, OR 97211

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\* \* \* WHAT RECORDS DO YOU NEED? \* \* \*

Birth and Death Records, after 1910, write Missouri Division of Health, Bureau of Vital Records, P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

Military Records may be obtained from the Office of the Adjutant General, 1717 Industrial Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

Request for copies of Veterans Records may be obtained from the Military Service Records, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Request for copy of index card or archive records, write to the Genealogical Society, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 50 East North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84150.

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Logan, Utah 84321

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Membership is open to individuals upon payment of the annual dues of \$5.00, per year starting in May. Additional members of an immediate family in the same household on one membership by payment of an additional \$2.50.

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The CGCGS Library is located in the Riverside Regional Library, 204 Union Street, Jackson, Missouri. It is open during the same hours of the Library.

Meetings are held bi-monthly, January, March, May, July, September and November, on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Riverside Regional Library.

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1830-'40-'50-'60 Federal Census  
1876 Missouri State Census  
1807-1829 Abstracts & Wills  
1805-1873 Marriage Records  
1883-1893 Births & Deaths Records

### BOLLINGER COUNTY, MO

1830-'40-'50-'60 Federal Census  
1866-1872 Abstracts & Wills  
1866-1872 Marriage Records  
1883-1893 Birth & Death Records

### SCOTT COUNTY, MO

1830-'40-'50-'60 Federal Census  
1840-1855 Marriage Records  
1840-1855 Abstracts & Wills

### PERRY COUNTY, MO

1850 Federal Census  
1825-1841 Marriage Records  
1825-1841 Abstracts & Wills

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