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**HAROLD BECKLEY**  
Born: 1909 - Died: July 13, 1928  
Liberty County Farmer  
July 20, 1928

**HAROLD BECKLEY DIES  
FRIDAY OF MENINGITIS**

Havre, July 14.—Harold Beckley, age 19, of Chester, died at 11 o'clock Friday night of cerebral spinal meningitis, or of the epidemic meningitis. He had been ill 24 hours when he died and had seemed in good health before his illness. Beckley was brought to Havre Friday afternoon on train No. 4 and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

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**FRANCIS BROWN**

**Born: 1905 - Died: September 25, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**September 28, 1928**

**EASTERNER KILLED IN AUTO  
SMASHUP ON ROOSEVELT TRAIL**

Havre, Sept. 26.—Francis Brown, 23, of Honor, Mich., was instantly killed Tuesday afternoon when a car driven by Norman Robertson of Pontiac, Mich., collided with a machine driven by Marion Swarthout of Kremlin, Mont., on the Roosevelt trail. Miss Swarthout and her 4-year-old brother were badly cut. The car which Robertson was driving was owned by Gilbert Parks of Detroit, Mich. They with Brown, had been working in harvest fields and had planned to leave Wednesday for Canada.

ANGELINA CLIFT

Born: N/A - Died: June 13, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

June 15, 1928

**FORMER GALATA WOMAN  
DIES WHILE ON VISIT**

Mrs. Angelina Clift, former resident of Galata, died at the home of I. B. Wagner, three miles north of Galata where she was visiting, last week on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Clift had been residing in Spokane the last few years and had been visiting her former home when taken ill. The body was taken to Spokane for burial.

**DORIS LORAINE CRAMER**

**Born: November 18, 1928 - Died: December 14, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**December 21, 1928**

Doris Loraine Cramer was born November 18 1928 and died Saturday December 14, 1928. The baby was apparently all right about 5:30 in the morning when Mrs. Cramer was up, and was found dead at 8 o'clock. It is thought that she died from convulsions. The funeral was held from the Lutheran church Monday morning at 11:00 o'clock. Rev. Engh preached the sermon.

**EMMA FULTON**

**Born: N/A - Died: December 3, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**December 7, 1928**

**MRS. FULTON, CHINOOK MATRON  
DIES; FUNERAL WEDNESDAY**

Chinook, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Emma Fulton, wife of C. D. Fulton, superintendent of the St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator company, died Monday morning at 7, at her home in this city. Mrs. Fulton was one of Chinook's young matrons and had been ill for several weeks. She leaves her husband and two children, her mother, Mrs. Haakenson, who was at her bedside at death, and three sisters and one brother. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. C. D. Fulton passed away on Monday morning at her home in Chinook. Mrs. Fulton was a sister to Mrs. L. G. Freeland of this city and was well known and loved here.

**ANDREW W. GREISBAUM**

**Born: 1867 - Died: January 5, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**January 18, 1928**

**ANDREW W. GREISBAUM IS DEAD**

Andrew William Greisbaum, 61, of Joplin, died Thursday morning, January 5, at a Havre hospital from carcinoma signoid after an illness of three weeks, two of which time he spent in Havre. The deceased had been troubled with stomach trouble before his last illness, but it was not thought to be serious.

The deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, Alice, age 15, who live on the farm fourteen miles north of Joplin, and by his son, Joe, age 36, who lives in Arkansas.

## IRENE NELLIE HARRIS

Born: 1878 - Died: August 20, 1928

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

August 23 - 24, 1928

### IRENE NELLIE HARRIS

Irene Nellie Harris died at Deaconess hospital Monday morning following an operation for an abscess. The deceased was a former resident of Chester, but has been keeping house for Gust. Wernberg on his farm near Alma for some time past. She had been ill for about three weeks. She was aged 50 years, and leaves to mourn her death two brothers living in Oklahoma; a sister in Kansas and one in Nebraska.

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**ROBERT L. HILL**

**Born: November 4, 1912 - Died: March 6, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**March 16, 1928**

**ROBERT HILL OF ALMA,  
FUNERAL SERVICE SATURDAY**

Funeral services for the late Robert L. Hill of Alma who died Tuesday evening were held at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon at Alma. He was buried beside his mother, Mrs. O. D. Hill, in the Grace church cemetery near Alma. Mrs. Hill died last September after an extended illness.

Robert Lewis Hill was born Nov. 4, 1912 and died March 6, 1928, age 15 years, 4 months and 2 days. He leaves to mourn his loss, his father, O. D. Hill of Alma, Mrs. Verda Young of Havre, Mrs. Leora Hodges of Alma, Wesley Hill, Chinook, Raymond Hill, Chinook, Anna, Walter, Arthur and Lloyd of Alma.



## RENO D. HOFFMAN

Born: April 9, 1900 - Died: August 13, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

August 17, 1928

### FRIENDS HONOR

#### RENO HOFFMAN

Funeral services for Reno D. Hoffman, 28, who died Monday evening following an operation for appendicitis were held Saturday afternoon at 2 at the T. F. O'Connor chapel. Dr. H. Styles Harris officiated at the services. Burial was made in Highland cemetery.

Numerous floral pieces were banked around the casket and signified the esteem in which the young man was held by his large circle of friends. "In the Garden," "No Night There" and "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere" were rendered by Mrs. Arthur Lewis and Carl Briggs. Jack Bateman, Melvin Hammer, William A. Moore, Robert W. Bulmer, Harry Egged and Walter Bloemker acted as pallbearers.

Reno Douglas Hoffman was born April 9, 1900, at Deadwood, S. D., and came to Montana several years ago, being employed in the Great Northern shops and as a fireman on the road. Previous to his illness he was employed by the Minter Sheet Metal works.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Florence Hoffman; three sisters, Mrs. Maud Coggeshall and Mrs. Frances Peeling of San Diego, Calif., and Mrs. Harryette J. Wolf of Great Falls, and a brother, Percy H. Hoffman of Great Falls.—Great Falls Tribune.

THOMAS HORTON HYLE

Born: November 21, 1864 - Died: May 22, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

May 25, 1928

THOMAS HORTON HYLE OF  
NORTH OF INVERNESS, DEAD

Thomas Horton Hyle, 62 years, six months and one day old, living about a mile and a half north of Inverness fell from a wagon which he was using to drag a fire drag on his fields last Tuesday afternoon, and was dead when found by his hired man a short time afterwards, with all of his clothes burned from his body.

It is thought that Mr. Hyle suffered a stroke, as he had had two previously, and that he was dead before the drag hit him.

Thomas Horton Hyle was born at Locksmill, Penn., Nov. 21, 1864, and died May 22, 1928. He was married years ago and aside from his wife leaves two sons, Jerry and Turrie, and two daughters, Mrs. Arthur LaValley and Miss Josephine and several whose names we have been unable to learn to mourn his death. He was an unstanding citizen and loved and respected by all who knew him.

The funeral will be held from the Lutheran church in Joplin this (Friday) morning at 10 A. M.

**DANIEL H. KILROY**

**Born: 1862 - Died: November 11, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**November 16, 1928**

**DANIEL H. KILROY  
JOPLIN PIONEER DEAD**

It was a sad shock to his many Joplin friends to learn that Dan Kilroy had died Sunday morning at the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre after a short illness.

The deceased was born in Ottawa, Ill., and was 66 years of age.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at Joplin, the Rev. R. Montague Bickle officiating.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved wife and children.

The floral offerings were beautiful and extensive.

A large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors assembled to pay their last respects to this just man.

## OSCAR ALEXANDER KULPAS

Born: December 29, 1914 - Died: June 5, 1928

Chester Reporter

June 7, 1928

### OSCAR KULPAS IN FATAL ACCIDENT

**FATAL ACCIDENT HAPPENS TO  
TWELVE YEAR-OLD BOY WHILE  
HORSEBACK RIDING TUESDAY**

Oscar, the twelve-year-old son of John Kulpas started out Tuesday afternoon to look for some horses and as his own saddle was out of repair, he used his father's saddle which was the probable cause of his death. He was seen by some neighbors about three or four o'clock in the afternoon and Matt Morgan who was on his way home noticed a horse away from the road a short distance with a saddle on. Investigating, he found it to be John Kulpas' horse and from indications he concluded there had been an accident. Gathering some neighbors they started out and found the dead body of Oscar about one mile west of the Mrs. Muir ranch. He had evidently met his death by becoming fast in one stirrup as the horse had jumped sidewise and then dragged him. His clothing was most torn from his body and one high-top lace shoe was torn from the foot which was entangled. Mr. Kulpas was away working and did not know of the accident until the body was brought to Chester. The funeral was held Wednesday at 2 o'clock p. m. Obituary on another page.

#### OBITUARY

Oscar Alexander Kulpas was born in Chester, Mont., December 29, 1914, and died an accidental death June 5th, 1928, age 12 years, 7 months and 1 day. He was buried in the Chester cemetery Wednesday, June 6th at 2:30 p. m., Rev. R. M. Bickle officiating. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, a widower, two sisters and one brother. He had numerous boy friends and will be missed by all. The sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved family at this time.

EARL GRAY LA VALLEY

Born: October 28, 1924 - Died: April 16, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

April 27, 1928

**IN MEMORIUM**

On the afternoon of April 16, 1928, Earl Gray LaValley passed away to his eternal home. He was the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur LaValley. He was born in Great Falls, Montana, October 28, 1924; being 3 years, 5 months and 19 days old. He was a very kind and loveable child and was loved by all who knew him.

No! No not dead, just laid away from sight.

To slumber undisturbed thro one long night,

Who in the church yard have their resting place.

"Believe the Master, o'er and o'er he said:

'Why weepst thou? Only asleep.  
Not dead—not dead."

JOSEPH I. LIBERTY  
Born: N/A - Died: April 20, 1928  
Liberty County Farmer  
April 27, 1928

**JOSEPH I. LIBERTY DIES  
SUDDENLY AT RANCH HOME**

Many people were surprised and saddened to learn of the sudden death of Joseph I. Liberty, which occurred at his ranch home near Chocteau last Friday night at 10:30. Mr. Liberty, as president of the L. M. R. Oil Co., after making arrangements for the completion of their well, left Shelby late in the afternoon of Friday, telling his friends that he was not feeling well and was going to his ranch home.

From information at this writing, death ensued at his home at 10:30 that evening from heart failure.

C. H. MURRAY  
Born: 1860 - Died: May 20, 1928  
Shelby Promoter  
May 24, 1928

***C. H. Murray, Sweet  
Grass Hills Pioneer,  
Dies of Pneumonia***

*May 24 - 1928*

C. H. Murray, pioneer rancher of the Sweet Grass hills, died Sunday from pneumonia following an illness of a month. He was 68 years of age. His funeral was held at Chester Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church, Rev. Bickle officiating. The church was crowded with the numerous friends of the deceased, and the floral offerings were beautiful and profuse. Many from this city were there to pay tribute.

Mr. Murray was born at Mound City, Kansas, in 1860. He was one of the real pioneers of this section, having come here in 1880. Since that time he has been engaged in ranching most of the time at Whitlash. He is survived by his widow and five children, Bernam, Osborne, Jean, Ruth and Paul.

The Promoter joins with the sorrowing friends of this reputable and well-liked man in expressing condolences to those left behind.

**SIDNEY NATHWICH**

**Born: 1909 - Died: February 21, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**February 24, 1928**

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**SPINAL MENINGITIS FATAL TO  
HINGHAM STATE COLLEGE BOY**

Bozeman, Feb. 22.—Sidney Nathwicz, 19, of Hingham, freshman in Montana State college's mechanical engineering department, died of spinal meningitis here Tuesday night, having been ill since Feb. 21. No other cases have been reported, authorities say.

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**MRS. A. E. NEHRING**

Born: N/A - Died: November ?, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

November 23, 1928

**MRS. A. E. NEHRING, GILDFORD  
DIES AT DENVER HOSPITAL**

Havre Nov. 23.—Mrs. A. E. Nehring of Gildford died at a Denver hospital following a lingering illness. She had been in Denver for the past eight months. Her husband was with her at the time of her death.

The remains were brought to Havre at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for funeral and burial services which were held at the Havre Methodist church at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon with the members of the Lillian Rebekah lodge in charge.

The deceased is survived by her husband and a son and daughter who attend school at Gildford; also her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burfield and other relatives living north of Gildford.

## SARAH POPPLER

Born: 1911 - Died: December 4, 1928

Chester Reporter - Liberty County Farmer

December 13 - 7, 1928

### JOPLIN GIRL DIES OF SPINAL MENINGITIS

(Liberty County Farmer.)

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She attended the morning session of school but remained home in the afternoon complaining of a severe headache, which increased in intensity with the hours, until Mrs. Gilbert Thompson and Mrs. J. E. Cady were called in and telephone calls were sent for her parents and for Dr. Price at Chester. The weather was bitter cold that night and great difficulty was experienced in getting an automobile started, so that the parents did not get here until about 5 A. M. Death took place shortly after midnight, and about 20 minutes before the arrival of Dr. Price.

Dr. Price diagnosed her affliction as spinal meningitis or spotted fever, and the remains were taken to Havre next day for further examination. The report from Havre was that the disease was the dread spinal meningitis.

The funeral was held this (Friday) forenoon at 10 A. M. The sympathy of the entire community will go out to the bereaved family and her loss is keenly felt by all who knew Sarah, as to know her, was to love her.

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## JOHN SIDENFADEN

Born: January 22, 1860 - Died: February 24, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

March 2, 1928

### JOHN SIDENFADEN, PIONEER IS CALLED BY DEATH

John Sidenfaden, aged 68 years, and a resident of this section since 1910, died last Friday evening, Feb. 24, 1928, after a brief illness, though he had suffering for over a year from high blood pressure. Mr. and Mrs. Sidenfaden have lived for years on their homestead a few miles northwest of Joplin.

The funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Lutheran church, Rev. O. J. Engh conducting the service. Interment was made in the Joplin cemetery.

John Sidenfaden was born in Denmark, Jan. 22, 1860. Was married to Ellen Howde Nov. 20, 1894 at Westville, Ill. He came to Joplin from Nantan, Alberta, in 1910 and died at Joplin Feb. 24, 1928.

**FRANK STRATTON**

**Born: May 16, 1859 - Died: July 28, 1928**

**Chester Reporter**

**August 2, 1928**

**AN OLD PIONEER SETTLER  
PASSES AT WHITLASH**

Frank Stratton, an old pioneer of Whitlash, died suddenly at 2:00 o'clock P. M., July 28th, of epilepsy. Mr. Stratton was 69 years, 2 months and 12 days old at the time of his demise. He came to Montana from Minnesota in 1906, settling near Whitlash and engaging in farming and stock raising which he followed up till his passing away. He had been in the field working during the forenoon and after eating a hearty dinner he laid down for a rest, but passed away soon after lying down.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, six sons and three daughters. A large concourse of relatives and friends followed his remains to the Chester cemetery where interment was made. Rev. O. J. Engh, of the Lutheran church, officiated at the funeral.

**JOSEPH M. SWINEY**

**Born: 1852 - Died: November 9, 1928**

**Liberty County Farmer**

**November 9, 1928**

**JOS. M. SWINEY, OF GILDFORD  
DIES OF CANCER**

Havre, Nov. 5.—Joseph M. Swiney, one of the best known ranchers north of Gildford, died this morning at a local hospital from cancer with which he had been suffering for some time.

The deceased was born in what is now West Virginia in 1852 and was 76 years old. He is survived by eight children. His wife preceded him in June 1926.

His early manhood was spent in Missouri and Kansas and in 1913 he came to Hill county, settling north and east of Gildford. There he raised thoroughbred shorthorn cattle, fine percheron horses and pedigreed Poland China hogs. Through his work as a livestock man he extended his acquaintance all over Montana, and won many prizes at exhibitions.

The surviving children are Willi Swiney, Tilden Swiney, and Mrs. Frank Orr, all of Buffalo, Kans., Mrs. Frank Morton of Thayer, Kans., Fred Swiney of Pincher Creek, Alta., Can., Abel Swiney, Mrs. W. E. Penniwell and J. E. Swiney of Gildford.

**MRS. GEORGE THOMPSON**

Born: N/A - Died: January 15, 1928

Liberty County Farmer

February 3, 1928

**MRS. GEORGE THOMPSON DEAD**

The many friends of Mrs. George Thompson, of Des Moines, Iowa, are shocked at the news of her death, which occurred January 15th at her home in that city.

Mrs. Thompson had been in the best of health up to the day she passed on, when she was suddenly seized with a stroke of paralysis from which she never regained consciousness. Mr. Thompson had been in a hospital, not expected to live for some time previous to the death of Mrs. Thompson, and at last reports was still very low.

The Thompson family homesteaded south of Joplin where they made many friends who have held them in highest esteem and still kept in touch with them thru correspondence.

Mrs. Turnstrom received the sad news from the daughters who are both married and live in Des Moines.

ADOLPH G. TRACHT  
Born: 1871 - Died: 1928  
Liberty County Farmer  
May 25, 1928

**ADOLPH G. TRACHT CALLED  
TO THE GREAT BEYOND**

On Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock the last sad rites were held for one of Joplin's respected pioneers, when a large crowd assembled at the Presbyterian church to attend the funeral service held for Adolph G. Tracht, who passed to the great beyond at the Deaconess hospital in Havre last Saturday evening.

Mr. Tracht had suffered long from a growth which prevented him from eating anything, and, tho he made a trip to the Rochester institution of the Mayo Brothers some monhs ago, no relief could be obtained and he departed this life peacefully and with the firm conviction that he was going to meet his Lord, the Saviour. His was a quiet unassuming Christian character, loyal and true to the best ideals of this life as practiced in his everyday association, his example of Christian faith will long be remembered by all who knew him, and, knowing him, was to love and respect him.

Adolph G. Tracht was 57 years of age, and, aside from his brother, S. J. Tracht, of Rudyard, leaves four other brothers and two sisters to mourn his departure.

## JAMES C. TURNER

Born: September 13, 1862 - Died: November 29, 1928

Chester Reporter

December 6, 1928

# JAMES TURNER PASSES AWAY

James Turner, who for a number of years has resided in the Chester and Galata territory, died at a hospital in Great Falls last Thursday, November 29, after an illness of more than two months which followed a fall from a horse.

When Mr. Turner was injured, he was taken to a Great Falls hospital, where he remained for several weeks, but was brought back to his ranch near Galata about two weeks before death to recuperate, but he soon began to show signs of a relapse and consequently he was again removed to the hospital at Great Falls where he died. Since the fall he was partially paralyzed and recently contracted pneumonia, which ultimately caused his death.

Last Friday the body was taken to the George chapel where same was prepared for burial, the funeral taking place on Monday of this week, the funeral services commencing at 1:45 p. m. at the First Congregational church, with The Rev. P. W. Dierberger officiating. The funeral being under the auspices of the Masonic lodge which order conducted the services at the grave in Highland cemetery of Great Falls.

Mr. Turner was 56 years old. Besides the widow, he is survived by a son, James Clark Turner, and a daughter, Mrs. Evan Bethune of Burlingame, Calif.

Deceased was well known to the people of western and central Liberty county. He was well liked and bore an excellent reputation among his fellowmen and co-workers, all of whom regret his departure.

James C. Turner was born near Nashville, Tenn. September 13, 1862, a descendant of one of the pioneer families to come from Virginia to Tennessee to help reclaim that district from the Indians. Mr. Turner moved to Montana about 47 years ago, settling on the Marias river southwest of Chester and south of Galata. He became identified with the cattle industry and followed the roundups from their beginning until the virtual extinction of this custom a few years ago. The Turner place was well known among the cattlemen and range riders of the past 40 years as a real landmark of hospitality, where the lathstring hung out to the traveler or range rider who happened that way. His passing sends one more cowpuncher to join the boys at the home ranch across the big divide.

The pallbearers were composed of old time friends from Liberty county, who were: Mark Corkrill, James Townsend, Thomas Kinread, Leonard Pugsley, W. D. Jones and Carl Burbank.



**JOHN VOGGENTHALER**  
**Born: 1868 - Died: July 23, 1928**  
**Liberty County Farmer**  
**July 27, 1928**

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**SHOP MAN AT HAVRE  
CRUSHED TO DEATH  
UNDER FREIGHT CAR**

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Havre, July 24.—John Voggenthaler, 60, died last night at a local hospital after being crushed to death under a freight car at the Great Northern yards when a freight car ran over him, mangling both arms and both legs.

Voggenthaler was working under a car when several others were switched onto a siding and crashed into the stationary car, causing it to pass over him.

Funeral arrangements are pending the arrival of a son and daughter, who, with a brother and sister, are the surviving relatives.