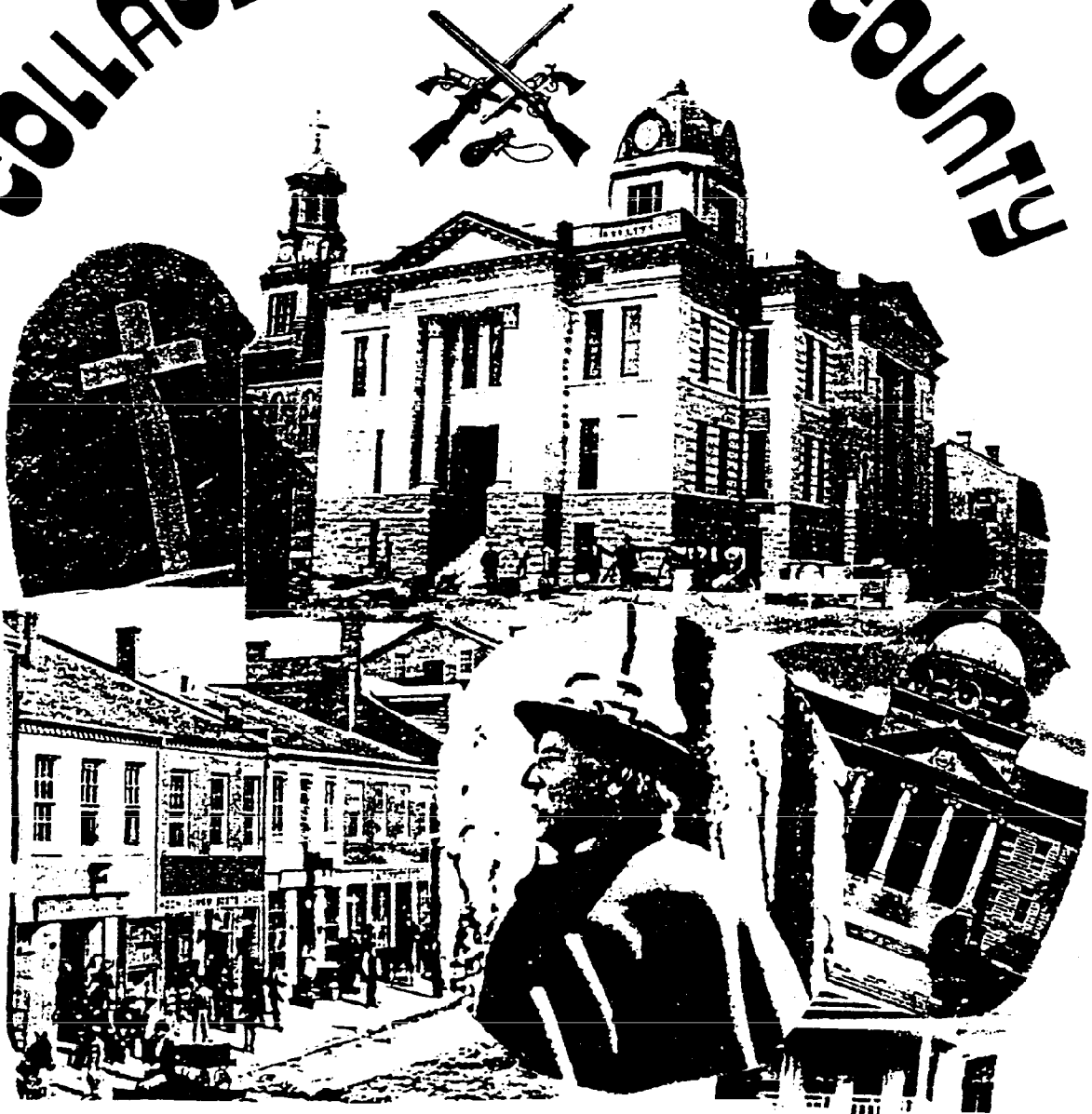


# COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY



CAPE GIRARDEAU EXPORTS 1874

Item	Amount	Price	Value
flour	120,000 bbls	\$ 6.00	\$720,000
lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500





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*Cape Girardeau, Mo. Sept- 19<sup>th</sup> 1881*  
*Mr Alfred Minton, as Auctioneer Comms. Sellers*  
 Bought of **HOBBS & SON,**  
 DEALERS IN  
**GENERAL MERCHANDISE,**

Northeast Corner of Main and Harmony Streets.

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## From the Editor

Dear Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society Members,

I hope this message finds all of you well, and contemplating doing some research this fall! As the leaves fall, poison ivy dies back, and the snakes go under cover, it's time to check out those old family cemeteries! Our great Cape Girardeau County Archive Center is the place to start this search, since they have visited and inventoried many of the family and church cemeteries in the county.

First of all, if you are finding some good things in the course of your research, please consider writing an article for the *Collage*. The quarterly is always better with a variety of articles, rather than having me write them.

For those of you who are out-of-town members, our election of officers in May resulted in the following: President, Drew Blattner; Vice-President, Bill Eddleman; Recording Secretary, Sheryl Smith; Treasurer, Betty Voss. Many of you may have heard that Drew won the Republican primary for County Recorder, and is unopposed in the general election. He will remain as President, however. One of the primary duties of the Vice-President is to arrange programs for the meetings (in January, March, May, July, September, and December). I welcome any ideas for those who might give us quality programs!

The September program is being presented by Scott House, who has revised a book on the Battle of Pilot Knob in 1864. "The Battle of Pilot Knob: Thunder in Arcadia Valley" has been published by Southeast Missouri State University Press. Lots of good stories of individuals involved with the battle are included, many maps (always helpful in a book on a battle to show troop movements), photos, and reference material are included. You can order it through amazon.com, or directly from Southeast Missouri State University Press  
[http://www6.semo.edu/universitypress/battle\\_of\\_pilot\\_knob.html](http://www6.semo.edu/universitypress/battle_of_pilot_knob.html).

I thank Kenny Sherrill and Ruth Kasten for their contributions to this issue. Happy hunting this fall!

Sincerely,



## A HOLLOWED TREE FOR A HOME

(Condensed from an article by Ruth Kasten)

[Note: Johann and Henriette Guethling are the great-great-grandparents of Rev. Loren Boettcher of Cape Girardeau, Missouri]

During March, 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory and in 1851 the Sioux Indians, under pressure from the United States Government, signed two treaties giving up their rights to millions of acres of land west of the Mississippi River. Much of this land was in southern Minnesota. Later in 1849, government surveyors laid out sections of land, buried stone markers every mile, and reported to Washington that the area was ready for settlement. Notices of this available land were posted in America and sent to friends and relatives in Europe. Now this territory was opened to white settlers and many immigrants used this opportunity to start a new life.

Many came to the U. S. to evade military service and others came for religious freedom. Some Germans were driven from their homeland by a potato famine and the disrupting effects of an unsuccessful uprising in 1848. Families first went to the local church authorities to ask for a letter of recommendations stating the "...emigrants were in good standing with the congregation". These letters were then taken to local police for permission to leave. The "Permit to Emigrate" certified that they had settled their affairs, paid all their bills and would be free to leave the country. They also needed passports to go to another country and in some instances authorities would combine the passport and "Permit to Emigrate" into an "Exit Visa". The emigrants would also purchase tickets and accommodations from an immigration agent. Many of these poverty-stricken pioneers took passage on cotton ships sailing between European ports and New Orleans.

Johann Guethling, his wife Henriette (Stenzel) and their two sons, Charles "Carl" and August were among these pioneers. Johann and Henriette were married in Germany in 1852. The family entered through the Port of New Orleans and traveled up the Mississippi River by steamboat. This was a quicker and cheaper way to get to the Midwest than traveling by land from New York or Baltimore, Maryland. This voyage took an average of 7 weeks. After reaching St. Paul, Minnesota, they went by boat on the Minnesota River to Carver, Minnesota. They traveled through the dense forest, cleared the land and staked out their homestead in Benton County, Minnesota. Arriving in winter, they needed housing for the harsh weather, so they hollowed out a large elm tree for their home. The elm tree was 6' 3" in diameter and probably over a hundred years old. This tree remained standing until 1916, when it was chopped down with "axes and wedges and saws". Johann and Henriette Guethlings' first daughter, Marie "Mary", was born under this elm tree on July 30, 1855, and recognized as the first white child born in Benton Township.

The Guethlings struggled through and survived their first harsh Minnesota winter because the U. S. government promised free "homestead" land if a family continued residency and made improvements on the land. Later, Johann built a log cabin for his wife and children. Logs were cut and adzed and hauled to the building site. A large fireplace to keep the room warm and one door

and windows for ventilation were built into the cabin. Benches and tables were hand-hewn, crates and boxes were used as chairs. Beds were made from willow boughs and skins. Many homes were built with brick hearths outside for bread baking, soap making, butchering, sorghum and maple syrup cooking and other heated needs. The dense hardwood forest furnished an abundance of building materials and firewood. Wild game, fowl and fish in the smallest streams and lakes were plentiful. Flour was hard to obtain the first year, but became more plentiful as the land was cleared and grain was planted and harvested.

Johann Guethling became a U. S. citizen on October 16, 1860. A person had to reside for five years in the U. S. after applying for citizenship before they could become a U. S. citizen. The village of Benton, Minnesota, where the Guethlings lived, consisted of three general stores, a hardware store, a shoe and harness shop, a blacksmith shop, a warehouse, and saw and grist mill, an elevator and three saloons. Benton village was on the north side of Benton Lake, had a population of 100 when surveyed in June 1880 and was named for Senator Thomas Hart Benton, Missouri statesman who died in 1858.

Johann cleared and farmed the land and prospered in livestock and grain farming. He was industrious and gained the reputation of being the “best onion raiser” in the county. According to the 1860 U. S. Census, the value of his real estate was \$500 and his personal estate was \$125, but 10 years later the value of real estate was \$2100 and his personal estate was \$1200. The Farm Census of 1870 lists his land as: 80 acres of improved land, 80 acres of woods and 40 acres of unimproved land. The cash value of the land was \$2800. The value of livestock was \$785; consisting of 4 horses, 4 milk cows, 3 other cattle, 6 sheep and 6 hogs. The harvest consisted of spring wheat, rye, Indian corn, oats, barley, peas, Irish potatoes, butter and hay. In 1886 he purchased 30 additional acres for \$750. The two youngest sons, Ludwig and Rinhold, helped work the 230 acres, which was evenly divided between the sons in later years.

Johann and Henriette Guethling, early and hardy pioneers, lived out their lives on the homestead in Carver, Minnesota. They raised their 10 children on the homesteaded land and are buried in the Methodist Church Cemetery, Cologne, Minnesota.

Johann Guethling – born December 8, 1825 in Germany and died July 17, 1889  
Henriette (Stenzel) Guethling – born July 11, 1825 in Germany and died March 1, 1909



# Civil War Widow's Pension Application File Matilda Selle (Soldier: Otto Selle)

[Editor's Note: The creation of fold3.com, which makes scans of original records available to subscribers, has opened a whole new world of research. One of the latest record groups to be scanned is pension applications for widows and orphans of Civil War soldiers who died in the line of duty or from wounds or disease contracted in service. What follows is a complete file for a Cape Girardeau widow to indicate types of documents found in such files. More abstracts will follow irregularly.]

[National Archives](#) and Records Administration. Matilda Brown Selle, widow of Otto Selle. [Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Civil War Veterans, ca. 1861 - ca. 1910](#). National Archives Catalog ID: [300020](#). Record Group 15. 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Artillery, Battery F. Application Number WC135313.

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Box #33191, Certificate #135313, Bundle #20, Matilda Selle, Maiden Name Brown, widow Otto Selle, Priv. Co. "F", 2 Regt. Ill's. Lt. Arty. Volunteers.

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Adjutant General reports enrolled Oct 13, 1861, and discharged with Co. Dec 14 1864 by reason of expiration of term of service. Two privates swear soldier during the last year of his service suffered from Diarrhoea from effects of which he was seldom fit to perform active duty; that said disease was contracted in the service and line of duty and when he was discharged he was suffering from effects of that disease, being weak, emaciated and unfit to labor, and they believe he died from its effects.

Attending physician in last illness swears soldier died on the 22d day of August, 1865, of Chronic Diarrhoea. Best evidence that can be obtained. 2d Lieut. Swears to same as privates.

[Marriage] September 22, 1856 – Otto Selle and Mathilda Brown. Shown by certified copy of [church] record.

No Invalid Application on file.

[Names and dates of birth of children. , born , 18\_\_, who will be 16 years old , 18\_\_]

Charles	October 28 <sup>th</sup> [,18]57	October 27 <sup>th</sup> [,18]73
Francis	September 23d [,18]61	September 22 [,18]77

[Loyalty] Declared

[Agent, and his P. O. address.] Wilson and Burrough, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

[Issue certificate for] Eight [dollars per month, commencing] August 23d [,186]5 [, and two dollars per month additional for each of the above-named children, commencing] on the 25<sup>th</sup> [day of] July [, 186]6.

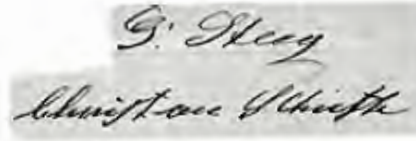
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State of Missouri ) S.S. This 27<sup>th</sup> day of Feburary 1869 Personally appeared before me a  
Cape Girardeau County ) clerk of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas in and for the County  
and State aforesaid George Steeg and Christian Schutte of the City and County of Cape Girardeau State of Missouri, who being by me first duly Sworn according to Law. Says that they were Members of Company "F" 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Light artillery Illinois volunteers, and that they were well acquainted with Otto Selle De<sup>c</sup> who was a Member of Said Campny "F" 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt Lgt Arty Ill vol. and further that while they were Members of said Company "F" they knew that Otto Selle Deceased was afflicted with a disease known in Camp as the Diarrhea, and from the effects of said Diarrhea during the last year of his service he was

seldom fit to perform active duty, and for that reason he was detailed as assistant Cook, and being frequently unable to attend to that, and to their knowledge the said disease was Contracted in the Service of the United States, and in line of duty, and when he was Discharged he was suffering from the effects of the disease being weak and emicated, and unfit to labour or provide for his family, and that they verily believe he died from the effects of said disease, and further that they are well

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Acquainted with Matilda Selle widow of said Otto Selle De<sup>c</sup> and that she still remains a widow, and that in consequence of the death of her said husband she is left in a poor and helpless condition, and further that they have no interest directly or indirectly in this claim, and that they have known said Otto & Matilda Selle for ten years.



Also personally appeared before me at the same time and place Alfred S. Looker of the City and County of Cape Girardeau State of Missouri, who after being duly Sworn according to Law Says, that he was a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenand of Compny "F" 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt III Lgt Arty Vol. during the war of 1861, and that he was well acquainted with Private Otto Selle, and knew him for years, and that I have carefully examined the foregoing affidavit of George Steeg and Christina Schütte and the statements therein made are true, and that I have no interest directly or indirectly in this claim.



Formerly 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Co "F" 2<sup>nd</sup> Regt III Lgt Arty Vol.

The foregoing affidavits were sworn to and subscribed before me, the day and year first above written and I certify

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that said affiants are respectable persons and are entitled to full credit and belief, and acknowledged that they were fully acquainted with the contents of said affidavit and that I have no interest whatsoever in the claim of Mathilda Selle

Witness my Signature and Seal of said court.

Edward D. Engelmann  
Clerk

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St. Vincents Church  
Cape Girardeau Mo

May 16<sup>th</sup> 1858

I the undersigned Priest of the R. C. Church have this day baptized Charles, born 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1857, Son of Otho Selle & Matilda Braun. The sponsor was:

Ignatius Braun

Francis Lasco C.M.

April 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

I the undersigned baptized Francis, born 23<sup>rd</sup> of Sept 1861, son of Otho Selle and Matilda Braun. The Sponsors were Ignatius Braun and Cecilia Uhl

Chas. Jos. Beecher O.M.

The above is a true copy of Church Record kept in the above mentioned church as I, Chas. Jos. Beecher, Can Testify

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State of Missouri }  
County of Cape Girardeau }

On this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869 before me clerk of the Common Please in and for said county and State personally appeared Mrs. Otto Selle of this city. Whom I certify is a credible witness who being duly Sworn according to law declares and says that she has not remarried since the death of her husband Otto Selle nor abandoned the support of any of her children nor permitted any one of them to be adopted by any other person or persons. And that they are the only children of herself and her Decd husband now living. That her said Decd husband left no children by any other wife.

She further says that her Decd husband was under medical care of Dr Proffit of this city frim the time he came out of the army until her husband died as aforesaid. That no other doctor treated her husband except Dr Proffit She is unable to furnish proof by Dr Proffit for Dr Proffit Died in 1867.

She further says that she applied for Bounty under act of July 28<sup>th</sup> 1866, and the same was allowed to her. That

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in said claim for Bounty, She filed the affidavit of Dr Proffit as to cause of death also legal proof that her Decd husband contracted disease of which he died in US service, she respectfully requests the Hon Commissioner of Pensions to obtain a copy of said proof on file in sd Auditor of Treasury office, and use the same in her Pension claims,

She further says that she can obtain other than medical testimony as to date and cause of her husband death.

Mathilda Selle



Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1869. and I certify that the foregoing affidavit was read and fully explained to applicant, before signing, and that I have no interest whatsoever in this claim.

Witness my Signature and Seal of said court.

Edward D. Engelmann  
Clerk

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Record Book "C" of Marriages

County of Cape Girardeau } SS  
State of Missouri }

I John H Clark a minister of the Gospel do hereby certify that on the 22d day of Sept 1856 and in the City of Cape Girardeau I united in marriage Otto Selle and Mathilda Brown  
Recd & Recorded 28 January 1868  
John H Clark

Leopold Horsten Clerk & Recorder Ex Officio

State of Missouri } SS  
County of Cape Girardeau }

I Nathan C Harrison Clerk of the Circuit Court & Ex Officio Recorder, in and for the County and State aforesaid hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true and perfect copy of the marriage of Otto Selle and Mathelda Brown as fully as the same appears of Record in my Office

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at Office in Jackson, county aforesaid the 12<sup>th</sup> Day of April A D 1869

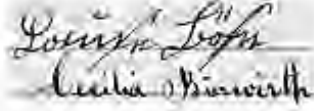
Nathan C Harrison  
Clk & Ex Off Recorder



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[WIDOW'S DECLARATION OF PENSION FORM – Abstract]

Prepared 28 Apr 1869 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. For Matilda Selle, aged 45, widow of Otto Selle, who was Pvt. In Co. F 2<sup>nd</sup> Ill. Lt. Artillery, commanded by John W. Powell. Otto Selle died in Cape Girardeau 24 Aug 1865 of Chronic Diarrhea contracted in Service. She was married to Selle 22 Sep 1856 in Cape Girardeau by John H. Clark, Minister and was Matilda Brown before her marriage. Children include Charles Selle b. 28 Oct 1857 and Francis Selle b. 23 Sep 1861. Wilson & Burrough are appointed her lawful attorneys. Louisa Boese and Cececilia Bierwirth of Cape Girardeau are witnesses to the facts of the declaration. Signed Louisa Boese, Cecilia Bierwirth. Sworn to before Edward D. Engelmann, Clerk.



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[Sleeve for Widow's Claim for Pension]

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[FORM FROM ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE in Washington D.C.]

[Abstract]

Pension No. 165900. Otto Selle enrolled on 13 Oct 1861 in Cape Girardeau in Co. F, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ill. Lt. Artillery, for 3 years. Mustered in as a private on 11 Dec 1861 at Cairo, Ill. In said company and regiment, mustered out on 14 Dec 1864 as a private, discharged with the Co. 14 Dec 1864 by reason of expiration of term of service. No evidence of death. Signed Saml. Breck, Assistant Adjutant General.

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Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
July 27<sup>th</sup> 1867

I do hereby certify that Mr. Otto Selle died on the Twenty Second day of August 1865 of Chronic Diarrhoea contracted while in service of the United States.

(Signed) E. Proffit M. S.

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in this office duly sworn to before and certified by Clerk of Court.

E. B. French  
Second Auditor  
By D. A. P.

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[PENSIONER DROPPED - Abstract]

Certificate No. 135,313, Widow. Matilda Selle, Soldier Otto, Pr. F 2 Ill. Art. Last paid \$12 4 Feb 1911 because of Death 11 Feb. 1911, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Signed A. W. Smith, United States Pension Agent.

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[Pension summary – no additional information other than stating Otto Selle died at home]

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[Reverse of Page 18. Summary of dates when supporting proof and copies of affidavits were obtained]

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[Abstract of summary of pension information]

No. 135,313 for Matilda Selle, widow of Otto Selle, Priv Co. F 2 Ill. Lt. Arty. Vol, St. Louis agency at the rate of \$8.00 per month commencing 23 Aug 1865. Additional sum of \$2 per month for each child until arriving at age 16 years, commencing 25 Jul 1866: Charles 27 Oct 1873, Francis 22 Sep 1877. Stamped, "DEAD." Certificate dated 6 Oct 1869, sent to Wilson & Burrough, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Act of 14 Jul 1862, Book C, Vol. 17, page 783.

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State of Missouri }  
Cape Girardeau County } SS.

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1868. Personally appeared before me a Clerk of the Cape Girardeau Court of Common Pleas in and for the County and State aforesaid. Matilder Selle a resident of Cape Girardeau in the County of Cape Girardeau, and State of Missouri, aged 45 years, who being duly Sworn accoring to Law, doth on her oath Make the following declaration. In Order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by Act of Congress approved July 14 – 1862, also an Act of Congress Increasing the Pensions of Widows and Orphants, and for other purposes approved July 25 – 1866. – That She is widow of Otto Selle who was a Private In Company "F" Commanded by Capt. Powell in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment Illinois Light Artillary Volunteers in the war of 1861, Who died at Cape Girardeau in the County of Cape Girardeau and State of Missouri, On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August AD 1865, of Chronic Diarrhea Contracted while in the service of the United States, and in line of duty. She further declares that She was married to the Said Otta Selle On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September in the year 1856, That her husband

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the aforesaid Otta Selle died on the day Mentioned and that She has remained widow ever Since that period, and that the following are the names and dates of birth of all the Children under Sixteen years of age, of the Said deceased Soldier and this deponent, viz:

Charles Selle born on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October AD 1857.

Freadrick Selle (Dead)

Francis Selle born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September AD 1861.

and She further declares that her Said husband had never been previously Married, and that She the Claimant has never abandoned the support of any one of the above-named children under the age of Sixteen years, nor permitted any one of them for whom Pension is claimed to be adopted by any persons whatever, that they are the only legitimate children of herself and her deceased husband, now living; and that they reside with her at Cape Girardeau, County and State aforesaid all of which will more fully appear from the proof hereto annexed. She also declares that She has not in any manner

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been engaged in or aided or abetted the Rebellion in the United States.

Matilda Selle

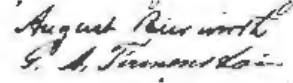


Also personally appeared August Bierwirth and Gustavus A. Tirmunstein residents of the City & County of Cape Girardeau State of Missouri, persons whom I Certify to be respectable and entitled to Credit, and who being by me duly Sworn Say that they were present and Saw Said foregoing declaration; and they further

Swear that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of the applicant and their acquaintance with her, that She is the identical person that She represents herself to be, and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this Claim and further that they have been acquainted with the applicant for ten years

August Bierwirth

G. A. Tirmenstein



Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September AD 1868, and I certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect in the prosecution of this Claim

Witness my Signature and Seal of said court.

Edward D. Engelmann

Clerk

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and I hereby Constitute and appoint Alexander Ross of Cape Girardeau Mo. My true and lawfull attorney and authorize him to present and prosecute this claim, and receive any Certificate for me that may be issued thereon.

Matilda Selle



August Bierwirth

G. A. Timenstein



Claimants Post office address Cape Girardeau Missouri.

Widow's Claim for Pension

Matilda Selle

Widow of

Otta Selle Dec.

Late Private In

Co. "F" 2<sup>nd</sup> Rgt Ill

Lgt. Arty Vol

Filed by

Alex. Ross

Cape Girardeau

Mo.

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State of Missouri }

Second Judicial District }

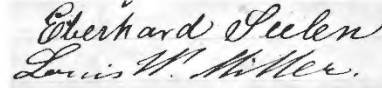
County of Cape Girardeau }

On this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869 before me clerk of the District Court in and for said District and State personally appeared Eberhard Seelen and Louis W. Miller Both of Cape Girardeau Mo. Who being duly Sworn according to law say, that they were personally acquainted with Otto Selle of Co. F 2d Ills.

Dept. Vols., they served in the Same Company with him, they further say that said soldier came home from the Army sick and in a low condition, that he granally became weaker until he died, that he never recovered

from said sickness, that after he came home from the Army he was not able to perform any kind of labor in his life time. Afficats have personal knowledge of the above fact, they were intimate with said solder and lived in the same town with him, and saw frequently during his sickness afficants are not related to claimant and have no interest in this claim from Pension

Eberhard Seelen  
Louis W. Miller



Subscribed & Sworn to before the  
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undersigned this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1869. And I certify that I have no interest herein.

Witness my hand & official seal  
Leonard Sargeant Clerk

I also certify that the above named witnesses are well known to me and are credible persons – Witness my hand & official seal. Leonard Sargeant Clerk

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State of Missouri }  
Cape Girardeau County } S.S.

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 1868

and at the same time and place, and before me clerk as aforesaid, Personally appeared Alfred S. Looker who after being sworn according to law, deposes and says that he resides at the city of Cape Girardeau Mo. And that he was a Second Lieutenant of Company F 2d Regt. Ill. Lgt. Arty. Vol. and that he was well acquainted with Otto Selle, deceased late a Private of said Company F, and that while they were members of said Company he knew that said Selle was afflicted with a disease known in Camp as the Diarrhoea, and from the effects of said disease, said Selle was seldom fit for active service during the last year of his service, and in consequence thereof he was detailed as assistant Cook for the Company, and to the best of his knowledge information and belief, the said disease was contracted in the service of the United States and in the line of duty, and further that he had no interest directly or indirectly in this claim.

(Signed) Alfred S. Looker  
Late Lieut. Co. F. 2d Ill. L. Arty.

The foregoing is a true copy of an extract from the original on file in this office, certified to be Clerk of Court

E. B. French  
Second Auditor  
By D.A.P.

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[Form dated 19 June 1869 stating there is no pension claim on file for Otto Selle.]

# Vignettes from the Lives of Acie and Grace (Fulbright) Sherrill

Provided by Kenny Sherrill (great-grandson)

Cape County Herald – The Weekly Tribune  
Issue of August 24, 1916 – Vol 15, No. 33 – Page 1

2 GIRLS CAUGHT  
UNDER AUTO HAVE  
NARROW ESCAPE

Runaway Machine Backs  
Over Tots and Pins Them  
To Pavement.

TOY WAGONS SMASHED;  
THEY AVOID WHEELS

Grown-ups Watch as Mary Caton  
and Catherine Sherrill  
Are Struck.

Two little girls—Mary Caton and playmate, Catherine Sherrill—miraculously escaped dangerous injuries beneath the wheels of a runaway automobile, when they were run down by the car in front of the Caton girl's home on Bessie street Tuesday evening.

Details of the accident became known last night, and at the same time it was said that both children are recovering from the shock and minor bruises and scratches they sustained.

The children were playing on Bessie street, riding in a small wagon owned by Jack Bergman, one of their companions. Young Bergman is a son of A. W. Bergman of Bessie street.

The runaway automobile is owned by James Lovell of 1436 Bessie street, and it had been stopped in front of the Lovell home in the evening by Odell Lovell, 18-year old son of Mr. Lovell. The car had not been backed into the curb, however, to hold on the hill at that point, and suddenly the brake became released when there was no one in or near the machine.

The car slowly started down the hill and several yards further down the hill the two little girls were playing with the wagon. They were directly in the path of the backing machine. The car gained speed as it continued down the hill.

Several men and women sitting on their front porches watched the machine back down the hill and saw the children in the path of the car, but made no effort to sound a warning, because they believed that Odell Lovell occupied the driver's seat and would sound the car's horn.

The two children afterward said they saw the machine approach but expected it to be guided past them and thought the driver would sound a horn.

As a consequence, in the full view of nearly a dozen spectators, the machine smashed into the little wagon occupied by the two girls and started to pass over them. The children were knocked to the ground with the wheels passing on either side of their bodies and not touching them.

After the car had passed nearly over them, it was stopped by the combined obstructions of the two children and the debris of the wagon which had been smashed to bits beneath the wheels of the motor car.

Men who witnessed the accident ran to the rescue of the children, but were unable to extricate the two girls, by reason of the fact that they were pinned too tightly beneath the machine.

Not until Odell Lovell had started the engine and slowly moved the car off of them was it possible to get them from beneath the car.

Neither of the two girls was injured seriously. The Caton girl is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Caton, the insurance man of 1429 Bessie street, and the Sherrill child is a daughter of A. W. Sherrill of 417 North Boulevard.

Yesterday after the initial accident with the Lovell machine, Odell Lovell had his left arm badly wrenched and sprained when he was cranking the machine. The engine back-fired as he endeavored to crank the car and the handle of the crank jerked his arm so that the muscles of the entire arm and left shoulder were badly sprained. The elbow also was injured.

A doctor was summoned last night and found the muscles swollen, and he declared that it will be several days before young Lovell will be able to use the arm and shoulder.

Unfortunately, six months later, on 11 Feb 1917, Katherine succumbed to rheumatic fever.

N. B. - Every item of information should be carefully supplied. ADE should be stated EXACTLY. OCCUPATIONS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, and that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS		MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
<b>1 PLACE OF DEATH</b> County <u>Cape Girardeau</u> Township <u>Cape Girardeau</u> Registration District No. <u>125</u> or Village <u>Cape Girardeau</u> Primary Registration District No. <u>3009</u> Registered No. <u>1528</u> City <u>Cape Girardeau MO. 417 N. Bulv.</u> St. <u>2</u> Ward <b>2 FULL NAME</b> <u>Katherine Sherrill</u>		<b>MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH</b> <b>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS</b> <b>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH</b> File No. <u>4946</u>	
<b>3 SEX</b> <u>Female</u> <b>4 COLOR OR RACE</b> <u>White</u> <b>5 MARRIED</b> <u>Single</u> <small>(If "Married" check "widowed" or "divorced" or "separated" or "other")</small>		<b>10 DATE OF DEATH</b> <u>Feb 11</u> 191 <u>7</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>	
<b>6 DATE OF BIRTH</b> <u>Dec 12</u> 19 <u>09</u> <small>(Month) (Day) (Year)</small>		<b>11 I HEREBY CERTIFY</b> , that I attended deceased from <u>Dec 29</u> 191 <u>6</u> to <u>Feb 11</u> 191 <u>7</u> that I last saw her alive on <u>Feb 11</u> 191 <u>7</u> and that death occurred on the date stated above, at <u>8:45</u> a.m.	
<b>7 AGE</b> <u>7</u> yrs. <u>1</u> mo. <u>29</u> da. <small>or LESS than 1 day - hrs. or min.</small>		<b>12 CAUSE OF DEATH*</b> was as follows: <u>Acute articular rheumatism</u> <u>510E</u> (Duration) <u>0</u> yrs. <u>1</u> mo. <u>12</u> da.	
<b>8 OCCUPATION</b> (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work <u>School girl</u> (b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)		<b>CONTRIBUTORY</b> (Secondary) _____ (Duration) _____ yrs. _____ mo. _____ da. (Signed) <u>W. D. Schoen</u> M. D. <u>Feb 11, 1917</u> (Address) <u>Cape Girardeau, Mo.</u>	
<b>9 BIRTHPLACE</b> (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Cape Girardeau Mo.</u>		<b>13 LENGTH OF RESIDENCE</b> (For Hospitals, Institutions, Transients, or Recent Residents) At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mo. _____ da. In the former or usual residence.	
<b>10 NAME OF FATHER</b> <u>A. W. Sherrill</u> <b>11 BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER</b> (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Branson Mo.</u> <b>12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER</b> <u>Grace Fullbright</u> <b>13 BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER</b> (City or town, State or foreign country) <u>Oxford Mo.</u>		<b>14 THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE</b> (Inherent) <u>A. W. Sherrill</u> (Address) <u>Cape Girardeau</u>	
<b>15</b> Filed <u>Feb 11</u> 191 <u>7</u> <u>R. M. Forasell</u> Registrar		<b>16 PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL</b> <u>Mount Carmel</u> <b>DATE OF BURIAL</b> <u>Feb 12</u> 191 <u>7</u> <b>17 UNDERTAKER</b> <u>Longfellow &amp; Co. Cape Girardeau Mo.</u>	

"Acute Articular rheumatism" must be the jargon of the day for Rheumatic fever?

Cape Girardeau, Mo., May 5 1923

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Nov 27	"	23 <sup>40</sup>	5 <sup>00</sup>	
Aug 25	"		5 <sup>00</sup>	35 <sup>50</sup>
				29 <sup>90</sup>

\$64.90 doesn't seem like a lot of money for a funeral until you realize he was still paying on the bill six years later.

241114131	Sherrill, Alice M.	Head	27	26	25
	Grace	Wife	27	26	19
	Wilson F.	Son	21	21	13
	Margarite C.	Daughter	17	21	12
	Fulbright, Hester	Interim Care	7	21	13

According to the 1910 census, her name was Margarite C. Sherrill, but census takers were notorious for spelling names however they wanted.



Virginia Sherrill b. 1912 and Margaret Katherine Sherrill b. 1909.



Margaret Katherine Sherrill b. 1909, Marian Virginia Sherrill b.1912 and Wilson Sherrill b.1908

My great grandpa, Acie Sherrill embraced the automobile early on. He earned quite a reputation for his mechanical skills in southeast Missouri. While doing genealogical research I have found many newspaper references to him and his skills. These pictures are from a later date than the article below-after he had gone out on his own, but I included them for kicks. I believe one of the cars pictured is one of Acie's Maxwells. He had at least two, one was destroyed when the garage he worked at burned down.

I found this story in the June 26, 1914 *Cape Weekly Tribune and Cape County Herald*:

**AUTOMOBILE RUNS AMUCK IN HAARIG**

**Machine On Demonstrating Trip Smashes Surrey Then Bumps Farmer.**

The peaceful West end of Cape Girardeau, commonly known as Haarig, was the scene of a near automobile disaster Saturday afternoon at about 3 o'clock when a new Overland ran amuck on Good Hope street, frightening teams which under ordinary conditions are permitted to graze along the curbing. It seems that Acey Sherrill, the well-known mechanical expert, who is employed by a downtown automobile concern, was serving in the capacity of chaperone to a prospective purchaser who was attempting to gather enough



information to run a car with a view of buying one. As is often the case, under such conditions, the machine would not conduct itself properly, and proceeded to act ugly at a very inopportune lime. At the corner of Good Hope and Sprigg it seemed to develop an especial bitterness toward a surrey which was driven by John James, a well-known farmer who lives about four miles west of town. Before Mr. Sherrill could assume active command at the steering wheel the unruly nuto had struck the vehicle with force sufficient to spring the back axle, break a number of spokes and otherwise damage the buggy. After thus venting its feelings, the auto made an abrupt turn down Sprigg street, where it was brought to a sudden stop within about thirty feet of its first victim, having run into the rear end of a heavy wagon loaded with rock. The only damage the second victim suffered was some broken harness, but the Overland came out of the mixup with a demolished fender and a broken lamp. Officer Hutson appeared on the scene at about that time and after admonishing the occupants of the car to be more careful, released them upon the promise that they would make good the damage done.



207 Broadway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Acie was here in the 1912-1913 city directory. He had the same phone number for his garage in 1911 (797). In late 1913 his Maxwell burned in a fire at the Hope & Cotner Agency on Independence. (I will save details of that incident until October.) It is unclear if he worked for them or was still here.



**QUERIES ??? QUERIES ??? QUERIES ??? QUERIES ???**

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- FOX** I am hoping to gain information on my mother's grandfather, Doctor Fletcher FOX. We believe he was b. in Cape Girardeau Co. and came to Wayne Co., MO in the mid-1800s. Contact: **Ruth Tremaine, 4302 Wilson Road, Wentzville, MO 63385**. Phone: **307-871-5052**. Email: [singintree2@hotmail.com](mailto:singintree2@hotmail.com)
- SHEFFLER** Would like to collaborate with anyone doing SHEFFLER family research, I am specifically interested in the family of John Sherman SHEFFLER (1866-1933) He might have been my gr-grandmother's brother (Mary aka Mollie). Contact: **Susan Dougherty**, E-mail: [hathewisse1@gmail.com](mailto:hathewisse1@gmail.com)
- STEINER, HUTTEGGER** Searching for history for Elisabeth Mary (STEINER) HUTTEGGER (1849-1913) of Schladming, Steirmark, Austria and parents Matthias & Rosalie (SCHUPFER) STEINER from Liepegg, Steirmark, Austria - emigrated to New Wells, Cape Girardeau County 1868. Contact: **Carolyn Bening, 1708 Hayselton, Jefferson City, MO 65109**. E-Mail: [evening@embarqmail.com](mailto:evening@embarqmail.com)
- ISBELL, DOYEL, BROWN** David Shelton ISBELL, m. Mary Jane DOYEL, left Kentucky and brought their family to the Cape Girardeau area ca. 1890, where their oldest daughter, Mildred Adeline, m. James BROWN. Seeking anyone researching ISBELL, DOYEL, and BROWN in Missouri. Contact: **Marie Pound, 654 Timber Pond Dr., Brandon, FL 33510**. E-mail: [Mpound654@AOL.com](mailto:Mpound654@AOL.com)
- STORY** Researching George Washington STORY, b. 1844 near Cape Girardeau. His parents are unknown, but he m. 3 times: 1<sup>st</sup> to Malinda DAVIS, 2<sup>nd</sup> to an Indian named ELKIN and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Margaret SWEAT. Had many children by different wives, and d. 1897 in Advance, Stoddard Co., MO. May have been a veteran of the Civil War on the Union Side (Editor's note: No likely person by this name found in MO Union records). Contact: **Carol Harbers Hyatt, 1034 Notting Hill Ct, Collinsville, IL 62234**. E-mail: [cahyatt54@gmail.com](mailto:cahyatt54@gmail.com)
- HAUPT** My 90-yr-old mother was b. Kurreville, MO and grew up in Cape Girardeau. Her gr-grandfather Heinrich Christoph HAUPTMANN (HAUPT) b. 4 Apr 1799, Sudheim, Germany, lived in Kurreville, and likely the other HAUPTs in Kurreville are related. Her gr-grandfather Charles "Carl" HAUPT, b. 1812, Hanover, Germany, and we think lived in the area of Oak Ridge through Daisy. There are several other HAUPTs living in that area and we think they are related. There is a chance that the HAUPTs in the Egypt Mills area are also related. Seeking others researching HAUPT families in Cape Girardeau Co., and am willing to share information. Contact: **Laverne Lander, 409 E Seneca PH, Tahlequah, OK 74464-7045**.

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