

KNUTE H. BERG

Born: January 1 or 31, 1875 - Died: October 8, 1941

Liberty County Times

October 16, 1941

KNUTE BERG, OLD TIME RESIDENT FOUND DEAD

Knute Berg, pioneer resident of the community south of the Marias river, in the southwestern part of the county, was found dead sitting in a chair at his home last Thursday afternoon, presumably having passed away from the effects of a heart attack, probably some time the night before.

The body was found by John Peterson, a neighbor, who called at the Berg home Thursday afternoon.

Deceased was one of the first homesteaders in the community where he made his home for more than thirty years. He was living alone on his farm, his house being near that of his daughter, Mrs. Austin Broadhurst. He was sixty-six years of age at the time of his death, and had been in poor health for the past three or four years.

Mr. Berg was born in Hayfield, Minnesota, on January 1st, 1875. He filed on his homestead in this country in 1911, and has resided there continuously since. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Austin Broadhurst; two brothers, Chris Berg, of the same community, and Peter Berg, of Belt, Montana; and two sons, Harold Berg, of Troy, and Kenneth Berg, of Clancy, Montana; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in Chester Sunday afternoon, Rev. Torrance Harvey conducting the services in the Methodist church. Burial was in the Chester cemetery, beside the body of a sister, Marie Berg, who preceded him in death only a few months.

Pall bearers were Thos. L. Wright, S. O. Shamey, Sam Heimbigner, John Staudacher, John Sherrard and Tie-man Iverson.

JOHN A. BROWN

Born: 1862 - Died: October 27, 1941

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October 30, 1941

JOHN A. BROWN, WHITLASH PIONEER, CALLED BY DEATH

John A. Brown, pioneer stockman and prominent citizen of the Sweet Grass Hills community for the past forty-two years, died at the home of his son, Elmer Brown, near Whitlash Monday morning of this week of a heart attack, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Deceased had been in his usual health recently, and Monday morning helped with the chores and seemed quite happy and cheerful. He was stricken with the heart attack shortly after breakfast, and passed away without suffering any apparent pain.

Among the survivors are the son, Elmer, of Whitlash, and Mrs. Harry Demarest, also of Whitlash, a daughter. Other surviving members of the family are another son, Harold Brown, of Seattle, and one other daughter, Mrs. Esther Kincaid, of Bellingham, Washington. Another daughter, Bessie, passed away about fifteen years ago.

Mr. Brown first came to the state in 1899, stopping for two years in Great Falls, and then coming to the Sweet Grass Hills country, where he located permanently. He had lived in the Hills community continuously since 1892, except for a few years he spent in Seattle.

Mr. Brown was married to Mary Jane Marshall, in Ontario, Canada, on December 23, 1886. Mrs. Brown passed away sixteen years ago.

Deceased was a highly respected citizen of the community in which he lived, and for many years was one of the leading stockmen of this part of the state. In his later years he was always active, cheerful and companionable, and had a wide circle of friends among the old timers and neighbors.

Funeral services were held in the Community hall in Whitlash Wednesday afternoon, and were attended by a large number of relatives, friends and neighbors. Music was provided by a ladies quartette, consisting of Mrs. Alvin Roberts, Mrs. Harry Hoffner, Mrs. Burnham Murray and Mrs. LaVole, with Mrs. Bud McDowell pianist.

Following the funeral services the body was taken to Shelby, and from there to Seattle for burial beside the bodies of his wife and daughter. The son, Mr. Elmer Brown, accompanied the body to Seattle.

JOHN H. DEVINE

Born: January 25, 1856 - Died: 1941

Liberty County Times

November 20, 1941

FORMER CHESTER RESIDENT DIES AT HOME IN MINOT

John H. Devine, pioneer resident of this community, and for many years a prominent figure in political and business circles in Hill and Liberty counties, died recently at the home of his son in Minot, North Dakota.

Mr. Devine homesteaded south of Lothair in 1910, and held title to the land up until the time of his death. When Hill county was created he was appointed county clerk and recorder as a representative of this section of the new county, and was later elected four terms to the same office. He was receiver here for the closed First State bank, and at one time had extensive property holdings in the county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Devine had many friends among the oldtimers, and were highly respected citizens when they lived here.

The following account of Mr. Devine's passing is taken from the Minot daily paper:

John H. Devine, 85, well known Minoter and father of Dr. J. L. Devine, died this morning at 519 Valley street, where he made his home with his son.

He is survived by his wife, whom he married more than 62 years ago; Dr. Devine, the only surviving child, and two grandsons, Dr. J. L. Devine, Jr., a captain at Fort Robinson, Ark., and Francis Devine of St. Paul.

Mr. Devine was born Jan. 25, 1856, in Dexter, Mich., one of 10 children. He began his business career there at the age of 18 when he took charge of a hardware and machinery business for his father.

Mr. and Mrs. Devine were married in Dexter on Feb. 18, 1879, and lived there for several years before moving to Devils Lake, N. D., then the end of the railroad.

From Devils Lake they moved to St. Paul, going to Havre, Mont., in 1910. There Mr. Devine, always a staunch Democrat, was county recorder for 5 terms in strongly Republican Hill county.

After leaving Havre, they lived for 5 years in Chester, Mont., before coming to Minot 15 years ago.

Funeral services have tentatively been set for 8 a. m. Friday at St. Leo's church, with Msgr. J. J. Raith saying the requiem mass. Burial will be in St. Leo's cemetery.

The body is at the Finnegan funeral home.

HELEN LUCILLE ISH

Born: April 29, 1927 - Died: November 21, 1941

Liberty County Times

November 27, 1941

Helen Lucille Ish Passes Following Brief Illness

Helen Lucille Ish, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ish, died at the Mary Lynn hospital on Friday evening of last week, November 21st at 7:45, following a brief illness from a diabetic condition.

News of the death came as a great shock to the entire community, and the stricken parents and relatives have the sincerest sympathy of their wide circle of friends.

The child had been in the very best of health until the first part of last week, and had never had a serious illness in her life. On Tuesday morning she came home from school and complained of not feeling well, and on Wednesday the doctor was called as the case seemed to be growing worse. First symptoms indicated an attack of the flu, but by Thursday the condition had grown more serious and she was taken to the hospital, after a diagnosis had determined the trouble as of a diabetic origin. Every possible aid was given but she grew gradually worse, the end coming early Friday evening.

Mr. Ish was away from home on a hunting trip, but was located west of Augusta, and managed to get home before the end came.

Mr. and Mrs. Ish and their little family of one daughter and one son are among the outstanding citizens of the community. Mr. Ish came here in 1923, and has been connected with

the Great Northern since that time, while Mrs. Ish has spent most of her life here, coming to Chester with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rockman, when only three years of age. They have spent most of their married life here. The loss of their only daughter is a severe blow, and their many friends share in their sorrow and extend such condolence as is possible.

Surviving relatives include the parents and one brother, Elwin, thirteen years of age, the two grandmothers, Mrs. Maloy Ish, of Pullman, Washington, and Mrs. Helga Rockman, of Chester, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Helen Lucille was born April 29, 1927, in Bainville. She has lived with her parents in Chester since 1927. She was in the eighth grade, a member of the Methodist Sunday school, the Campfire Girls and the Royal Neighbor Juveniles.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, Rev. Torrance Harvey conducting the service. Profuse floral tokens were banked about the casket, a particularly attractive piece representing a broken heart was from the students and faculty of the Chester schools.

Music was provided by a ladies chorus composed of Mrs. Fred Brown, Miss JoAnne Erickson, Mrs. Earl Gordan and Ella Warnes, with Miss Jean Lyders as pianist. They sang "In the Garden," "Nearer, Still Nearer" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Pall bearers were Wandazelle Morgan, Arlene Tvedt, Janelle Roke, Kathryn Rehal, Lorene Swank and Thelma Keith.

TURY JOHNSON

Born: N/A - Died: September 5, 1941

Liberty County Times

September 11, 1941

**TURY JOHNSON OF INVERNESS
PASSED AWAY LAST FRIDAY**

Tury Johnson of Inverness was buried Monday in the Highland cemetery of Havre, following funeral services at the Holland and Bonnie Funeral home. Rev. Olaf A. Anderson of the First Lutheran church was in charge.

Mr. Johnson was a well known resident of the Joplin and Inverness communities but had made his home with the J. C. Jensen family for the last 15 years. He has no known relatives but it is believed he is a native of Sweden.

Tury Johnson died Friday, September 5th, after a two month's illness.

Pallbearers were J. C. Jensen, Elmer Jensen, Wendelin Schweitzer and Alfred Rathlum.

KATHERINE KANTOROWICZ

Born: November ?, 1884 - Died: November 22, 1941

Liberty County Times

November 27, 1941

MRS. KATHERINE KANTOROWICZ DIES FOLLOWING STROKE

Mrs. Katherine Kantorowicz, wife of Stanley Kantorowicz, pioneer resident of the community southeast of Chester, died very suddenly at the family home Sunday evening, following a stroke of paralysis early in the day.

Mrs. Kantorowicz had been in her usual health up until the time she was stricken with paralysis. She was fifty-seven years of age.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the Catholic church in Chester at 10:30, and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Anna Kantorowicz was a native of Poland. She married Stanley Kantorowicz in 1909 in Minneapolis. They came to Liberty county in 1913, homesteading southeast of Chester, where they have since lived.

Surviving are her husband, 10 children and two adopted children; Mrs. Joe Manchek of Fort Shaw; Mrs. Swan Wamken of Chester; Mrs. Sig Lalum of Galata; Helen, a sister of the St. Francis order in California; Mary of Shelby; Julia, Josephine, Bernice, Frank and Carl of Chester. Alfred and Ruth, adopted children, live in Spokane. Also surviving are a brother and sister in Minneapolis.

EMILLE MARGARET KINREAD

Born: June 9, 1870 - Died: January 13, 1941

Liberty County Times

January 16, 1941

**MRS. EMILLE KINREAD,
PIONEER MATRON, IS
CALLED BY DEATH**

Mrs. Emille Kinread, widow of the late Thomas Kinread, prominent early day rancher of the Marias river community south of Chester, died at the Chester hospital on Monday morning of this week, Jan. 13, following a lingering illness.

Funeral services will be held this (Thursday) afternoon at two o'clock from the Holland & Bonins funeral home in Havre, with many of the neighbors and old friends from this community attending the services. Burial will be in the family plot in the Havre cemetery, beside the husband who passed away several years ago.

Mrs. Kinread was born June 9, 1870, in Nova Scotia. She was graduated from a Boston nursing school and went with a sister to Denver and San Francisco to practice her profession. She married Thomas Kinread, a contractor, at San Francisco. They came to Montana in 1900, going into the sheep business south of Chester.

Surviving are two children, Harold Kinread and Mrs. James A. Brown, both of Chester.

GALE IONNE LAAS

Born: June 15, 1840 - Died: October 27, 1941

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1941

**LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MR. AND
MRS. WALTER LAAS CALLED**

The community was saddened on Monday morning of this week by the news of the death of little Gale Ionne Laas, sixteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laas, who succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, following the measles. She was born June 15th, 1940.

When the child's condition became critical Sunday, the parents rushed her to the hospital in Havre, but the case was so far advanced that nothing could be done to save the little life, and the end came early Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Laas have the deepest sympathy of their many friends, relatives and neighbors in their sorrow.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. J. Torrance Harvey conducting the service.

Music was provided by the ladies' choir, composed of Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Frank Eggers, Mrs. Earl Goldan, Mrs. Ross Maynard, Miss Ella Warnes with Miss Jeane Lyders as pianist.

Pallbearers were Edna Laas, Ella Keldrauk, Peggy Burrows and Georgia Thielman.

HJALMER G. LAKE

Born: March 26, 1888 - Died: October 9, 1941

Liberty County Times

October 16, 1941

HJALMER LAKE DIED AT JOPLIN FOLLOWING LONG ILLNESS

Hjalmer Lake, old time resident of the Alma and Joplin communities died at the home of his sister, Blanche Lake, at Joplin on Thursday evening of last week, about six o'clock following a lingering illness. Mr. Lake had been in poor health for several years, and had been in the hospital in Havre until recently, when he was removed to the home of his sister at Joplin. He was an early day settler in the Alma community, where he was active in community affairs until poor health forced his retirement a few years ago.

Funeral services were held from the Joplin Lutheran church at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with Mr. F. E. Barclay conducting the services. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Pallbearers were J. H. McDowell, Alex Wester, Clinton Shockley, Hans Lybeck, Ben Poppler and Gus Wernborg.

ALBERT AUSTIN LEHRMAN

Born: May 21, 1870 - Died: May 19, 1941

Liberty County Times

May 22, 1941

Pioneer Resident Dies After Lingerin Illness

Albert A. Lehrman, pioneer resident of the community northeast of Chester, and a highly respected citizen of the county for many years, died suddenly at his farm home north of town on Monday night of this week.

Mr. Lehrman had been in poor health for some time but his condition was not considered particularly critical. He retired Monday night as usual, but passed away before morning. His death was a distinct shock to his family and many friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church in Chester, Rev. F. E. Barkley, of the Seventh Day Adventist church having charge of the services.

Musical numbers were provided by a quartet consisting of Mrs. June McDowell, C. W. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Barkley. They sang, "Sweet Be Thy Rest," and "Some Sweet Day Bye and Bye." Mr. Barkley sang as a solo number, "To Look On His Face," and at the cemetery the quartet sang "Nearer My God to Thee."

Pall bearers were John McDowell, Hans Jensen, George Frank, Findlay Murray, Julius Schaefer and Andrew Mattson.

—Obituary—

Albert Austin Lehrman was born in Fredrickshoffen, Germany, in the year of our Lord 1871.

He came to America with his parents, Augustus and Ann Lehrman, at the age of thirteen. His parents homesteaded at Annandole, Minn.

In 1895 he came to Montana where he worked on various ranches in the Sweet Grass hills area. A few years later he homesteaded at the head of Big Sage creek.

He was married to Bessie Mae Thompson at Boroboo, Wis., in 1919. To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters.

In 1918 Mr. Lehrman moved to his present home, 22 miles north of Chester where he resided until the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Bessie Lehrman; two daughters, Mrs. Chester Rudolph and Mrs. Paul Rudolph of Chester; two sons, Elmer and Leonard, of Chester; one brother, of Colville, Wash.; a sister, of Annandale, Minn.; and three grandchildren, Wilma, Carl, and Gloria Jean, all of Chester.

FRED R. LINCOLN

Born: July 10, 1887 - Died: April 9, 1941

Liberty County Times

April 17, 1941

**FRED A. LINCOLN, INVERNESS
AREA FARMER, IS BURIED**

Funeral rites for Fred R. Lincoln were held Monday afternoon at the Joplin Lutheran church, with the Rev. A. B. Holland officiating. Following the service the funeral cortege left for Havre where interment was in Highland cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Duenow, Alfred Rathbun, Julius Rocks, John Rocks, Harold Eggen and Martin Jochim.

Music sung included "I know That My Redeemer Liveth," "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me," and "My Jesus, as Thou Wilt." Singers were Mrs. E. K. Poppler, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Cal Olson, Mrs. P. Spoonheim, Mrs. P. L. Anderson and Mrs. A. B. Holland, with Mrs. Lyle accompanist.

Fred R. Lincoln, Inverness area farmer, who died April 9 at a Havre hospital, was born July 10, 1887, in Minneapolis. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lincoln. At the age of 12 he came to North Dakota, and then to Montana. About 1910 he filed on a homestead north of Joplin. In 1915 he moved to Inverness where he had made his home ever since. He had always engaged in ranching and farming.

Mr. Lincoln married Anna Kubis Nov. 15, 1915, in Havre.

Surviving him are his widow; three daughters: Esther, a registered nurse at Monroe, Wash., Adelaide, attending high school in Havre, and Lottie, in grade school at Inverness; and three sons, Raymond, Joplin, and Albert and Charley at home.

CHESTER PARSELL

Born: N/A - Died: October 8, 1941

Liberty County Times

October 9, 1941

**CHESTER PARSELL, WHITLASH
PIONEER, DIED WEDNESDAY**

Chester R. Parsell, 64, of Whitlash died early Wednesday morning at a Conrad hospital after a long illness. Funeral services will be held Friday at the Whitlash community hall with burial in the Gold Butte cemetery. Parsell, a bachelor, was born in Nebraska. He had been a resident of the Sweet Grass hills for 40 years. He had made his home with a sister, Mrs. James Bingham. Other survivors are two nephews, Robert and Harvey Bingham, both of Whitlash.

MARY OZIOS POPPE

Born: 1868 - Died: January 12, 1941

Liberty County Times

January 30, 1941

Former Joplin Woman Called

Word was received by friends in Joplin this week of the death of Mrs. Mary Ozios Poppe, a former well known and highly respected resident of the community north of Joplin, on Sunday, Jan. 12, in Myrtle Point, Ore.

Mrs. Poppe passed away at the home of her eldest son, Alex Poppe, with whom she had made her home in recent years. Funeral services and burial were at Myrtle Point.

Mrs. Poppe, widow of Fred W. Poppe, was born in Chippewa Falls, Wis., in 1868, and was married to Mr. Poppe in 1888. After homesteading and extensive ranching in North Dakota and northern Montana, Mr. and Mrs. Poppe and sons moved to North Portland, Ore., where they took over the management of the Stockmen's Hotel, which they operated for a number of years. After the death of Mr. Poppe and their daughter, Mabel, in 1926, Mrs. Poppe moved to Myrtle Point where she made her home with her son until the time of her death. She leaves to mourn her passing three sons, Alex, of Myrtle Point; Fred and Ernest and one daughter, Louisa Miles; five grandchildren and one brother, Albert Ozios, of Muskegan Heights, Mich.

Mrs. Poppe was a member and Deaconess of the Assembly of God church of Myrtle Point, and was active in church and mission work until a few weeks before her death.

For ten years Mrs. Poppe lived with her family ten miles north of Joplin, and will be remembered by many who called on her during times of sickness and childbirth. She was always ready and willing to render loving services to friends and neighbors during times of need and her services during the flu epidemic of 1918 are especially recalled by residents of the community which she served so well.

The family left the Joplin community in 1920.

MATIE SCHULTZ

Born: December 27, 1857 - Died: April 24, 1941

Liberty County Times

May 1, 1941

**PIONEER RESIDENT CALLED
BY DEATH LAST THURSDAY**

Mrs. Matie Schultz, old time resident of the community south of Chester, died at the home of her son, John Schultz, on Thursday evening of last week, April 24, after a long illness.

Funeral services were held from the Methodist church in Chester on Tuesday afternoon of this week, with Rev. Torrence Harvey, former pastor of the Hi-Line parish, in charge of the services. Music was provided by a ladies' quartet, comprised of Mrs. Frank Eggers, Mrs. Fred Brown, Mrs. Harry Heimbigner and Mrs. T. A. Busey, with Mrs. L. E. Matkin as accompanist.

Mrs. Marie Schultz was born December 27, 1857, in Felkenberg, Germany. When twenty-one years of age she came to America, settling in Minnesota. On August 14, 1888, she was married to John Schultz at Rices, Minn. To this union four children were born. Her husband passed away November 30, 1922. Surviving relatives are one daughter, Mrs. Henry Layton, and one son, John Schultz, both of the Chester community; one daughter at Deer Park, Wash., and one son at Vancouver, B. C.

MARYILYN STAUDACHER

Born: 1935 - Died: October 25, 1941

Liberty County Times

October 30, 1941

**DAUGHTER OF MR. AND MRS.
TOM STAUDACHER DIES**

Maryilyn Staudacher, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Staudacher of Chester, died at the Shelby hospital on Saturday of last week from the effects of an attack of spinal meningitis several years ago.

The child had been frail ever since the infantile paralysis attack, never fully recovering. She was taken to the Shelby hospital for treatment some time ago.

The family have the sincere sympathy and condolence of their many friends in their bereavement.

Graveside services were held at the cemetery Monday afternoon, and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

LOUIS ZORN
Birth: May 20, 1887 - Death: June 24, 1941
Liberty County Times
June 26, 1941

LOUIS ZORN CALLED
BY DEATH AT
HOME IN CHESTER

Louis Zorn, who had been a well-known resident of the Chester community for nearly thirty years, died at his home here at 2:15 a. m., Tuesday, June 24, following an illness of several months.

Mr. Zorn had been in ill health for nearly a year, but his condition became critical only a few weeks ago. His passing was not unexpected.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. V. C. Boe, pastor of the Lutheran church of Chinook, assisted by Rev. Torrence Harvey of Havre, in charge of the service. Music was provided by a ladies quartette, consisting of Misses Lucille Demarest, Dorothy Mlinar, Ella Warness and Ethel Hutchison, with Miss Jean Lyders as accompanist. Pallbearers were George Reisenauer, Geo. H. Gau, George Rolph, J. J. Ross, Jas. Reed and Ed Schede. Interment was in the Chester cemetery.

Obituary

Louis Zorn was born in Aurelia, Iowa, May 20, 1887, at the time of his death being sixty-four years, one month and three days old.

At the age of twenty he moved to Redwood Falls, Minn., where on February 22, 1902, he was married to Mary Swan. In 1904 they established their residence in Botteneau, N. D. In 1913 they moved to the Chester community, establishing their home on a farm northeast of town, where they lived until the time of Mr Zorn's passing.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, two sons, Raymond and Roy and a stepson, Herman Swan, all of Chester; two brothers, William Zorn of Blomington, Neb., and Fred Zorn of Pine Ridge, S. D., two sisters, Mrs. Henry Miller of Aurelia, Iowa, and Mrs. Ferdinand Kehymeier of Steinauer, Neb., seven grand children and a host of friends.