

JOHN HENRY AINLEY

Birth: December 21, 1867 - Died: December 15, 1946

Liberty County Times

December 19, 1946

**John H. Ainley,
Resident for 36
Years, Passes**

Funeral services were held here Wednesday for John Henry Ainley, 78, a resident of Chester for the past 36 years. Mr. Ainley passed away suddenly at his home here Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Rev. James Knorr of the Chester Methodist Church conducted services for the deceased here Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Mrs. Robert Wigen and Mrs. Hugo Johnson sang "The Old Rugged Cross", "City Four Square" and "Rock of Ages". They were accompanied by Miss Peggy Keith at the piano. Pallbearers were: George Gau, Jake Schafer, Don Stores, Joe Smith, Art Norris and Harry Heimbigner.

John Henry Ainley was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, and came to Chester in 1910 and has since made his home with his brother, Arthur Ainley. He was unmarried.

Besides his brother, the deceased is survived by two sisters, one of Des Moines, Iowa, and another living in California. Also surviving are a niece, Mrs. James Christian of Shelby and two nephews, George and Wesley Ainley of Kalispell.

EDWARD ALLEN

Birth: September 20, 1898 - Died: February 14, 1946

Liberty County Times

February 21, 1946

Edward Allen, Merchant From Whitlash, Dies

Suffers Heart ¹⁹⁴⁶
Attack After
Shoveling Snow

Funeral services for Edward Allen, of Whitlash, who died last Thursday, were held at the Whitlash community hall Tuesday, Feb. 19.

It was a military funeral with Rev. J. Shoemaker of Stanford, officiating. Pallbearers were William Schaeffer, Harry Demerest, Robert Thompson, Fred Alcott, Harry Flynn and Burnham Murry. Burial was in the Whitlash cemetery.

Allen died suddenly at his home at 6 p. m. Thursday, Feb. 14. He had been in Shelby that day to buy a truckload of tractor fuel. Returning home he had to shovel his way out of several snowdrifts and arrived at his house exhausted, succumbing later to a heart attack.

Edward Allen was born Sept. 20, 1898 at Wankee, Iowa. He came to the Hills section in 1919 and was married there in the early twenties to Louisa Stott. He began a store at Whitlash in 1924 and had served that community ever since up until the time of his death. He was a veteran of World War I, in which a brother, Fred, was killed in action.

Survivors are the wife, three daughters, Evelyn, Winnifred, and Golda, and one son, Edwin, all residing at home.

CHRIST BERG

Born: November 3, 1868 - Died: September ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 26, 1946

Christ Berg, Long Time Resident, Passes Sunday

Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church here Wednesday, for Christ Berg, 79, with Rev. James Knorr officiating. Burial was in the local cemetery. He had been taken to the hospital Saturday night after being found in serious condition on his farm 25 miles southwest of Chester.

Mrs. Fred Brown and Mrs. Hilmer Johnson, accompanied by Miss Peggy Keith, sang "Old Rugged Cross" and "Ivory Cross." Pallbearers were: Karl Jeppesen, John Sherrard, Q. R. Buffington, Leonard Pugsley, Robert Pugsley, Q. R. Buffington and Tieman Iverson.

Christ Halvorson Berg was born November 3, 1868 in Dodge county, Minnesota, where he lived until 1912 when he came to Chester, Montana. He lived until the time of his death on his ranch southwest of Chester. His sister, who accompanied him here, passed away several years ago. Mrs. Austin Broadhurst, a niece, is the only locally known relative.

SHIELA LEE BERG

Born: June 16, 1945 - Died: January 17, 1946

Liberty County Times

January 24, 1946

**Funeral Services for
Shiela Berg Held
Last Saturday**

Shiela Lee Berg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Berg of Hingham passed away last Thursday morning at the Chester hospital after a short illness. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester with the Rev. M. T. Gilbertson conducting the service.

Shiela Lee Berg was born in Chester on June 16, 1945. She was baptized in the Kingdom of God in the Lutheran church at Hingham.

She leaves to mourn her passing, her parents, two brothers, Lanny and Harley, one sister, Andrea, her maternal grandparents and her paternal grandmother, besides her many uncles, aunts, and cousins.

The local Lutheran choir rendered several beautiful numbers at the services.

ERNEST J. BLANCHARD

Birth: August 28, 1877 - Died: October 31, 1946

Liberty County Times

November 7, 1946

**Funeral Services for
E. J. Blanchard Held
In Great Falls Monday**

Funeral services for Ernest J. Blanchard, 69, who died in a Great Falls hospital Thursday were held at the O'Connor chapel and at St. Ann's cathedral Monday morning, where requiem mass was said. Burial was in Mount Olivet cemetery.

Pallbearers were George Gau, Ole Reese, Emil Zoeller, Alex McGraw, Pete Marshall and H. T. Johnson.

Mr. Blanchard(Ernie to most of us) was born in Canada, August 28, 1877. He moved to Chester when a child and lived on a farm. In later years he operated the Roosevelt service station here until he retired in 1944 and moved to Great Falls. He leaves a host of old time friends in this section to mourn his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Dora; two daughters, Mrs. Willis Cady, Gildford, and Mrs. John Monroe, Cut Bank; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Brack and Mrs. M. Mearatt, both of Washington state, and five grandchildren.

RUBEN W. BURGESS

Birth: February 28, 1863 - Died: December 19, 1946

Liberty County Times

January 17 , 1947

**R. W. Burgess of
Lothair Community
Dies in Wisconsin**

R. W. Burgess, old-time resident of the Lothair community, died recently in Wisconsin. The following obituary notice was sent to this newspaper by relatives:

Ruben W. Burgess was born February 28, 1863, near Darlington, Wisconsin, and moved to South Dakota in 1885 and settled at Fort Pierre, operating a store there after he had reached manhood. He later lived in other points in South Dakota, including Rapid City. He was married and had one son and in 1909 he and the son came to Montana and filed on a homestead northwest of Lothair and had lived in that district most of the time since.

He moved back to South Dakota in late fall of 1944 and was doing fine until early winter when his health started failing and he died December 19. He leaves, besides his relatives, a large circle of friends to mourn his passing.

ALGOT SOLOMON CARLSON

Birth: March 31, 1868 - Died: February 11, 1946

Liberty County Times

February 14, 1946

**A. S. Carlson of
Joplin Passed
Away Monday**

Algot Solomon Carlson, 77, Joplin farmer, passed away early Monday at his home. He became very ill Sunday night, but had been in failing health the past two years.

Mr. Carlson is survived by his widow and two sons, Eric of Bremerton, Wash., and Melvin of Havre, and a daughter, Mrs. Jack Minnehan of Columbia Falls. Also left to mourn his passing are a brother, August, of Sweden. A son, Axel, passed away in 1939. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

Mr. Carlson was born at Smoland, Sweden, March 31, 1868, and came to Spokane, Wash., at the age of 30. He later lived in Canada and moved to Montana in 1910, residing three and one-half miles southwest of Joplin.

The deceased was a member of the Lutheran church. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at the Lutheran church in Joplin.

KENNETH FAGERBERGER

Born: 1923 - Died: February 10, 1946

Liberty County Times

March 7, 1946

Funeral Services Held in Shelby for Kenneth Fagerberger

Funeral services were held in Shelby February 27, for Kenneth Fagerberger, son of Ole Fagerberger, state liquor inspector. It was a military funeral, as Kenneth had been discharged from the navy only a few days before his death on February 10.

Chester people attending the funeral included: Mr. and Mrs. John Staudacher and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Staudacher, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Staudacher and son, Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Keith, Robert Keith and Thelma Keith.

Kenneth Fagerberger was born Spokane, Washington in 1923. With his folks he moved to Shelby in 1927 where he lived until graduating from high school in 1941. He then went to Los Angeles, where he worked in the shipyards until his enlistment in the navy in early 1942. He was discharged from the navy on January 22, and returned to Shelby, where he stayed until his death.

Mrs. Ole Fagerberger is the sister of Thomas Staudacher of Chester.

HAROLD FAUSHALD

Birth: February 4, 1882 - Died: January 16, 1946

Liberty County Times

January 17 - 24, 1946

Harold Faushald Laid to Rest Monday Afternoon

Funeral services for Harold Faushald, who died last Wednesday at Warm Springs, were held Monday afternoon at the Chester Lutheran church with the Rev. M. T. Gilbertson, conducting the service. Burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Harold Faushald was born at Totten, Norway, February 4, 1882, the son of Hans Nelsen Byttet and Johanna Maria Byttet, both of whom died a number of years ago.

There are surviving four brothers, Einar Byttet of Del Bonita, Alberta, Canada, and Nels, Martin and Peter all of Norway, two sisters, Elena Sando of Hayward, Calif., and Hilda Flood of Chicago.

Harold Faushald Passes Wednesday At Warm Springs

Word was received in Chester yesterday afternoon of the death of Harold Faushald, 64, early that morning in a hospital at Warm Springs. He had been ill for some time and was taken to Warm Springs last Sunday for observation and treatment.

Mr. Faushald was a homesteader in the Horsecreek section for a number of years. He is survived by one brother, Einar Byttet of Del Bonita, Alberta, Canada.

Tentative funeral services have been set for Monday morning at the Lutheran church here.

JAMES B. FORBES

Birth: February ?, 1853 - Died: November 1, 1946

Liberty County Times

November 7, 1946

**Funeral Services Held
Here for James B.
Forbes Wednesday**

Funeral services for James B. Forbes, 93, resident of the Sweet-grass hills area were held here Wednesday with Rev. Schumacher of Shelby officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Mrs. Nellson Bingham sang a solo "In the Garden", accompanied by Mrs. Ed. Theilman. Pallbearers were Carl Iverson, C. E. Dull, Allen Ross, Henry Schafer, Fred Sommers and Art. Morrison.

Mr. Forbes was born in County Cork, Ireland and came to this country at the age of 17. He had worked at various ranches in the hills area since early days. There were no known relatives.

MARY KAY HODGES

Birth: November 10, 1945 - Died: August 4, 1946

Liberty County Times

August 8, 1946

**Wm. Hodges Infant
Passes, Funeral
In Joplin Friday**

Mary Kay Hodges, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hodges, passed away in a Denver, Colorado, hospital Sunday, August 4. The child was born November 10, 1945 in Chester.

Funeral services will be held in the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin, Friday, August 9, at 2:00 according to word received here.

MARY HOEL

Birth: August 25, 1874 - Died: April ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

April 18, 1946

Funeral Services For Mrs. Mary Hoel Held Here

Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Mary Hoel, 71, Thursday April 11, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Rev. Merrill T. Gilbertson officiated. The remains were shipped to Bemidji, Minnesota, for burial.

Mary Hoel was born August 25, 1874, at Lilli Lammer, Norway. She came to the United States in 1901 and settled in Minnesota. In 1915 she was married at Black Duck, Minnesota to John Hoel and moved to Montana in 1916 where she resided until the time of her death.

Mrs. Hoel is survived by two brothers, Ole Ungstad of Alberta, Canada and John Ungstad of Norway. Among other survivors are the following relatives: Mrs. Kari Ungstad, sister-in-law, Bemidji, Minnesota; Mrs. Carl Etters, niece; Mrs. George Blend, Niece; Mrs. Ruth O'Burne, niece and Mr. Paul Ungstad, nephew, all of Great Falls.

A. O. HOVEE

Birth: N/A - Died: November 19, 1946

Liberty County Times

November 28, 1946

A. O. Hovee Passes, Funeral Friday

(Havre Daily News)

Last Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock funeral services were conducted by Rev. Merrill Gilbertson, Lutheran pastor, for Andrew O. Hovee.

Mrs. Ole Flatten sang, "Rock of Ages," "Just as I Am" and "No Shadows Yonder".

Pallbearers were Lloyd Hovee, Walter Hovee and Stanley Hovee, Malvin Narifjeren, Charles Bradford and Robert Wood.

Mr. Hovee, formerly an Inverness rancher and merchant, died last Tuesday at Missoula.

Survivors are a son, Selmer B. Hovee, Tacoma, Washington; a daughter, Mrs. Ed Davis, Missoula; a sister, Mrs. Soeva Narifjeren and four brothers, Jim and John Hovee of Hoople, N. D.; Ole Hovee and Ed Hovee of Inverness.

EVA S. IRWIN

Born: April 9, 1869 - Died: March 20, 1946

Liberty County Times

April 4, 1946

**Sister of Mrs. A. G.
Rudolph Passes**

Word was received last week by Mrs. A. G. Rudolph of the death of her sister, Mrs. Eva S. Irwin at Great Falls.

Eva Irwin was born in Akron, Erie county New York April 9, 1869 and resided in Minnesota and also in Montana in later years of her life.

She resided on a homestead north of Chester for some time then later moved to Great Falls where she resided until her death March 20, 1946.

She leaves to mourn her passing; two sons, Cecil of Great Falls and Lloyd of Bellvue Indiana; also four daughters, Mrs. P. C. Clark of Carrington North Dakota, Mrs. Elmer Johnson of Great Falls, Montana, Mrs. Olaf Baker of Lyle, Washinton and Mrs. Lawrence Anderson of Chicago, Illinois; also one sister, Mrs. Clara Rudolph of Chester, besides grandchildren and great grandchildren.

JENS C. JENSEN

Born: September 12, 1879 - Died: October 30, 1946

Liberty County Times

October 31, 1946

Jens C. Jensen of Inverness Passes; Funeral Saturday

Jens C. Jensen, 67, for over 30 years a farmer in the Inverness section, passed away last night at his home six miles south of Inverness.

Mr. Jensen is survived by his widow, three sons, Art, Ernest and Elmer, all of Inverness, and three daughters, Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Arnold McCann of Osburn, Idaho, and Mrs. Wendlin Schweitzer of Havre. A brother, Arthur, resides in Sleepy Eye, Minn. Also left to mourn his passing are 10 grandchildren.

The deceased was born Sept. 12, 1879, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and came to this country at the age of 15. He resided at Sleepy Eye before going to Kenmare, N. D. Mr. Jensen was married November 25, 1908, at Kenmare, to Miss Katherin Zeltinger. He came to Inverness from Kenmare in 1909, and for the remainder of his life operated a farm south of the town.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, 2:00 p.m., at the Holland and Bonine Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Highland cemetery.

AXEL T. JOHNSON

Birth: April 21, 1882 - Died: October 7, 1946

Liberty County Times

October 10 - 24, 1946

Axel Johnson Passes In Kalispell Hospital Monday Morning

Word was received here this week of the death of Axel T. Johnson in a Kalispell hospital Monday morning following a lingering illness.

Mr. Johnson was a pioneer in this community, having farmed southeast of Chester for a number of years and was considered one of the best farmers in the county. He was taken to the hospital in Kalispell a month ago. Edward Jenson recently took charge of the farm.

Funeral services and burial will be held in Webster, South Dakota, where a brother resides. Further details were lacking.

Axel T. Johnson Buried In South Dakota

(Webster, S. D., Farmer & Reporter)

Funeral services for Axel T. Johnson, who passed away at the Sisters' Hospital in Kalispell, Montana, on October 7, were held at the Emmanuel Church, north of Holmquist, Friday afternoon at 2:00, with Rev. H. LaVerne Flaberg officiating.

Axel T. Johnson was born in Sweden April 21, 1882, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peter Johnson. He spent his early years near Holmquist, Webster and Summit. In 1908 he went to Canada where he lived for a few years and then moved to Chester, Montana, where he engaged in farming until his death. He died at the age of 64 years, 5 months and 10 days.

He leaves to mourn his loss, two brothers, Alfred Johnson of Mlaaska, Minn., and August W. Johnson of Webster. Nine nieces and nine nephews also survive him, Mrs. Gustafson, Mrs. Starr, Carl Johnson and Henry Johnson of Milaca, Minn.; Herman Carlson of Holmquist; John and David Carlson and Mrs. Emil Braley of Webster; Frank Carlson of Minneapolis; Esther Swenson of Watertown; Rudolph Carlson of Mt. Morrison, Mich.; Mrs. Alvin Weston and Rudolph Johnson of Minneapolis; Mrs. Gladys Little of Chicago; Mrs. Narmie Johnson of Elmhurst, Ill.; Mrs. Selma Baker of Shell Rock, Ia.; Rev. Clarence Johnson of Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Frances Hulsebus of Denver.

CLYDE HAROLD JOHNSON

Birth: December 19, 1905 - Died: May 29, 1946

Liberty County Times

May 30, 1946

Clyde Johnson Accidentally Electrocuted

The body of Clyde Johnson, 39 was found Friday on the farm belonging to S. O. Shamey, where Clyde has been employed for several years. According to deputy sheriff, Otto Fossen, death was caused by an electrical charge from a wire leading to a grain loader that Johnson had been using. He had previously turned off the switch and was trying to disconnect the wires. It is believed that a defective transformer was the cause of the accident. Johnson was in Chester Wednesday, and it is believed that the accident happened later that day. The body was found Friday by Harlin Bildin of Joplin.

Agents of the Montana Power Company, and state Railroad and Public Service Commissioner, Paul T. Smith have been here this week to investigate into the cause of the electrical charge.

Funeral services were held in the Bethel Lutheran Church in Joplin Tuesday with Rev. Merrill T. Gilbertson officiating. Burial was in the Joplin cemetery.

Clyde Harold Johnson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Johnson of Centuria, Wisconsin, and in addition to his parents is survived by a sister, Mrs. E. A. Anderson of Minneapolis and three brothers, Harry of Aurora, Illinois, Arthur of Centuria and Homer Ward of Minneapolis.

Mr. Johnson was born December 15, 1905 at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

EDOUARD LAUENER

Birth: October 20, 1863 - Died: March ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

March 28, 1946

**Edouard Lauener,
Pioneer Resident,
Passes on Coast**

Word was received this week of the death of Edouard Lauener, 82, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Windler of Ranier, Washington. Mr. Lauerer was well known in Liberty county as he was one of the pioneers in the Sweetgrass Hills area. For a number of years he owned a ranch in the foothills of East Butte.

Funeral services were held at Mills and Mills Chapel in Olympia, Washington, Wednesday, March 20. Burial took place in the Masonic cemetery.

Edouard Lauener was born at Lauterbrunnen, Switzerland, October 20, 1863, having attained the age of 82 years at the time of his death. He had been a resident of the Sweetgrass Hills since 1887. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Wendler of Ranier, Washington, two sons, George and John Lauener of Whitlash, a sister, Mrs. Lydia Roke of Chester, ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren and many nephews and nieces.

AXEL E. LEAR

Birth: December 26, 1869 - Died: April 15, 1946

Liberty County Times

May 2, 1946

Axel E. Lear, Pioneer Resident, Passes in Gt. Falls

Funeral services were held at the W. H. George Chapel in Great Falls recently for Axel E. Lear, 77, long time resident of Liberty County. Interment was in the Highland cemetery. The Rev. A Lunde officiated.

Axel E. Lear was born December 26, 1869 at Lillehammer, Norway, and passed away April 15, at Great Falls. Mr. Lear came to the United States at an early age and settled at St. James, Minnesota, later moving to Montana in 1910, where he homesteaded and lived on a farm west of Joplin until retiring about two and one half years ago. Mr. Lear was a well known figure in Liberty County having been instrumental in breaking up much of the prairie in this section in the early days for the homesteaders. Mr. and Mrs. Lear celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 26, 1946.

Survivors including his wife are: Mrs. A. E. Lear, Great Falls; Mrs. Miranda Nelson, Inverness; Mrs. Arnold Hadford, Great Falls; Mrs. Tom Wakefield, Socorro, N. M.; Miss Jeanett Lear, Great Falls; and Mrs. Jim Kostakis, Great Falls, daughters. One son, Philip E. Lear, Los Angeles, California, and a nephew, Pete Lear of Joplin. There are 10 children and 7 grandchildren.

It is interesting to note that only a few days before Mr. Lear's death word was received that his older brother had been shot by a German firing squad during the German occupation of Norway.

CHARLES F. LECK

Birth: February 14, 1888 - Died: November ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

November 21, 1946

Galata Man Dies At Falls Hospital

Charles F. Leck, 58, janitor at the public school in Galata, died at a hospital in Great Falls following a brief illness.

Leck was born February 14, 1888, in Iowa. He is survived by his widow and a son, Kenneth Leck, also of Galata.

GERTRUDE ELIZABETH LeFAVER

Born: February 23, 1905 - Died: December 12, 1946

Liberty County Times

December 12, 1946

Mrs. Ralph LeFaver of Whitlash Passes Away in Havre Hospital

Mrs. Gertrude Elizabeth Lafaver, 41, wife of Ralph Lafaver, a customs patrol employee stationed at Whitlash, passed away early this morning in a Havre hospital. She had been in failing health several months.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Lefaver is survived by two sons, Ralph J. Lefaver, Jr., stationed with the navy at San Yesido, Cal., and William A. Lafaver, who is attending high school in Boston, Mass. Other survivors are Mrs. Lefaver's mother, Mrs. Catherine Quinlan, Boston, Mass., three sisters, Mary, Catherine and Ella Quinlan of Revere, Mass., and two brothers, Joseph Quinlan, Revere, Miss., and Thomas Quinlan in the Maritime service.

Mrs. Lefaver was born in Boston, Mass., Feb. 23, 1905 and was married December 9, 1925 to Ralph Joseph Lefaver at Revere, Mass. The Lefavers came to Harlem from Detroit in 1933 and subsequently lived in Browning, Turner and Whitlash, coming to the latter place last February.

The body will be taken to Boston for mass and interment at Revere. Services have tentatively been set for December 12.

Mrs. Lefaver was a devoted Catholic.

W. S. MATHEWS

Birth: N/A - Died: August ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

August 22, 1946

W. S. Mathews Passes Away Suddenly at Daughter's Home

The Chester community was shocked Saturday to learn of the death of W. S. Mathews, bandmaster at the Chester high school for the past year, at the home of his daughter in Frankfort, Kansas.

Mr. Mathews, who had resigned his position with the Chester schools, had accepted a position in the state of Washington for the coming year. Mr. and Mrs. Mathews left here a month ago to spend some time with their daughter in Frankfort, after delaying their trip for some time while they waited for a new automobile. Their son, Albert remained to drive the car to Kansas, leaving only a week ago.

The word was received here Saturday by Sheriff Dodds Keith of Mr. Mathew's sudden death, but details were lacking.

MARGARET LOEHR WOOD McDANIEL

Birth: July 2, 1889 - Died: September 17, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 19 - 26, 1946

Funeral Services Held Here for Mrs. C. McDaniel

Funeral services for Mrs. Clarence McDaniels were held at the Catholic Church here last Friday morning with Rev. Fr. Werner officiating. Interment was in the Chester cemetery. Pallbearers included; Emil Eggers, Arthur Morrison, George Lauener, William Schaefer, Robert Bond and Nelson Bingham.

Mrs. McDaniels was born July 2, 1889, in Travis county, Minnesota, and spent her younger years in that vicinity. She was married to James E. Wood January 10, 1909, at Devils Lake, North Dakota, and to this union 5 children were born, James, Lora, Olive, Edgar and Raymond. Mr. Wood passed away in 1918 and following his death the family moved to Montana. In 1924 the deceased married Clarence McDaniel and to this marriage six children were born, Charles, Alvin, Joyce, Eary and twins, Verna and Vernon.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. E. Lohér of Laird route, a sister, Mrs. Agnes Korst of Great Falls, her husband, Clarence McDaniels, eleven children and eleven grand children.

Mrs. C. McDaniels Dies in Conrad; Funeral Here Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Clarence McDaniels will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday at St. Mary's Catholic church here. Interment will be in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. McDaniel passed away Tuesday in the Conrad hospital where she had been confined with pneumonia for the past several days.

LESTER H. PARISO

Birth: N/A - Died: June ?, 1946

Liberty County Times

June 13, 1946

Lester H. Pariso Passes in Missoula

(Havre Daily News)

Lester H. Pariso, whose daughter, Mrs. Velma Moody of Missoula, is a former resident of Havre, died last week at the residence of a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Engstrom in Missoula. Mr. Pariso had visited in Havre several times.

The deceased was a retired farmer and came to Montana in 1910.

Survivors include the widow and three daughters, Mrs. Esther House, Mrs. Moody and Mrs. Engstrom, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

BURNICE M. (KLACXAK) PETLAK
Birth: October 8, 1893 - Died: June 18, 1946

Liberty County Times

June 20 - 27, 1946

Mrs. Frank Petlak Passes Following Lingering Illness

Mrs. Frank Petlak, 52 pioneer resident of Liberty county, passed away Tuesday morning in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre following several months illness.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 o'clock Friday morning in the Catholic church here. Father J. Kohnke of Hingham will officiate. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Funeral Services Held Here for Mrs. Frank Petlak Friday

Requiem high mass was conducted at Chester Catholic church Friday morning for Mrs. Frank Petlak, 52, who passed away at the Sacred Heart hospital in Havre last week after an illness of three and a half months. The Rev. Fr. John Kohnke officiated at the mass, and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Pallbearers were John Brinkman, Fred Christa, Carl Borys, Nick Bubnash, Donald Frazer and Ernest Holzner.

Burnice M. Klacxak was born in Poland October, 8, 1893, and passed away June 18, 1946.

She came to Montana from Poland in 1913 and was married May 9, 1915, to Frank Petlak. She was a member of the Chester post No. 3997 Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

Besides her husband Mrs. Petlak is survived by five daughters, Mrs. Jack Stores, Chester, Anna Sophia, Leona, and Frances, and one son, John all of Chester; three sisters, Mrs. Frank Sekora, Columbia Falls, Montana, Mrs. Victoria Adamski, South Heart, North Dakota, and one sister living in Poland; two brothers, Joseph Klacxak, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and one brother living in Poland. There are four grandchildren.

GEORGE N. SHEPHERD

Birth: October 16, 1867 - Died: September 12, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 12 - 19, 1946

George N. Shepherd Passes; Funeral Here Saturday

As we go to Press this (Thursday morning) it was learned that George N. Shepherd, pioneer resident, had passed away at a Havre hospital at 5:00 o'clock this morning.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church here at 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon with Rev. James W. Knorr officiating. Interment will be in the local cemetery.

Funeral Services Are Held Here Saturday for George N. Shepherd

George N. Shepherd, 79, was laid to rest in the Chester cemetery. The service was conducted by Reverend James W. Knorr in the Chester Methodist Church. Music was provided by Mr. Leonard Plank and a trio consisting of Mesdames Stella Plank, Frances Brown and Ella Wigen rendered three appropriate vocal selections. Pallbearers were: Frank Eggers, Fred Brown, Art Norris, George Gau, Harry Heimbigner and P. M. Kuhry.

George N. Shepherd was born October 16, 1867, in Bentonsport, Iowa, and resided there in early youth. He was married October 9, 1889, to Miss Addie B. Bell at Keosauqua, Iowa, and to this union nine children were born. All of whom are living with the exception of one son who passed away in 1921.

In 1901 the family moved to Cooperstown, North Dakota, where Mr. Shepherd farmed until 1916 when they moved to Chester. Mr. Shepherd filed a homestead south of town and farmed in that community

until his retirement approximately 25 years ago. Since that time he has made his home in Chester. At the age of 18 the deceased joined the Methodist church and has been a constant, ardent and influential member until the time of his death.

Mr. Shepherd, affectionately known as "Grandpa Shepherd" among many of us who can remember him from the time we were only youngsters, was a typical Montana pioneer. He was one of the most well respected and honored gentlemen of the community and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his passing.

The deceased is survived by his wife, Addie Shepherd, three sons, Glen Shepherd of Kalispell, Paul Shepherd of Chester and Dr. L. K. Shepherd of Des Moines, Iowa, and five daughters, Mrs. George Mills of Spokane, Mrs. Simon Warrington and Mrs. John Roke of Chester and Mildred and Gladys Shepherd of Des Moines.

OLE SMESTAD

Birth: December 22, 1876 - Died: February 23, 1946

Liberty County Times

March 7, 1946

**Ole Smestad Passes
Away in Havre
Hospital February 23**

Ole Smestad, 60, passed away in the Sacred Heart Hospital in Havre Saturday, February 23, following a lingering illness. Funeral services were held at Our Saviour's Lutheran church in Chester last Thursday, February 28, and burial was in the Chester cemetery. Rev. Gilbertson officiated.

Ole was born near Minot, North Dakota, December 22, 1876 and moved with his parents to Spokane, Washington, where he farmed for a number of years before coming to this community about 30 years ago. He homesteaded north of Lothair for many years before moving to Chester where he resided until his death.

Mr. Smestad is survived by a sister, Mrs. Charles Phillips of Nelson, British Columbia, and a brother, Joseph Smestad, of Spokane, Washington.

EWART LEROY SNUFFER

Born: January 29, 1921 - Died: August 28, 1946

Liberty County Times

August 29 - September 5, 1946

Funeral Services For Roy Snuffer Held Saturday

Funeral services for Ewart LeRoy Snuffer, 25, of Lothair who passed away at the Conrad hospital last Wednesday were held in Shelby Saturday. Rev. McCorkle officiated and burial was in the Shelby cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Galata post of the American Legion.

The deceased was born January 29, 1921 in Chester and spent most of his life in this and the Lothair community. He attended Lothair and Chester schools and spent over a year with the army air corps. He was a member of the Galata post of the American Legion. Roy was well known and liked by the younger set here.

Survivors include his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snuffer, a brother, Darwin, and two sisters, Ona Mae of Seattle and Mrs. J. Budgett of Kent, Washington.

Harvesting Accident Fatal to Roy Snuffer, Funeral Pending

Roy Snuffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Snuffer of Lothair, passed away in the Conrad hospital Tuesday morning as a result of injuries received in a harvesting accident last week.

Although definite funeral arrangements have not been made as yet, it is believed that services will be held in the Methodist Church in Shelby with Reverend McCorkel officiating. Correct announcement of the funeral will be broadcast over station KFBB in Great Falls.

NETTIE A. STOTT

Birth: February 10, 1872 - Died: April 21, 1946

Liberty County Times

April 25, 1946

Mrs. Nettie Stott Passes Sunday At Whitlash

(Whitlash Correspondent)

Mrs Nettie A. Stott, who passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Allen, on Easter Sunday, April 21st, was born at Sherburne, Minnesota, on February 10, 1872. She was the oldest child of a family of seven. Two sisters and one brother have preceded her in death.

She lived in Minnesota until her marriage to Lester A. Stott, February 10, 1900 when they came to Kalispell, Montana, where they lived for two or three years. She went back to Minnesota while Lester stopped in the Sweet Grass hills to do some prospecting. He also took up a homestead. Mrs. Stott returned to Montana in 1903, living on the homestead until 1916 when the property was bought at Whitlash for a store location. She was Postmistress from 1917 until 1928 when they moved to Chattaroy, Washington. Lester Stott passed away in October 1938, and is buried at Chattaroy, Washington.

Mrs. Stott is survived by two brothers, Pearl Alvord, Hill, Montana and Marion Alvord, Chatfield, Minnesota, and one sister, Mrs. Julia Clark, Stettler, Alberta. One son, Ray Stott, Whitlash, three daughters, Mrs. Louisa Allen, Whitlash, Montana, Mrs. Ellen McGee, Dallas, Oregon, and Mrs. Ruth Davis, Searchlight, Nevada, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral Services were held at Liberty hall, Whitlash, at 3: p.m. The body being shipped to Spokane for burial beside her husband.

Our sincere sympathies are extended to Mrs. Allen and family.

HULDA A. (GONIYZKE) RIECK SWARTZ

Born: November 29, 1862 - Died: April 2, 1946

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Born in Berlin, Germany Married John Frederick Rieck 14, November 1878 in Fall Creek, Wisconsin then married Frederick Swartz 1924. And was buried in Chester, Montana

**Hulda Swartz,
Former Resident,
Buried Monday**

Funeral services for Mrs. Hulda Swartz, 83, who passed away April 2, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ester Kennedy, in Vancouver, British Columbia, were held Monday afternoon at Our Savior's Lutheran church in Chester. Rev. Merrill T. Gilbertson officiated. Internment was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Hulda Swartz was born in Germany November 29, 1862. As a girl of 16 years, Mrs. Swartz came to the United States, settling in Wisconsin; where in 1880 she was united in marriage at Fall Creek, Wisconsin, to John Reick who passed away in 1917. In 1924 at Wetaskiwin, Alberta, she was married to Fred Swartz who passed away three years ago.

Prior to going to Canada, Mrs. Swartz had made her home at Chester and following Mr. Swartz's death she returned to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Hilda Smith. Last fall she went to Seattle to spend the winter at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emma Payne. February 16 she journeyed to Vancouver to visit another daughter, Mrs. Ester Kennedy where she resided at the time of her death.

Mrs. Swartz is survived by two sons: John Reick, Breton, Alberta, and Edward Reick of Standford, Montana; seven daughters; Mrs. Anna Sheehan, Wilton, N. Dak., Mrs. Louise Huston, Minot, N. Dak., Mrs. Ida VanMeter, Lynwood, Cal., Mrs. Hilda Smith, Chester, Montana, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Great Falls, Montana, Mrs. Ester Kennedy, Vancouver, B. C. and Mrs. Emma Payne, Seattle, Washington, two sisters, Mrs. Emma Matson and Mrs. Mathilda Crumroy of Fall Creek, Wisconsin, 14 grand children, 22 great grandchildren and one great great grand child.

E. C. TOLLEY

Birth: N/A - Died: September 11, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 19, 1946

E. C. Tolley Passes In Kalispell

Word was received here this week that one of Liberty county's pioneer residents, E. C. Tolley, passed away in Kalispell Wednesday, September 11, following a lingering illness. Burial was in the Kalispell cemetery. Old-timers will remember Mr. Tolley very well. He platted Tolley's addition to Joplin and operated the Tolley Livestock Co. there for many years.

Prior to coming to Montana, Mr. Tolley platted the town of Tolley, North Dakota, which bears his name.

Mr. Tolley served as county commissioner of Hill county from this area before Liberty county was formed and while commissioner was instrumental in ordering the construction of the cut through the Dobbie ridge 14 miles south of Joplin.

He left this county in the late twenties and has made his home at Kalispell until the time of his death.

SUSIE TURNER

Birth: 1870 - Died: August 23, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 5, 1946

Mrs. S. Turner Dies In California

(Tribune of Shelby)

Mrs. Susie Turner, 76, wife of the late James Turner, pioneer rancher of the Galata area, died August 23 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Bethume of San Mateo, California. She has been in ill health for the last several years.

Born in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Turner came to Montana in 1887. In 1894 she was married to Turner who with his father and a brother, had established the first big cattle ranch in the Galata area on the big bend of the Marias river. Original stock for the ranch was brought from Tennessee in 1882. The pure-bred shorthorns were shipped by train to Bismark and were driven overland from there to the ranch when space on the river boat to Fort Benton could not be secured.

Turner died in 1928 and Mrs. Turner and her son, James Clark Turner, continued to operate the ranch until March 14, 1941, when they sold to Paul A. Wolk. The ranch at that time comprised 5,113 acres. Wolk sold to Clarence A. Kolstad February 20 of this year.

In 1930 a portion of the ranch was dedicated as a memorial park to Turner. The park is equipped with a clubhouse, picnic facilities and a ball park, and is one of the favorite recreation spots in Toole county.

Mrs. Turner had resided in California since 1942, and prior to that time, for four years, in Seattle. She is survived by her daughter and son, the latter now residing at Oakland, California, and one grandchild.

MARTIN G. WEIDEMANN

Born: 1889 - Died: December 3, 1946

Liberty County Times

December 5, 1946

Former Gold Butte Store Operator Passes

(Great Falls Tribune, December 3)

Shelby (AP)—Martin G. Weidemann, 57, prominent retired businessman, died this afternoon from a heart attack at his home here.

Weidemann, a veteran of World war I, was born in Columbus, Wis., and came to Montana before the first world war. He operated stores in Great Falls and Gold Butte before moving to Shelby in 1941.

Weidemann and his wife returned last night from Lewiston, where they spent Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. James Woods. Funeral arrangements are pending.

THERESA KATHRYN WENDLAND

Birth: November 12, 1946 - Died: November 24, 1946

Liberty County Times

November 28, 1946

**Catholic Rites for
Wendland Infant**

Funeral services for Theresa Kathryn Wendland, 13-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wendland of Rudyard were conducted at the Catholic church in Inverness Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock.

The infant, who was born Nov. 12, passed away in a Havre hospital Sunday. In addition to her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Dale 10½ years old and Billy, 5 years old.

MRS. H. O. WOARE
Birth: N/A - Died: August ?, 1946
Liberty County Times
August 29, 1946

**Mrs. H. O. Woare
Passes in Helena**

Word was received here this week that Mrs. H. O. Woare had passed away in Helena this week. Further details were lacking. Funeral services were held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Helena.

Mrs. Woare was a resident of Chester for many years during which time her husband, H. O. Woare, operated this newspaper and was postmaster here.

ROY L. YOKEM

Birth: 1898 - Died: August 26, 1946

Liberty County Times

September 19, 1946

Extra Gang Employee Dies at Lothair

Roy L. Yokem, 48, died suddenly of a heart ailment in Lothair Monday morning. He had been working with the extra gang of the Great Northern Railway when he was stricken. Coroner Dodds Keith was immediately called, and a hunt for relatives has been in progress. The deceased is said to be a veteran of World War I, and is reported to have two brothers and one sister. The sister has been reported to be living at Bakers Field, California, but authorities have not been able to locate her.

Body of Roy L. Yokem Shipped to Texas

After a search that lasted nearly three weeks, Coroner Dodds Keith managed to find relatives of Roy L. Yokem, who died of a heart ailment in Lothair August 26. He was working with an extra gang on the Great Northern Railway, and fellow workers believed him to be from California or Oregon.

After all attempts to locate these relatives had failed, Mr. Keith finally was successful in gaining information about Yokem through the veterans finger print bureau at Washington, D. C., which showed the deceased last known address as Hot Springs, Arkansas, where authorities managed to locate a sister and then orders were received to ship the body to Greenville, Texas.

MARY AMANDA ZORN

Birth: 1877 - Died: February 10, 1946

Liberty County Times

February 14, 1946

Death Claims Mrs. Mary Zorn Sunday Evening at Havre

Mrs. Mary Amanda Zorn passed away at the Havre hospital Sunday evening at 5:15 after a lingering illness of several years. She had been in the hospital since last October and grew weaker until the end came. Mrs. Zorn had been a resident of Chester and vicinity since 1913 and leaves a host of friends and relatives who mourn her departure.

Mrs. Zorn was born in Germany 69 years ago and came to the United States with her parents in 1876 and settled at Sleepy Eye, Minnesota. In 1897 she was united in marriage to Albert W. Swan and to this union two sons were born, Albert and Herman. Mr. Swan passed away December 24, 1899.

In February, 1902, she was married to Louis H. Zorn, and with this union had two sons, Raymond and Roy. The family moved to Montana in 1913 from Battenau, N. Dak., Mr. Zorn passing away in 1941.

Surviving Mrs. Zorn are three sons, Herman, Raymond and Roy, all of Chester; two sisters, Mrs. Ed Schultz of Tagus, N. Dak., and Mrs. Herman Schultz of Vesta, Minn.; one brother, Leopold Stage of Vesta, and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at the Chestern Lutheran church with the Rev. Merrill Gilbertson officiating.

MRS. WILLIAM H. ZORN

Birth: September 23, 1893 - Died: January 3, 1946

Liberty County Times

January 10, 1946

Chester Saddened By Death of Mrs. William H. Zorn

The Chester community was saddened Thursday morning of last week to receive the news that Mrs. William H. Zorn had passed away at a Havre hospital. She had been seriously ill for the past several months though her friends never gave up hope for her recovery. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at Our Savior's Lutheran church here and burial was in the Chester cemetery.

Mrs. Zorn was born in Long Prairie, Minnesota, on September 23, 1893. In 1910 she moved to Bottineou, North Dakota, with her parents and attended public schools and grew to womanhood there. On November 18, 1914, she was united in marriage to William H. Zorn at Bottineou and in 1929 the couple moved to Montana, and two years later came to Chester where they have lived ever since.

Those mourning her departure besides the husband are her mother, Mrs. Frederick Clasen of Roseau, Minn., two sisters, Ruth Franklin also of Roseau, and Mrs. Lydia Hurshman of Joliet, Ill., and three brothers, Arthur and Rudolph of Roseau and Walter of Joliet. But most of all she will be missed by her church in which she devoted all her strength and energy.

She was superintendent of Our Savior's Lutheran Sunday school for eight years. Hundreds of children in this community will cherish in their memories the Christian patience, loyalty and devotion of her.

Next to Mrs. Zorn's love for her Sunday school came her active association in the Ladies aid of the church. At the time of her death she was president of that organization and for three years had served as treasurer. She was always willing to serve on committees and secretaries of the various departments of the aid. She also served as Mission secretary for the Havre circuit WMF. In the congregational affairs she served on the board of deaconess and board of Christian education.

The Chester community has truly lost one of its most cherished citizens.