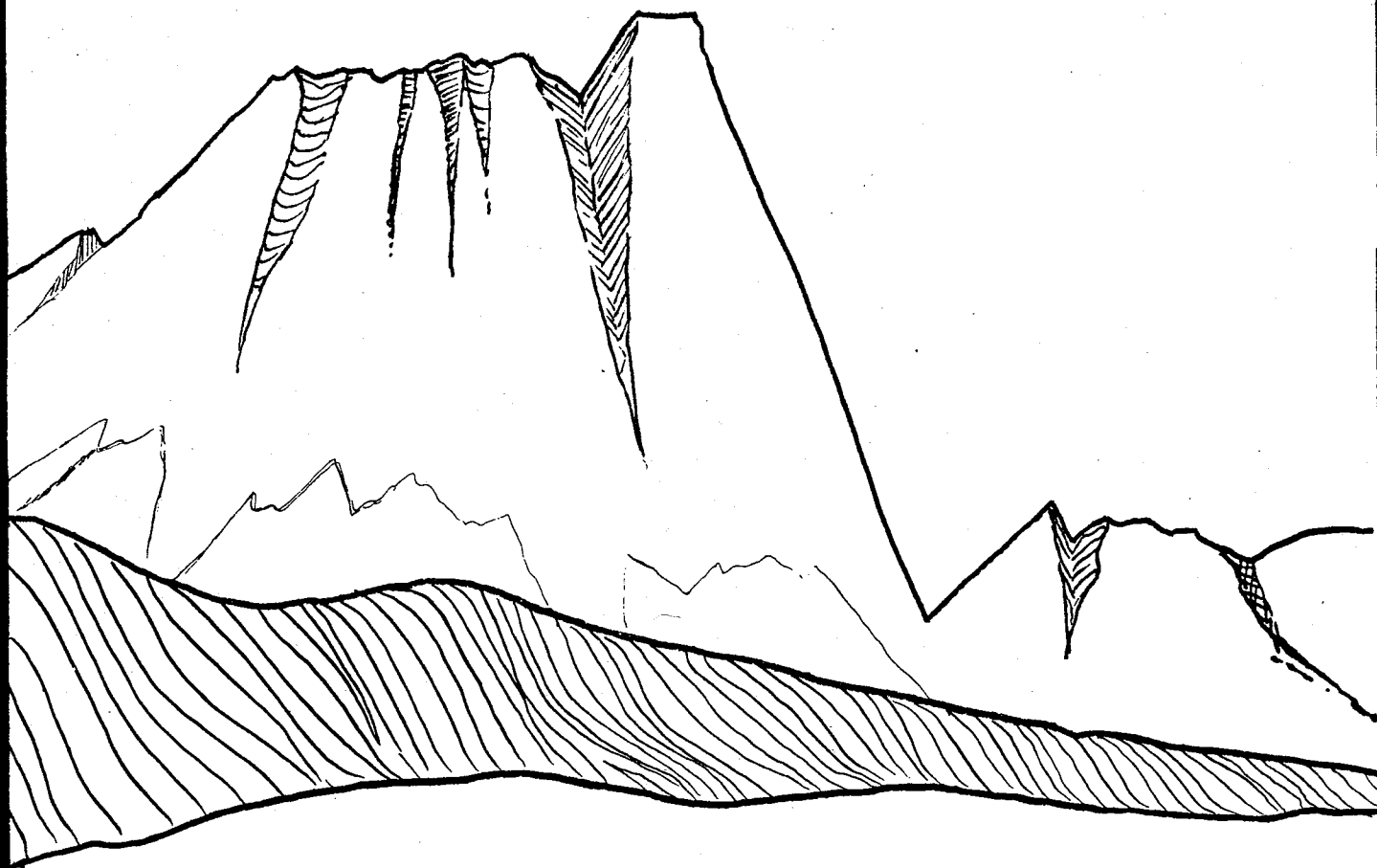


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Simon O. Warrington:
Night Marshall, the Year of the Dempsey Fight
Written by Thelma Warrington Shaw

The coming of fall in 1922 was a year of one "first" in my life. For the town of Chester, the closeness of the scheduled Dempsey-Gibbons fight scheduled for Shelby in July of 1923 brought excitement to Chester in the form of more tourism, infear of an impending "crime wave." For me, the most major of the "firsts" was a move to the town of Chester where my father, Simon Warrington, became a night marshall patrolling the streets when darkness became dark as most of the houses in town and the pool halls put out their lights long before each night was over.

Dad carried a gun and a flashlight as he walked the streets and I do not think my mother slept much during those night hours. Then, in our three room house, there was a bit of problem trying to sleep in the daytime, for in addition to my sister Helen and I, next door lived Laura and Les Ward with Walter, Vena, Stella and small Edna to add to the noise in the backyard. No police car around Chester in those times; the night marshall walked the town armed with a gun and a flashlight. Years afterward I learned how fearless my dad really was.

"Bums" were always the riders on the freight trains in those days and the shaded banks of the Great Northern Reservoir was a great camping ground. The railroad water tank located in Chester made train stops frequet and so all the area around the depot and the old Prairie Inn to the south of the depot and across what is now Highway#2 had to be patrolled every night. In the 20's Chester lived near enough to frontier days to remember traveling "medicine men" and gamblers and other "tough characters" and

the town figured it might be a perfect place for unsavory characters traveling to the "fight" area to execute a few tricks. In addition to the trains, cars were beginning to be on the roads and they could bring crooks, too.

To a six year old, the idea of a "fight" about which so many people were excited, was something that excited my imagination. No T-V or radio in those days. So I wondered if lots of people were going to fight and let other people watch or was it just a fist fight between two men that all those people were going to watch.

My memory may be so wrong but I believe I only remember one person that I believe actually went to Shelby to see the bout and that was John Roke, my uncle by marriage. Many other Chesterites were going, I know, but I cannot name them.

Sometime during that year of 1922-1923 my father worked for Mr. Biggs at the Chester Flour Mill. As a six years old I remember going to the mill perhaps once or twice and being awed by the dust, the noise of the gears and belts, and the sacks piled about. Years later, in a hotel in Wallace, Idaho, I spied Mr. Biggs in the Lobby and instantly recognized him from my few visits to the flour mill.

Many memorable "firsts" crowded into my life in that winter of 1922-23 in Chester. Just north of our back yard was the skating rink (located just where it is now in this year of 1993). Few of us were lucky enough to have the means to have ice skates but a few did. Among those I vividly remember who had skates were "Boy" (Lloyd) and "Bud" (William), sons of Dr. Melvin. We who had no skates loved to run and slide on the "skate wealth." So, usally we just stood around and watched until we were so

cold we had to go home.

The high school, with its unusual white brick exterior, crowned the hill as it did for many years afterward. But that year of 1922-23 when I started school in Chester the four lower grades were still in the two room schoolhouse (located in those years on the site in 1993 of the Montana Power Office) and downtown in Chester. By that time the bell tower was gone and I do not remember any fence but Mr. Hess's shoe shop was next door to the north of the schoolyard. As was usual in those times, there were two grades to a room and my first year in school I had three teachers. A Miss Nelson was hired but she left before long; then Mrs. Devine, the wife of the high school superintendent, substituted who taught the first and second grades until a Miss Amelia Dester arrived to take over. The next year the old schoolhouse was abandoned and I began the second grade in a basement room of the high school with Miss Amelia Dester again our teacher. Miss Dester was a very special teacher and many of us were poor. On January 26, of 1924 three of us in the room had birthday--Theresa Kurtz, Erwin Warnes, and I all had birthdays. All of us were sent out for recess and came back to find a candy bar on each desk. This was a never to be forgotten experience. And Miss Dester's small, small salary could hardly afford such a treat for us; she lived in one room in the old Ainley Hotel at that time with another teacher whose name I do not remember.

In 1922, colored Easter eggs may have been fairly common but this was the first time Helen and I were told to go out and see what the Easter bunny had brought. At the rear of our "little green house" was some sort of shed where we found our first Easter surprise.

By 1922, cars were becoming popular in Chester but not too many were affluent enough to own one. So, horse-back riders, grain tanks pulled by four and six horse teams, and buggies were common. In this world that was still a horse world, I had another first. When George and Addie Shepherd came from North Dakota in 1916, with the work horses, they brought two fine saddle horses, of racing thorough bred stock, named Shirley and Lady Grace. My father, perhaps in a hurry to get to work, had ridden Shirley in from the country, and he put me on Shirley to ride back up to George Shepherd's town barn, located west of the present Sweetgrass Lodge in 1993. Shirley knew where we were going and started out at a walk but dogs came out and barked at her heels and she bolted carrying me by the George Ross house, Mrs. John Shepherd's house, and the home of the Bassett family. I managed to stay on my "first runaway" but Shirley and I had stired some local excitement before she wheeled into the George Shepherd barn lot.

Sometime in the spring on 1923, I had my "first camp-out. No one had money to travel as the twenties were years of drouth, bank failures, and deprivation for the homesteaders of much of the west. My dad, Simon Warrington, wanted to get out to look around, particularly to joureny to the homestead although he was now farming rented land. No memories of much packing comes back to me but we drove in a buggy to the homestead, which was located just west of the present Shepherd farm six miles south of Chester. The 12 x 20 homestead "shack" was still standing and the single horse, Toots, was unhitched and put to grass and we camped in the dusty old homestead. I don't remember much except Helen and I slept in quilts on an old table. The next day we started back to Chester going

farther west and following the old Pugsley telephone line part of the way. A great dust storm came up and Toots was reluctant to face into the wind and sand as we drove back to Chester. Arriving home finally near dark we all were tired, dusty, and disappointed in our "vacation" trip. Last, but not least, much more important that year of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight was my "first" date. The Sunday School held at the Methodist Church was having an "ice cream social" for the Sunday School. Each boy was asked to ask a girl and bring her to the party. Those boys not bringing a "date" would have to eat out in the ante-room under the bell tower on apple boxes. (Old Methodist Church in 1993 is now the Liberty County Museum with some changes in the front portion of the old building.) The week following the announcement a knock came at the door of our "little green house" and there stood Ed Ross to ask if I could walk with him to the Sunday School ice cream social. Mother and Mary (Shepherd) Roke quickly created for me a little black taffeta dress with puffed sleeves. Also a gray coat made from something in Mother's wedding trousseau.

That season of being a night policeman patrolling the dark streets of Chester was indeed a "first" for Simon Warrington. He moved to town for me to start school and he took the job of patrolling the dark streets for money that was so desperately needed in those year. He had survived being orphaned, running away when he was twelve years of age, recovering from a severe illness when he was sixteen and alone in a small rooming house, and he survived homesteading. Simon Warrington never wanted to live anywhere but where he could see Nature at its worst and at its best. He was a fearless survivor, living until he had celebrated his 98th

birthday.

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"RIVER PRESS" FORT BENTON, MONTANA

EXCERPTS FROM NEWS PAPER 1891

MAY 1891-

Died --At St. Clare Hospital, Fort Benton, Mont., May 19, 1891, Horace **BANKS**, age 35.

The deceased was brought up from Chinook May 6th, suffering from an abscess on the lungs. He died suddenly at about 6 p.m. yesterday. At this writing it has not been decided whether his remains will be interred here or shipped to Bridgeport, Conn., where he has relatives.

Died- At St. Clare hospital Fort Benton, Mont., Wednesday, May 20th, 1891, after a long and painful illness, Mr. James W. **Rodgers**, aged 31 years.

Mr. **Rodgers** was born at Boston, Mass., and at the age of six years removed with his parents to Connecticut, where he resided until he was fourteen years of age. He then spent three years on the sea. For the past twelve years he has lived in Montana, most of the time at Fort Benton. He was married to Miss Mary S. **Evans**, March 9, 1886. The result of this union was two daughters, aged respectively, eleven months and four years. He had always been a sober, industrious man. The funeral services will

take place at the M. E. Church tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock. All the friends are invited to attend.

Born-- At Fort Benton, Mont., on Thursday, May 21, 1891, to the wife of Paul **Handley**, a daughter.

July 22-1891- River Press-Fort Benton

Accidental Drowning

On Thursday last a man Al. **ROBINSON**, a cowboy engaged with the STV round up, was drowned at Turner's ranch on the Marias. It appears that the foreman, Mr. **STREETER**, of the STV outfit, wanted to get some cattle that were on this side of the river. He and Robinson started across the stream, which was high, and swimming on horseback. Streeter's horse swam all right, but Robinson's animal refused and turned in the stream, and Robinson either got out of the saddle or was thrown out. He had his clothing and a pair of leather chaps on, but seemed to be able to swim, and would have gotten out all right had he not, after getting near the shore, turned out into the stream again in an effort to catch his horse. This cost him his life, for the swift current caught him and bore him out in the middle of the river and swept him rapidly down stream. He cried for help, and Streeter, who had gotten across safely plunged in to his assistance and swam as rapidly as he could to the drowning man. When he had just gotten in reach Robinson began to go under for the last time; Streeter in an effort to save him caught his hat but failed to get hold of his hair or clothing, and the body sank to rise no more. The man who was drowned was of English birth and was a brother of Harry **Robinson**, who are one

time resided in this city and is well known to many of our citizens. At this date the body has not been recovered.

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Aug.26-1891-River Press-Ft. Benton

Harry **Robinson**, Geol **Ulrich** and Jacob **Librowicz** returned last night from Turner's ranch, on the Marias, where they had gone to attend the interment of **Mr. Robinson's brother, Al**. From them we learn that the body was discovered by **W.P. Turner, Jr.** at a point about four miles below where drowned, and on the opposite side of the river. It was lying on a bar and was badly decomposed, the head and one arm being found at some distance from the body. The flesh had entirely disappeared from the skull, and the remains were buried near where found. The parties speak in terms of highest praise of the kindness and assistance gratuitously rendered by Mr. Turner and son in going to much trouble and expense in the matter. The reward of \$50 offered by **Harry Robinson** for the recovery of the body was kindly refused by **Mr. Turner**.

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CHESTER POST OFFICE WILL BE CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ON JUNE 30TH AND JULY 1 & 2 OF 1995.

ALSO CELEBRATING IS LIBERTY COUNTY FOR 75 YEARS AND THE LIBERTY COUNTY LIBRARY IS CELEBRATING 50 YEARS.

Aug 19-1891 River Press

Charles M. Russell, the cowboy artist of Montana, was in Fort Benton

yesterday with the Bay State outfit. A RIVER PRESS representative had quite a chat with Mr. Russell, whose paintings, representing Indian life and wild western scenes, have made him famous throughout the west and, in fact, all over the country. Mr. Russell came to Montana from St. Louis, Mo., when a lad sixteen years of age. He has been here eleven years, being now 27 years of age. He has never attended an art school, but his work bears the mark of genius, and puts to blush the efforts of artists who have spent all their lives in studios. His figures stand out upon the canvass as though living and moving, and every detail is faithfully and truthfully portrayed. In his particular line Mr. Russell is a master, and we sincerely hope he will find it to his interest to give his entire attention to art work. He tells us that he is fond of the work and the only reason he does not follow it is because there is not money enough in it. We believe, however, that in his particular line he has no equal, and that his pictures would, if properly handled bring him a fortune.

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Aug. 26-1891-River Press

Mr. John **Wasesha**; of Pend d'Oreille coulee was a guest in Fort Benton over Sunday, having arrived from Great Falls Saturday evening. For two weeks past Mr. **Wasesha** has been staying in that city, having been in attendance upon his wife who is an invalid. Several weeks ago Mrs. **Wasesha** was taken to Great Falls to be treated for a complication of diseases, but the nature of her complaint is of such a character that it has been decided to take her to Bellevue hospital, New York city, for treatment. Mr. **Wasesha** left this morning for his ranch to make preparations for the journey eastward.

Sept. 30-1891 River Press

Five headstones, to mark the graves of Union soldiers in the Fort Benton cemetery, have been received at the depot, and were conveyed to the cemetery today. They are furnished by the government under the statute so providing, and are of neat design. The names of those whose graves they are to mark are: Col. George **Clendenin**, Dr. Wm. E. **Turner**, Thomas **McDonald**, Thomas **Mussell** and Patrick **Fallon**.

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Oct. 28 1891 River Press- From Friday's Daily

Chinook Opinion: The best yield of potatoes we have yet heard of for this season is T. C. **Burns'** who gathered 120,000 pounds from 8 1/4 acres of ground, or 14,500 to the acre.

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Died-- At St. Clare hospital, at 1 o'clock a. m. Friday, October 23, 1891, "Aunt" Leah **Ward**, aged about 75 years. The funeral will take place from the hospital tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m.

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A general court martial will meet at Fort Assinniboine on Monday next for the trial of such persons as may be brought before it. The following officers comprise the court: Maj. David D. **Van Valzah**, 20th infantry, president; Capt. Abram A. **Harbach**, 20th infantry; Capt. John N **Coe**, 20th infantry; Capt, Frederick K. **Ward**, 1st cavalry; Sec1 Lieut. John W. **Furlong**, 1st cavalry; Sec. Lieut. W. H. H. **Chapman**, 20th infantry, members; Sec. Lieut. Charles **Gebhardt**, 20th infantry, judge advocate.

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March 7, 1892

Born on Thursday afternoon, March 7, 1892, to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar **Johnston**, a son.

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March 2, 1892- River Press

Chas. M. **Russell**, who will remain in the city until the Spencer case is disposed of, informs us that he intends to start a saloon at Chinook, and devote his time to his artistic labors and the new venture at least until the spring round up begins, and possibly engage permanently in the business.

State Auditor E.A. **Kenney** arrived from Helena last evening, bringing with him important books and official papers to be used by the grand jury in investigating the bounty cases. Frank A. **Dowd**, collector of customs at Sweet Grass, is also here to give his testimony in certain cases.

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Chas. M. **Russell**, the "cowboy artist," executed some very neat pencil sketches in the court room this morning, while waiting to be called upon to give his testimony. It is the intention of the state board of world's fair commissioners of Montana to get Russell to produce two large oil paintings, typical of western life, for a place in Montana's exhibit at Chicago. Charley is going to make an effort to outdo all his former productions; and although the labors of the master artists of all ages will be exhibited there, we know that none will be more realistic and true to nature than the specimens produced by the cowboy artist of Montana.

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March 2, 1892 - River Press

Wm. **Collins**, who brought Lewis **Campbell** to this place a week ago Sunday, started for his home at the Sweet Grass Hills this afternoon. Before leaving, Mr. **Collins** and Kenneth L. **McKenzie**, also of the hills, took out their final papers of citizenship in court. Mr. **Campbell's** broken limb is mending rapidly, and he expects to be able , in a couple of weeks, to return to the ranch.

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Robert **Mills**, who is a well known old timer in Fort Benton, is visiting friends in this city for a few days. Mr. **Mills** left this city for the Maiden mining district a dozen years ago, and for several year ran a hotel in Andersonville. He is now running a ranch at Lewistown and is prospering. This is his first visit to Fort Benton in ten years, and he is the guest of Herman **Brinkman**.

Choteau Montanian : The **Baron Max Grotthus**, of Russia, and Mr. **Dalprat**, of Paris, are sojourning at the ranch of **Clark Bros. & Co.** On Washington's birthday they rose early and out of respect to the memory of George hoisted the American flag before the other members of the household were astir, but judge of the surprise to the patriotic **Clarks** when they beheld the flag upside down. **Grotthus and Dalprat** will never hear the last of how they hoisted the stars and stripes

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From Tuesday's Daily

Ole J. Osnes, of this vicinity, tool out his final papers and became a citizen to day. He is a native of Norway.

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A marriage license was granted this morning of **Mr. Frederick H. Hess,** and **Miss Minnie A Linwell,** both of Fort Assinniboine.

March 30, 1892- River Press

Born- On Sunday, March 27th to **Mr. and Mrs. Chapple,** of the lower Marias, a son.

April 6, 1892- River Press

Born- April 1st, 1892 to **Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Harber,** of this city, a daughter.

Last night a **Mrs. Doyle,** wife of the section master at Marias, was brought to the residence of **Mrs. Johnson,** on Baker street, and at 12:30 this morning gave birth to a rousing baby boy, followed a few hours later by a little girl. All are doing well.

April 13, 1892 River Press

L. Crichton, from the Sweet Grass hills is in the city for a few days, and will leave on Monday for Helena, in company with some parties from Scotland, enroute to the capital. **Mr. Crichton** informs us that ranchers, principally sheep men, are rapidly filling up the region around the buttes, and he himself contemplates putting in a lot of sheep on Little Sage creek during the coming summer.

April 17, 1892 River Press

Born on Sunday April 17th, 1892 to the wife of **Geo. W. Crane,** of this city, a daughter.

June 1st, 1892 -River Press Newspaper

James Townsend, captain of the Marias round up, came in from the circle ranch last evening. He returned today, accompanied by **Mart Burrows**, who will assist on the round-up this summer.

Yesterday afternoon **Wm. R. Embleton** of the Teton, was admitted to citizenship. Today **Francis Covenant and Henry Berger**, were naturalized and **Anthony O'Donnell** declared intention and tool out his first papers.

QUERY

LANE Seeking descendants of siblings **Clara May (LANE) MEEKS(188?-1934)** and **George John LANE(1892- 1962)** . Address in 1926 was Shelby Have research to share, including 1856 Lane passenger list! Compiling cemetery biography and **Clara Meeks** needs grave marker. **Contact: Liz Reck- 1324 Sixth Ave. So.- Moorhead, MN. 56560-2949**

MARSHALL Searching for relatives of William Henry **Marshall** of Owen Sound, Ont. His father was Robert **Marshall**. William Henry was born in 1856 in Ospery town ship, Ontario, Canada. His wife was Sarah **Grey**, they had 2 children. Maude and William Robert . Maude married Charles H. **Lewis**. The father was known as Henry , he passed away on September 12, 1916. For many years had kept a grocery store at 1145 3rd Ave. East, Owen Sound, Ont. Canada. Henry is buried in Greenwood Cemetery in Owen Sound. Henry had two brothers, John, and James and two sisters Jane and Eliza. If anyone has any information on these people. Please contact Mrs. Betty L. Marshall, Box #476, Chester, Mt. 59522.

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MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR CHOUTEAU COUNTY

DATE	APPLICANT	BRIDE	LICNU	BKNU	PGNU	NOTE
04\30\1888	Dunbar, Samuel B.	Amorx, Mary Ona		A	15	
07\30\1889	Duispis, Denis	Alard, Adeline		A	59	
04\14\1890	Denison, Joseph	Johnson, Mary	12	A	83	
01\26\1891	Dawson, Thomas	Clark, Isabel	49	A	120	
06\16\1891	Duffy, James W.	Lenahan, Kate	79	A	150	
01\23\1892	Davis, Albert H.	Neuburt, Lucy	111	A	182	
02\01\1892	Decedes, Napoleon	Jarvis, Harriett	112	A	183	
05\17\1892	Dacelle, Gus	Worland, Alice	119	A	190	
08\24\1892	Dumont, Alexea	Morain, Sarah	127	A	198	
02\21\1893	Davis, Claborn E.	Nesbitt, Mattie	153	A	224	
05\20\1893	Dalby, E. Koss	Butler, Isabell	167	A	238	
02\23\1892	Davis, Frank	Rutherford, Mary	170	A	241	
06\08\1893	Dobler, Fred P.	Tully, Catherine Agnes	181	A	252	
09\25\1893	Donty, James B.	Miller, Mary Frances	189	A	260	
10\04\1893	Domikon, Theodore Emil	Johnson, Dora Lee	194	A	265	
01\28\1894	Downen, Thomas	Buckley, Agnes A.	206	A	277	
11\17\1894	Day, Hiram	Madison, Mary	231	A	303	
04\25\1894	Davis, Albert J.	Thomas, Florence	240	A	312	
07\01\1895	Dubois, Frank	Sensomer, Mary	254	A	326	
12\12\1895	Davidson, Benjamin J.	Mafor, Pearl Varney	262	A	334	
05\01\1896	Devine, Edward	Siebert, Tillie	283	A	355	
05\21\1896	Dowling, Jefferson D.	Wiggins, Lela Irene	285	A	357	
08\07\1896	Daniels, Edward L.	Morlock, Carrie	294	A	366	
05\19\1895	Doran, Fred J.	Larson, Martha	300	A	372	
12\25\1896	Drane, Lucilius	Jackson, Katie E.	316	A	388	
02\10\1897	Davis, George	Wohrle, Mary A.	323	A	395	
03\27\1898	Dahlin, Alfred	Anderson, Ida	376	A	448	
08\29\1898	Desrivieres, John Baptist	Turcotte, Christina	394	A	466	
09\12\1898	Davis, William M., Jr.	Shaw, Nellie M.	398	B	4	AdpN
10\06\1898	Deitz, John M.	Hoban, Mary	399	B	5	
12\07\1898	Darling, M. S.	Conrad, Mary Hunter	406	B	12	
04\18\1899	DeLorimer, Alfred O.	Gorin, Marie Jeanne	425	B	31	
06\03\1899	Dustin, Samuel	Pez, Catherine	440	B	46	
08\01\1899	Denton, Samuel, Jr.	Griffin, Sarah Elizabeth	453	B	59	
05\12\1900	Dolson, William P.	Baker, Lucy V.	503	B	109	
05\20\1901	Dunlap, G. W.	Dorn, Carrie	559	B	165	
09\18\1901	Dickson, William J.	LaFrantz, Henrietta	578	B	134	
02\12\1902	Duffield, George W.	Hofeldt, Emma D.	602	B	208	
09\06\1902	Dando, Charles Fred	Thompson, Minnie N.	646	B	252	
12\24\1902	Davee, Henry A.	Flinders, Mabel Estella	668	B	274	
08\31\1903	Donellan, Michael J.	Fedden, Meta Rebecca	713	B	318	
11\28\1903	Devlin, L. K.	Lepper, Laura E.	732	B	338	
12\01\1904	Dionne, Fred	Greenough, Viola C.	823	B	429	
02\22\1905	Dutro, George D.	Culbertson, Helen R.	837	B	443	
11\06\1905	Duggins, Frank	Hoverson, Lena	896	C	4	
01\15\1906	Doney, James	Turcot, Mary	909	C	17	
05\26\1906	Davis, Logan	Bent, Anna	936	C	44	
07\13\1906	Dunnigan, John J.	Chestnut, Jeannette	950	C	58	
06\06\1907	Delaney, Harold Elmer	Hurley, Nellie	1021	C	129	
09\27\1907	Davis, Charles R.	Kubitza, Katie	1063	C	171	
10\31\1907	Daulton, Alvin	Papan, Grace	1071	C	179	
04\28\1908	Doxtater, Charles William	Hatler, Iva Esta	1108	C	216	
05\12\1908	Deroen, Joe	Lewis, Lydia H.	1110	C	218	

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06\16\1908	Dooney, John	Fleury, Flora	1116	C	224	
09\04\1908	Davis, Albert R.	Hermes, Annie G.	1136	C	244	
09\12\1908	Dierkes, Roy Alfred	Fogarty, Alice Dunwood	1137	C	245	
04\03\1909	Davis, Albert	Miller, Annie	1181	C	289	
06\30\1909	Dow, Fred	Parvlik, Stefanie	1206	C	314	
08\17\1909	Deaver, Leslie William	Hankey, Bessie Fern	1215	C	323	
11\16\1909	Dunwoodie, Henry Charles	McKenzie, Alyce Eliza	1234	C	342	
11\17\1909	Dickinson, Chester E.	Hilla, Josephine	1237	C	345	
03\10\1910	Doyle, Fred T.	Heier, Helen	1252	C	360	
06\06\1910	Dillenbeck, William H.	Collins, Lizzie	1278	C	386	
09\01\1910	Donovan, Stuard H.	Jackson, Blanche Honora	1315	C	423	
09\09\1910	Drewnick, August	LaTurmer, Zapha	1317	C	425	
11\14\1910	Deitrich, Oscar	Skrukrud, Lillian Rubena	1343	C	451	
11\23\1910	Deaton, Murray H.	Frields, Louise E.	1347	C	455	
12\27\1910	Dollard, Arthur J.	Callahan, Ruth C.	1361	C	459	
09\26\1911	Dewar, George W.	MacKenzie, Annabel	1466	D	72	
09\05\1911	Deusenbery, Vincent	Williams, Lizzie Pearl	1472	D	78	
10\27\1911	Demarest, Harry S.	Brown, Amelia L.	1486	D	92	
10\30\1912	Drought, Walter	Montgomery, May	1566	D	172	
11\13\1913	Dewell, Ray D.	Odell, Ethol	1620	D	226	
11\17\1913	Duncan, Charles J.	Sullivan, Belva E.	1621	D	227	
08\18\1914	Duncan, Oscar W.	Kallner, Minnie	1673	D	279	
10\17\1914	Darnielle, Dick	Moody, Minnie Doris	1695	D	301	
10\29\1914	Divine, Will N.	Hampton, Cora	1698	D	304	
12\28\1914	Dart, J. A.	Una, Emelia E.	1722	D	328	
03\12\1915	Davenport, John	Hairston, Mattie	1738	D	344	
11\02\1915	Daly, Edward	Schiller, Mabel R.	1788	D	394	
04\29\1916	Donovan, John A.	Smith, Edith	1830	D	436	
07\01\1916	Durston, Edwin R. Jr.	Strand, Vere	1843	D	449	
07\13\1916	Dozier, John H.	Switzer, Cora	1848	D	454	
10\06\1916	Draper, Wilber H.	Gallagher, Emma	1865	D	471	
10\14\1916	Dudley, Fred B.	Baack, Helen M.	1869	D	475	
11\02\1916	Dammrose, A. C.	Burton, Margaret A.	1875	D	481	VOID
11\20\1916	Dunn, George W.	Brown, Jennie May	1882	D	488	
05\15\1917	DeBruin, Cornelius	Spear, Ethel Lenore	1926	E	42	
05\19\1917	Denny, E. A.	Rickeit, Ella	1930	E	46	
08\18\1917	Dempsey, Charles E.	Needham, Gladys S.	1959	E	75	
10\15\1917	Dixon, Clay	Lochnikar, Annie M.	1976	E	92	
10\24\1917	Davidson, Frank J.	Blanchard, Nina	1979	E	95	
11\19\1917	Donner, Herman T.	Chipman, Vernie	1993	E	109	
12\12\1917	Davis, Charles E.	Thompson, Louise A.	2001	E	117	
06\01\1918	Dyer, Stephan D.	Cox, Anna L.	2021	E	137	
11\26\1918	Doll, Frank B.	Carter, Nancy A.	2077	E	193	
04\23\1919	Doggett, Benjamin H.	Kulanda, Beatrice	2102	E	218	
12\02\1920	Dickens, George	Grenon, Laura M.	2189	E	305	
02\24\1921	DeNayer, Louis G.	Bangart, Mary J.	2198	E	314	
10\29\1921	Danbury, Earl G.	Channell, Myrtle	2232	E	348	
10\30\1922	Deem, Harry Leslie	Schug, Florence Mildred	2267	E	383	
12\05\1922	Dashiell, J. Glenn	Banks, Ethel Fay	2272	E	388	
12\30\1922	Deck, Harry John	Wright, Laura	2274	E	390	
04\10\1923	Dalton, Bruce M.	Hulet, Agnes	2286	E	402	
11\28\1923	Dorven, Thomas H., Jr.	Hutchinson, Grace	2319	E	435	
08\23\1924	Dewey, Laurence Nelson	Reichelt, Lucy	2343	E	459	

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05\25\1925	Direman, George C.	Linn, Alverta Marie	2368	E	484	
05\29\1925	Delinert, A. W.	Bufka, Mary Alice	2369	E	485	
08\14\1926	Davis, Boyd E.	Robertson, Veda	2412	F	32	
10\14\1926	Deck, Charles Lawrence	Dashiel, Bernice Merle	2421	F	41	
07\11\1927	David, Arthur C.	Wilson, Mary Izelle	2464	F	84	
07\21\1927	Devine, Mark	Morand, Alexandria	2468	F	88	
07\21\1927	Duncan, Delbert	Devine, Jessie	2465	F	85	
11\05\1927	Diacon, Walter Wayne	Ray, Ethel	2493	F	113	
03\03\1928	Duvall, Earl Edgar	Arbelovsky, Sylvia Anna	2505	F	125	
06\14\1928	Downs, Joe Wendell	Ensley, Ruth	2523	F	143	
08\01\1928	Darlington, Harley Vernon	Chartier, Rose Alma	2533	F	153	
08\21\1928	Doney, William	Bronson, Verna May	2538	F	158	
08\09\1929	Darcy, Tex William	Halverson, Mamie Frances	2591	F	211	
04\05\1930	Dewar, George	Cook, Merle	2636	F	256	
07\21\1930	Danner, Glover Cleveland	Farris, Dorothy Margarete	2652	F	272	
12\18\1930	Dennis, Curt	Mitchell, Greyling	2685	F	305	
03\14\1931	Denny, Ralph T.	Steinbacher, Catherine G.	2687	F	306	
06\12\1931	Doyra, John Emil	Holliday, Ruby Elizabeth	2694	F	314	
12\28\1931	Dashiell, Joseph Glen	Gould, Carol Ruby	2729	F	349	
08\30\1932	Durrant, Peter John	McFarland, Ida Mary	2754	F	374	
12\24\1932	Dickey, Charles P.	Arnold, Annette	2774	F	394	
02\23\1933	Dyrland, Melvin Theodore	Schafer, Helen Frances	2782	F	402	
11\07\1933	Dewey, Roy S.	Strause, Margaret Alice	2834	F	454	
03\10\1934	Denham, James W.	Robertson, Norma J.	2855	F	475	
07\12\1934	Davis, Franklin H.	Mullikin, Lillian Marie	2880	F	500	
08\21\1934	Duke, Clarence	Jessico, Margaret W.	2886	F	506	
09\29\1934	Doles, Emmett A.	Vielleux, Clara Mae	2902	F	522	
05\18\1935	Debroski, Aloysius	Waterman, Helen	2955	F	575	
06\25\1935	Dellabough, James E.	Murray, Ann Cecila	2985	F	605	
06\30\1935	Dragland, Melvin Oren	Haugse, Agnes Marie	3016	F	636	
11\18\1935	Dykeman, Lewis Nelson	Sisko, Mary Hattie	3033	G	11	
11\27\1935	Dull, Robert Merrill	Johnson, Norma Josephine	3035	G	13	
03\12\1990	Danbrook, Lloyd Wesley ****	Robbins, Kari Lynn	7147	M	342	
04\25\1936	Dirkhaus, Joseph	Dickman, Rose Delores	3067	G	46	
08\03\1936	Deck, Marvin F.	Ulman, Alice Marie	3099	G	78	
12\14\1936	Dennison, William D.	Brosten, Bertha A.	3121	G	100	
07\10\1937	Davies, Vincent H.	Hagerty, Alice M.	3183	G	162	
07\15\1937	Dozier, Lee Robert	Frantz, Vida Sue	3184	G	163	
09\20\1937	Daniels, Wilford	Largent, Helen	3202	G	183	
07\02\1938	Davis, David James	ELL, Elizabeth Verna	3262	G	241	
06\17\1939	Downing, Robert C.	Skerik, Martha A.	3381	G	360	LNRT
06\19\1939	Davis, Joseph John	Beck, Myrtle Frances	3383	G	362	
08\01\1939	Dougherty, Arthur F.	Peterson, Mary Katherine	3397	G	376	
08\26\1939	Dalbec, Norman	Toole, Phyllis	3404	G	383	
09\21\1939	Doggett, Frank Arthur	Orr, Bessie	3413	G	392	
10\14\1939	Dardis, Robert Leonard	Roun, Ione Catherine	3421	G	400	
02\10\1940	Dalry, Norman C.	Karran, Evelyn K.	3458	G	437	
03\09\1940	Diering, Fred	Hanna, Ruth	3470	G	449	
04\23\1940	Dugas, Alan John	White, Leona Mae	3480	G	459	
04\29\1940	Delp, R. D.	Curry, Catherine A.	3483	G	463	
06\18\1940	Davis, Elmer	Stuart, Virginia C.	3504	G	483	
09\06\1940	Dietz, Myron F.	Unger, Alice	3537	G	516	
09\14\1940	Drisko, George John, Jr.	Hopkins, Ruth LaVern	3542	G	521	

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10\15\1940	Downing, Robert C.	Skerick, Martha	3556	G	535	
11\02\1940	Duerr, Fred	Kleffel, Lorraine	3561	G	540	
03\15\1941	Dennis, Harry	Peterson, Mauriel	3604	G	585	
12\09\1941	Deck, Earl Harold	Hegna, Vivian Teresa	3694	H	32	
05\23\1942	Diseth, Kenneth Elmer	Johnson, Pearl Pauline	3749	H	87	
08\11\1942	Davies, Gordon Wesley	Coons, Eunice Lucille	3770	H	108	
08\15\1942	Ditton, Glen Albert	Brewis, Montana	3775	H	113	
08\25\1942	Dwyer, Albert	Leeper, Ann	3777	H	115	
06\08\1943	Dyrland, Sivert Magnus	Collins, Mae	3808	H	145	
06\05\1943	Dixon, Charles Henry	Meeks, Leah Mae	3836	H	173	
07\31\1943	Draper, Leo William	Baldes, Mary Kathryn	3853	H	190	
11\19\1943	Daniels, Ambrose Berdette	Kugelard, Margaret Hattie	3882	H	219	
08\10\1944	Dahl, Ole	Freel, Ann	3932	H	270	
09\16\1944	Daniel, Robert George	Faechnar, Marjorie Lila	3946	H	284	
10\21\1944	Dector, Edward Eugene	Platis, Georgia	3962	H	300	
11\09\1944	Danserean, Louis Arthur	Cooper, Irene Margaret	3963	H	301	
01\14\1945	Davis, Earl Bruce	Burrell, Cleo Martha	3979	H	317	
03\02\1945	Daniels, Louis A.	Heeter, Margaret Mary	3994	H	332	
05\05\1945	Duckering, William Clark	Mertz, Emma	4004	H	342	
08\20\1945	Dolin, Thomas Dale	Morrison, Dolores Marie	4038	H	375	
01\30\1946	Devine, Ray E.	Wellman, Eleanor	4081	H	416	
03\03\1946	Drew, Dale	Hettrick, Lois	4088	H	423	
03\12\1946	Durbin, Gregory W.	Oshanick, Mary	4092	H	427	
05\10\1946	Dixon, Edward Glen	Hammond, Barbara Jean	4117	H	452	
07\13\1946	Dusko, Bernard F.	Hartwig, Annette C.	4148	H	483	
11\16\1946	Daniel, Louis A.	Heeter, Margaret Mary	4193	H	529	
12\08\1946	Draper, John Wilbur	Klay, Beatrice Margaret	4203	H	539	
05\12\1947	Davis, Tom	Braaten, Ellen Elizabeth	4239	H	575	
08\30\1947	Dunn, Walter Clayton	Talbott, Virginia	4273	H	609	
11\12\1947	Doyon, Louie Evagelist	Tkachyk, Alice	4299	H	635	
11\22\1947	Darms, Edward Vernon	McDonald, Charlotte Jeanette	4301	H	637	
04\03\1948	Dammel, Elmer George	Stangel, Irene Berdella	4330	I	16	
12\24\1948	Doney, Clarence	Turner, Pearle	4416	I	103	
01\08\1949	Dutcher, Harvey H.	Wynn, Evelyn K.	4421	I	108	
02\05\1949	DeBolt, Elmer Robert	Guthery, Georgann	4427	I	114	
02\20\1949	Dannreuther, Charles Edward	Reichelt, Janet Marie	4428	I	115	
03\19\1949	Dixon, Leroy William, Jr.	Murray, Irene M.	4432	I	119	
04\19\1949	Danner, Claude Wayne	Owens, Betty Lou	4441	I	128	
02\23\1950	Dunn, Fred Barton	Cole, June Montana	4554	I	241	
06\15\1950	Diemert, Lloyd Augustine	Milledge, Ina May	4586	I	273	
06\14\1950	Dougherty, Wilfred A.	Matchett, Marilyn	4587	I	274	
07\05\1950	Diemert, Frederic Allen	Lippert, Josephine Marie	4591	I	278	
08\21\1950	Davison, Herbert Anthony	Scott, Barbara Joyce	4609	I	296	
10\02\1950	Drake, Maurice Francis	Young, Thelma Borgen	4625	I	312	
10\21\1950	Doheny, Walter Thomas	Mills, Pearl I.	4632	I	319	
10\21\1950	Doll, Robert G.	Works, Marlene Lucile	4633	I	320	
09\17\1951	Duncan, John S.	Olson, Florence M.	4710	I	397	
05\08\1952	Daggett, Carl E.	Premo, Gudrun C.	4761	I	448	
06\06\1952	de Bard, King J.	Conrad, Jacqueline C.	4770	I	457	
11\16\1952	Deck, Robert L.	Works, Juanita Ellen	4825	I	512	
12\29\1952	DeNevi, John L.	Juedeman, Clarene E.	4839	I	526	
02\28\1953	Darlington, Kenneth E.	Schlack, Darleen Joy	4851	I	538	
04\11\1953	Davis, John Joseph	Gardipee, Clarice Alberta	4862	I	549	

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05\19\1953	Dykeman, James Adelbert	Knapp, Elizabeth	4870	I	557	
07\21\1953	Dunaway, Robert Henry	Olsen, Barbara Starr	4885	I	572	
10\03\1953	Danville, William Dale	Dearing, Sylvia Mary	4909	I	595	
06\03\1954	Dostal, Stanley J.	Bogner, Catherine Bernadine	4966	J	14	
06\26\1954	Daniels, Richard Lorne	Hoyt, Virginia Donna	4969	J	17	
07\02\1954	Davis, Leslie A.	Jenkins, Joan L.	4971	J	19	
11\20\1954	Danielson, Gerald Duane	Olson, Edna Christine	5005	J	52	
12\26\1954	Dallum, Larry Darwin	Ronish, Mary Lan	5021	J	68	
02\26\1955	Denny, Lloyd F.	Gordon, Jenniev L.	5035	J	82	
04\20\1955	Daniels, Leroy Vincent	Boomer, Rose Marie	5041	J	87	
08\06\1955	Daly, William Leon	Neibauer, Mary Ann	5079	J	126	
08\26\1955	Denham, Ronald Arthur	Sirianni, Winnifred Patricia	5088	J	135	
12\21\1955	Diribo, Sinforosa Tulagen	Abul, Estella Su Vicente	5123	J	170	
02\12\1956	DuBois, Paul Eugene	McLaughlin, Sharon Raphael	5141	J	188	
06\30\1956	Dauer, Vincent Patrick	Flatness, Gladys Elinor E.	5190	J	237	
07\08\1956	Dickson, James Russell	Tanner, Phyllis Mae	5194	J	241	
07\09\1956	Davison, Theodore Calvin	Nagengast, Mary Georgia	5195	J	242	
10\13\1956	Drewiske, John Raman	Crain, Hazel Marie	5226	J	273	
10\20\1956	Damon, Henry Jack	Good, Marjorie Elsie	5229	J	276	
03\29\1957	Dusek, Leonard Gerald	Howard, Janice Lee	5264	J	311	
05\03\1957	Dixon, John Gerald	Boyle, Patricia Ann	5275	J	322	
08\23\1957	Donlan, Francis Edward	Johnson, Joyce Marie	5308	J	355	
08\30\1957	Dobin, Roy Archie	Bell, Margaret Regina	5310	J	357	
09\28\1957	Drube, Harvey LeRoy	Smith, Janet Elizabeth	5323	J	370	DIS.
11\12\1957	Dubuc, Joseph Eugene	Murphy, Alice Gloria	5338	J	385	
08\25\1958	Dukes, Charles Michael	Robertson, Susan Lay	5450	J	497	
09\20\1958	Davis, Clarence Walter, Jr.	Lee, JoAnn Ester	5464	J	511	
10\04\1958	Desjardin, Elmer Vernon	Caylon, Velma Rose	5467	J	514	
02\13\1959	Dykeman, Robert Frank	Ward, Bertha Marie	5510	J	557	
04\11\1959	Deaton, Ezra M.	Jesson, Hazel L.	5528	J	575	
08\07\1959	Daly, Andrew Lloyd	Coughlin, Marion	5570	J	619	
10\29\1959	Drexel, Walter Max, Jr.	Burg, Dolores Marie	5601	J	650	
08\26\1960	Dielman, Lewis Linn	Clark, Amanda Jane	5697	K	78	
11\11\1960	Dempsey, Richard O.	Proffitt, Kathleen	5717	K	97	
12\22\1960	Dean, Hubert S.	Hyatt, Lucia M.	5731	K	112	
01\14\1961	Dullum, Gerald W.	Samoy, Dianne K.	5739	K	120	
05\26\1961	Davis, Edward D.	Gruenhagen, Beverly A.	5779	K	160	
06\16\1961	Davis, James Arthur	Corrigan, Karen Jean	5798	K	179	
08\14\1961	Dion, Fred Laverne	Robbins, Jean Deloris	5811	K	192	
09\14\1961	DeWeese, Harry B.	Higgins, Ellen L.	5823	K	204	
01\22\1962	Dickman, Bobby Earl	Canoy, Margaret E.	5847	K	228	
04\20\1962	Doom, Harlan R.	Hartman, Marie M.	5866	K	247	
11\27\1962	Ditlon, Glen Lewis	Hughes, Rose Ellen	5922	K	302	
12\12\1962	Dykeman, James A. Jr.	Dascalakis, Barbara E.	5923	K	303	
02\11\1963	Dellefield, Paul Leonard	Hearn, Myrtle Marie	5940	K	320	
02\25\1963	Danbrook, Floyd	Meyer, Helen	5949	K	329	
02\21\1963	Dodsley, George Clifford	Peterson, Linda D.	5945	K	325	
03\08\1963	Decker, Donald W.	Hallenberg, JoAnn	5951	K	332	
05\12\1963	Decker, Gail	Karamanoogian, Victoria	5966	K	346	
06\09\1963	Dockter, Duane D.	Lund, Lois M.	5972	K	352	
07\13\1963	Diacon, Lawrence Wayne	Saksa, Cheryl Irene	5982	K	362	DIS.
06\20\1964	Doyle, Harley John	Sullivan, Josephine Ann	6017	K	397	
02\10\1965	Drayton, Ronald Harlen	Bergstrom, Marietta Danet	6048	K	428	

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07\18\1966	Drga, George Frank	Coffey, Pauline	6093	K	473	
12\31\1966	Dyrdahl, Herbert Theodore	Lake, Shirley Pauline Larkin	6120	K	500	
07\08\1967	Davis, James Nicol	Owen, Anita Irene	6147	K	527	
08\19\1967	Diekhaus, John Aloysius	Nelson, Carley Lynn	6156	K	536	DIS.
08\31\1969	Doney, Lee Donald	Johnson, Darlene Marie	6202	K	582	
10\11\1968	Danreuther, Daniel Earl	Reichelt, Carol Ann	6214	K	594	
10\19\1968	Darlington, Gary Lee	Kassmier, Rose Marie	6216	K	596	
11\02\1968	Donohue, Louis Allen	Lamping, Bonita Blewett	6219	L	1	
01\03\1970	Drube, Harry Lloyd	Stensrud, Ethel Mae	6269	L	51	
05\09\1970	Drube, Richard Earl	Kelley, Frances Veronica	6282	L	64	
05\17\1970	Davison, Timothy Owen	Weeks, Barbara Kay	6284	L	66	
06\13\1970	Dobson, William Thomas	Silvius, Ruth Anne	6287	L	69	
09\05\1970	Dixon, Dana Paul	Murphy, Bridgid Kathleen Curran	6301	L	82	
09\08\1970	Duffey, Benjamin Edward	Bazant, Sharon Michael	6302	L	84	DIS.
11\27\1971	Danielsen, Stanley R.	Allderdice, Fay Susan	6356	L	138	
06\17\1972	Dollar, Frank Henry	Mayer, Karen Rae	6381	L	163	
06\30\1972	Davison, Bernard Ivan	Rand, Juanita Jean	6385	L	167	
02\10\1973	Daughenbaugh, Thomas Blair	Terry, Judith Elaine	6409	L	191	
09\09\1973	Danreuther, Russell Lee	Bitz, Nona Maria	6434	L	216	
10\20\1973	DeHart, Frank Edward	Monroe, Deborah Jean	6441	L	223	
04\07\1974	Deck, Alvin Warren	Walker, Vicki Lou	6455	L	237	
06\15\1974	Davison, Elma Joe	Lambert, Karla Jeanette	6465	L	247	
06\07\1975	Doss, George Wallace, Jr.	Mayo, Danette Jean	6514	L	296	DIS.
06\26\1976	DeMangelaere, Danny Alan	Berlinger, Marian Eileen	6564	L	346	
07\10\1976	Davis, Charles Noah	Harrer, Karen Rose	6574	L	356	
11\27\1976	Davison, Kenneth Eugene	Baisden, Angelina Maria	6595	L	377	DIS.
12\27\1976	Doll, Frank Lee	Gray, Kari Lynn	6599	L	381	
05\21\1977	Dachs, David Duane	Joyce, Maureen Rita	6602	L	384	
06\11\1977	Davidson, Michael Keith	Appleby, Leslie Ann	6623	L	405	
10\08\1977	Davison, James Edward	Gertson, Jennifer Jane	6644	L	426	
01\29\1978	Drube, Harvey LeRoy	Robeertson, Lana Bertina	6655	L	437	
05\20\1978	Dalby, Stanley Gerald	Russette, Pauline Frances	6671	L	453	
07\01\1978	Darlington, Ricky Eugene	Hoge, Brenda Lee	6679	L	461	
07\29\1979	Denning, Kenneth Gene	Ellingson, Mary Jane	6726	L	508	
12\16\1979	Dibbern, Randolph Lee	Craig, Gloria Agnes	6748	L	530	
03\27\1980	Davison, Tracy Vern	Greavu, Catherine Renee	6754	L	536	DIS.
06\14\1980	Dube, Roy Louis	Albers, Carleen Jean	6765	L	547	
08\17\1980	Drube, Dennis Micheal	Dupree, Michele Rene'	6787	L	569	
08\16\1980	Danreuther, Calvin Charles	Vielleux, Michelle Rae	6781	L	563	
02\07\1981	Dearing, Nathan Curtis	Smootz, Rose Marie	6806	M	4	
04\24\1981	Dalke, Lonnie Verl	Kowell, Patricia Kathleen	6857	M	56	
06\06\1982	Dickey, Jack Leroy	Nicholson, Becky Jean	6860	M	58	DIS.
07\17\1982	Dowdy, Robert Allen	Johnson, Carolyn Kay	6872	M	70	
08\14\1982	Drew, Leslie Joe	Kohlman, Phyllis Dorothy	6878	M	76	
03\12\1983	Diacon, Lawrence Wayne	Ludeman, Carol LaVerne	6903	M	103	
11\25\1983	Dempsey, Christopher Riley	Gottfried, Lynn Elizabeth	6934	M	131	
12\01\1984	DeBruycker, Nels John	Ayers, Lorraine Vincencia	6972	M	171	
12\15\1984	DeHaven, James Wesley	Whetham, Delores Kay	6974	M	175	
09\11\1985	Doll, Frank Lee	Ayers, Teresa Marie	7006	M	203	
05\18\1986	DeHart, Daniel Paul	Milledge, Judy Denice	7025	M	223	DIS.
06\23\1986	Davis, James Edward	Thiel, Kimberliegh Lynn	7024	M	226	
06\28\1986	DeBruyaker, Rodney Alan	Spurgeon, Tracy Jo	7029	M	228	
09\29\1986	Dirkson, Brian Charles	Donner, Penny Lee	7042	M	241	

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MARRIAGE RECORDS FOR CHOUTEAU COUNTY

DATE	APPLICANT	BRIDE	LICNU	BKNU	PGNU	NOTE
02\28\1987	Dostal, Stanley Bernard	Martin, Ginger Mae	7055	M	254	
03\13\1987	Daby, Herbert Kenneth	Summers, Rebecca Sue	7057	M	255	
08\22\1987	Deck, Carl Weldon	Spaabeck, Jodi Marie	7065	M	266	
04\04\1988	Dubuc, Charles Robert	Roy, Sandra Anne	7083	M	281	
10\14\1989	Davison, Jeffrey Clement	Laubach, Rona Lee	7137	M	332	
05\31\1990	Dostal, Michael Joseph	Nicholson, Becky Jean	7154	M	349	
06\23\1990	Duvall, Bryan Earl	Smith, Jodi Lynn	7160	M	355	
07\07\1990	Darnall, Barry Edward	Worrall, Nancy Lynn	7163	M	358	
10\06\1990	Don, Steven Kenneth	Keller, Lorraine Patricia	7171	M	369	
02\22\1991	Devereaux, Jeffery William	Forney, Kathleen Marie	7182	M	378	DIS.
06\22\1991	Durham, Zane Herrick	Tadevick, Mary Jo	7193	M	387	

A NEW TWIST TO A FAMILY REUNION

In 1976, my sister-in-law and I decided to start a family gathering of all the descendants of our husbands' parents. We worked really hard and that summer we had our first official family reunion. Most of the brothers and sisters and their spouses came to a reserved resort area, bringing with them their children. There were eleven brothers and sisters and all were married. So about 100 cousins, aunts and uncles showed up. We had a wonderful time as the kids all met new cousins, some they had heard of and others they did not know existed. When it was time to begin breaking camp, everyone was reluctant to let these new acquaintances go, so it was decided then and there to continue this gathering every five years. And we have done that with the exception of one time when we moved it up two years to celebrate a golden anniversary.

As much fun as these gatherings were, we grandparents felt we did not have enough time to just spend visiting with each other and also we were starting to lose members so it was decided that we would meet each year with just our generation. One of the sisters volunteered her home for the gathering place and a new tradition was started. Each summer that there was not a reunion of the clan, we would meet at her house. The only children allowed were those who so graciously offered to cater the meals for us, thus giving us the time to visit and at the same time pampering us with lovely meals.

We have thoroughly enjoyed these get togethers, but now feel that we still want to do some traveling and yet get together, so we have decided to choose new and exciting places to meet. This year our choice was Branson, Mo. as one couple had been there and thought we would all like it. So we wrote to the Chamber of Commerce and got information about the area and what was available for our group of about 16 senior adults. Our choice was to rent two 3 bedroom condos where each couple will have separate sleeping accommodations, yet we will have a couple kitchens and living space. We have sent for travel guides and plan to pick up and meet various members on the way. One couple will fly in and meet us there.

Because of the distance, we will purchase our food there, and plan to eat many of our meals at the condo. We will miss the wonderful prepared food that we have had at other times, but look forward to seeing new things and still being together.

CHESTER POST OFFICE

1916 Fenton's Directory

With the settling of the vast rural area of northern Montana the necessity for mail service required many rural post offices. Wherever a post office was designated, usually the settlers would find a small general store and these many times were the homes of some homesteaders already settled in the area.

With the post offices established, the stage drivers made their regular runs through the area, often the only contact the isolated homesteaders had with the outside world. Stages ran daily from Chester to Gold Butte, via Hill and Whitlash. Twice a week mail service was provided to Alma and once a week homesteaders would meet the stage driver at Marias.

Those settling along what is now known as the "Hi-Line" were provided with three hour mail service twice daily between Havre and Chester via the Great Northern Railway's Oriental Limited and Hi-Ball mail train.

Homesteaders and ranchers relied on the stages for much more than mail service and many a driver would end up in Havre or Chester with a shopping list of hardware, medical needs or groceries for these isolated people.

Rural post offices which served these homesteaders and ranchers in 1916 included:

ALMA - Mrs. Ina R. Keith, postmistress.

This village also boasted of a school, blacksmith shop and general store.

HILL - Clara E. Tennison, postmistress.

A general store at Hill served homesteaders in the surrounding area with everything from groceries to lumber, medical preparations to drygoods.

WHITLASH - Postmaster, Lester Allen Thompson

Whitlash looked like a sure bet to grow. Already established here were a general store, blacksmith shop, church, school and a hotel was contemplated. The original townsite of 20 acres was purchased by A.C. Strode in 1905.

CHESTER - The site was moved in 1907 when a curve in the Great Northern rail line was straightened out, leaving the town a quarter of a mile away.

The first post office was commissioned in Chester on November 22, 1895 with Brown B. Weldy as the first Post Master. Postal Service records from the National Archives for Montana towns confirm Weldy's name and date and add the following:

Ida Alvord appointed May 24, 1897
Rescinded June 1, 1897

Brown B. Weldy Reinstated as Post Master
December 19, 1898 Chester Post Office obtains
money order capability.

Livingston Crichton Appointed October 16, 1902
Recommissioned on September 26, 1906

Charles F. Baker Appointed July 24, 1909

J.A. Wright Appointed May 20, 1913

Joel T. Smith Appointed January 17, 1922

Henry O. Woare Appointed March 16, 1926

Shebel Rehal (ACT) Appointed June 26, 1934
 (PM) January 17, 1935
 Retired August 31, 1953

Ruth Ish (ACT) September 23, 1953
 (PM) March 8, 1955
 Retired in May 27, 1971

Helen A. Aaberg (OIC) May 28, 1971
 (PM) December 11, 1971
 Retired September 1989

Glenn Hodge Appointed January 12, 1990

Dave Wilhelm April 1993

POLK DIRECTORY - MAIL & POST OFFICE

1909-10 Eversmeyer, H.C.Mail contractor and farmer

1911-12 Baker, Charles F.Postmaster
 Tasker, Henry A.Assistant postmaster

1913-14 J. Alex WrightPostmaster
 Office open 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sundays 3-5 p.m.
 Dent, Ethyl Mrs.Clerk, Post Office
 McMasters, CreteClerk, Post Office

1915-16 Girsch, RoseAssistant Postmaster

26 April 1896 RIVER PRESS - Mr. Israel Gagnon now presides over the mail wagon, Chester to Whitlash. Mr. Gagnon is a very clever and obliging gentleman and will doubtless prove a popular servant of Uncle Sam.

2 June 1896 - Postmaster B.B. Weldy, of Chester, is transacting business at the county seat today. Mr. Weldy reports that the country around Chester is one vast hayfield this year and livestock is taking on fat to an extent that makes the stockmen smile.

19 August 1896 - A petition is now being circulated and extensively signed, asking the post office department to grant a twice a week mail service between Chester and Whitlash. This service is badly needed and would be a great boon to the patrons of the Whitlash office.

14 April 1897 - The star route service from Chester to Whitlash has been extended to Gold Butte, giving the latter office a twice-a-week mail.

27 May 1897 - Among the prospective changes in northern Montana post offices, it is reported that Ida Alvord will handle the mail at Chester.

22 September 1901 - MAIL CONTRACTS

Chester to Gold Butte, 34 miles, six times a week. Present contract \$1,512.58, sublet at \$1,416.30.

Chester to Marias, 20 miles once a week. Present contract \$168, sublet at \$158.

Chester to Lucille, 40 miles, twice a week. Present contract \$440; sublet at \$100.

8 February 1902 - Successful bidders of mail contracts - go in effect July 1 for four years.

Chester to Gold Butte, George W. Taylor	\$960.00
Chester to Marias, George W. Taylor	180.00

5 September 1902 RIVER PRESS - Chester has become quite a mail distributing point, handling all mails for Hill, Whitlash, Gold Butte, West Butte, Alma, Marias and Beatrice. The volume of business is constantly increasing, showing that the country is settling up. No less than a dozen families have recently settled in the country adjacent to this point.

22 October 1902 - A Washington dispatch announces that Livingston Crichton has been appointed postmaster at Chester, to succeed B.B. Weldy, who has been removed.

29 July 1903 - It is reported from Chester that the mail contract for the route from that place to Gold Butte has been transferred to Lars Enbretson. The service is 3 times a week, and the contract was originally let to B.B. Weldy at about \$960 per year. The new contractor is said to get about \$2500 per year, the difference between these amounts being made good by Mr. Weldy or his bondsmen.

September 1905 CHESTER SIGNAL - Three stage lines running - one to Gold Butte via Hill and Whitlash every day 7 a.m. returning at 6 p.m. A stage to Alma left at 7 on Tuesday and Friday a.m., having come in the previous day at noon. A stage from Marias came in Friday at 11:30 and left at 2.

14 August 1907 RIVER PRESS - The post office department announces that a new regulation permits the use of part of the address side of postal cards for a letter or message. The new rule went into effect August 1.

31 October 1907 CHESTER SIGNAL - We want to see the Chester post office located in a home of its own. The mail is being improperly handled - left on the outside of the depot.

22 July 1909 - If you want to see the post office moved to a more central location, be sure to sign the petition of Geo. W. Taylor at once.

Drawing a line through town on the street on which the school house is located we have

ON THE WEST:
one general store
one livery stable
one saloon
one hotel
one restaurant

ON THE EAST:
two general stores
one blacksmith shop
one barber shop
two saloons
one hotel
one livery barn
one real estate firm
two restaurants
the depot
the newspaper
one lumber yard

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There is a commissioner's office, another store and a harness shop on the dividing street.

19 August 1909 - A stranger aptly illustrated the post office situation when he said that he "guessed he would walk over to Teton county and get his mail"

6 January 1910 - Postmaster C.F. Baker is spending a week in Great Falls with his family.

10 March 1910 - At this time of the year, there is no way to get to the post office because of water and mud except by following the walk which leads through the sporting district. Seems to us it's a rotten disgrace to our town, our wives sisters and mothers to permit this to be as it now is. We are certainly in favor of running this aggregation of lewd women, and pimps out of town; and the sooner it is done the better.

17 March 1910 CHESTER SIGNAL - Chester Post Office - location is in a general store - no right to be used as advertisement - fully 3/8 mile from the depot and on a back street where there are no sidewalks. Weldy says he does not object to the postmaster - only to the location.

ADVERTISED LETTERS - The following is a list of letters uncalled for, remaining in the Chester post office for the week ending August 13.

Frank Bearly	John Bremmer
Harry Chisholm	Arthur G. Wagenhurst
Clyde Haag	C.K. Van Ness
Jacob Hardt	Andrew R. Marshall
L.E. Ricks	Robert Leeson
Joseph F. Martin	Charles Kemp
John Gallin	

Persons calling for the above letters will please say "advertised"; also the date.

Chas. F. Baker, P.M.

4 June 1910 RIVER PRESS - A contract for carrying mail twice a week between Alma and Chester has been awarded James Laird at \$600 a year.

30 March 1911 CHESTER SIGNAL - Postmaster Baker is advised by the department that the Chester postoffice will become a third class office April 1, 1911.

After July 1st the postoffice department will transport magazines in car load lots by paid freight to cut down expenses; but will continue to send government printed envelopes and free seeds by the fastest trains.

7 November 1912 - Mrs. Ethyl Dent, clerk in the postoffice is on vacation. Miss Crete McMasters took her place while she was gone.

1 August 1912 - It will soon be necessary to publish a text book on Hill County towns as with the change of name at Concord, we find several towns differ in name on the government and railroad maps as Lavington station is Telstad post office; Tiber station Briggs postoffice and Bison station is named Buelows by the postoffice people. Just now it may not cut much figure but as the country grows and these particular towns develop there will be much confusion and efforts should at once be made to have the names the same.

11 February 1913	ADVERTISED LETTERS	C.F. Baker, Postmaster
Anderson, Andrew		Brooke, Eva
Dean, Bryan		Fustanson, John
Grinde, M.C.		Hayton, Jack
Graham, Roger		Koller, Mike
Kelley, Mary		Lutz, Charles
Milnar, Joe		Robinson, Elizabeth
Reiner, Paul		Rude, O.L.
Stevens, Bert		Ware, William
Willehnfensere		Vieldy, W.G.

20 December 1912 INVERNESS INDEX

The Chester postoffice will be open from 3:30 until 4:30 Christmas Day.

26 December 1912 CHESTER SIGNAL - Dr. Mayland's stocking seems to have had a hole in it. Taft handed him the Chester postmastership, but Senator Myers says it belongs to one of the faithful. It is time for a good Democrat to get busy for the Chester post office appointment.

16 February 1913 CHESTER SIGNAL - Walter S. Baker, employee of the Tribune business office in Great Falls, son of the Chester postmaster, Baker, received an eye injury.

The postoffice hours for Washington's birthday, the 22nd, will be the same as on Sunday.

A new storm shed around the post office door makes it more comfortable in the building.

16 October 1913 - Miss Mayme Gorman is assisting the postmaster this week.

Postmaster Wright has had several feet more room added to rear of post office and an outside door put in. This will not only be a great convenience for those in the office but will be appreciated by the public.

22 Nov. 1913 - IMPROVEMENTS AT POST OFFICE

Postmaster Wright has been making extensive improvements in the postoffice this week. The Money Order window has been moved to the front where it will be much more convenient, and all of the boxes are now on the east side, which will make it much easier for distribution of the mails. Postmaster Wright has shown the right spirit and is certainly giving Chester a mighty good advertisement. He looks after the affairs of the office personally and with the able assistance of Mrs. Dent, the patrons have little cause for complaint of any sort.

9 July 1914 - The Chester postmaster got a raise of \$200 the first of July and shows our steady growth.

A new floor was laid in the lobby of the postoffice recently and a street lamp placed in the corner outside of the office door. Both additions make things look better.

The mail contract between Chester and Gold Butte was awarded to Frank Lowe for four years. Mr. Lowe will place two new International trucks in the service.

11 June 1915 - The appointment of a mail carrier on the route along the telephone line north of town has been postponed until an inspection can be made.

18 June 1915 - Jack McRae is now carrying the mail to Whitlash and Gold Butte. The mail was taken out for the first time Thursday over the new rural route established south and east of Chester.

11 Feb. 1916 - Maurice Staudacher has been appointed regular mail carrier on Rural Route No. One out of Chester.

14 April 1916 - Rose Girsch, employed in the Chester postoffice for the past 18 months, has resigned her position and is visiting in Alma.

1 Sept. 1916 - Miss Opal Cronk resigns as assistant-postmaster - a position which she has held for the past 5 months.

22 June 1917 - Miss Jessie Staudacher, the wide-awake correspondent of the DEMOCRAT, has accepted the position at the postoffice made vacant by the resignation of Miss Mullings.

2 Nov. 1917 - DON'T FORGET! The postage on letters is now 3¢.

30 Nov. 1917 - Miss Erickson of Scobey, Montana is now working in the post-office filling the vacancy of Miss Krause.

12 April 1918 - As of March 15th, baby chickens can be delivered by parcel post if they can be delivered within 72 hours from time of mailing.

14 July 1918 - The contract for carrying the mails between Chester and Gold Butte has been let to Louis H. Oswald and Knute Peterson of Hill. The new contractors will assume their responsibilities on the 1st.

Miss Marjorie Feedback has accepted the position as clerk in the Chester postoffice. (1920)

4 May 1921 CHESTER REPORTER - Mrs. C.O. Ness accepted position of assistant postmaster in the local postoffice. She took up her duties May 1st, and is thoroughly familiar with the work having served in that area several years.

24 Dec. 1921 - Editor Henry Woare said he had completed four years with the paper and hoped to make it better next year - but he became the postmaster.

25 June 1926 - True Ray will turn his mail route over to Matt Morgan, the new contractor, the first of July.

6 August 1926 - POSTMASTER H.O. WOARE DRIVES INTO A TRAIN

While driving in from the north Saturday morning at about 12:45 A.M. H.O. Woare, driving a Ford coupe, smashed into a freight train standing on the crossing west of the stockyards. He with Mrs. Woare and Mrs. H.R. Filson, were watching No. 2 coming down the hill, and finally feeling certain that there was a great plenty of time to cross the crossing, speeded up after making the last turn to the south. After having gazed at the headlight of No. 2, the driver's eyes did not focus quickly in the dark and when about 15 or 20 feet away he noticed the train. We hit it pretty hard ruining both lamps, the radiator, fender, etc. Mr. Woare received but few bumps, but Mrs. Woare and Mrs. Filson received some good ones. Dr. Price was immediately called to attend to Mrs. Filson, but found no broken bones. Mrs. Woare jumped from the car and received several painful lacerations and bruises.

27 Feb. 1936 - From the description of Herman Swan's mail carrying device which Editor Babcock gives in the CHESTER REPORTER, calling it "a cross between a flying machine and a snapping turtle", we believe it must be a twin brother to the "go-devil" which our mail carrier, H.B. Wolf is using to wade through and fly over the snow drifts on his route out of Joplin. (LIBERTY CO. FARMER)

22 April 1938 - Miss Gladys Brandvold is now employed in the postoffice.

26 October 1939 LIBERTY COUNTY FARMER - R.B. Ellis, postoffice inspector, was here last Friday gathering data on which he will make a report to the post office department in Washington on the proposal to move the Chester postoffice from its present location to a new location on First Street East. It is expected that it will be some time before a decision is announced.

7 Sept. 1939 - A petition was circulated last week asking that the location of the postoffice be changed from its present location in the Chester Trading Company building to a location on First street east. This week a counter petition is being circulated and largely signed, requesting the postoffice department to leave the office in its present quarters. The postoffice has been in its present location for more than thirty years, and the agitation for a change is causing considerable discussion and interest. When the petitions are submitted to the department, an investigation will be declared, and the merits of the contention will be heard and a final decision made by the postoffice department at Washington, D.C.

16 May 1940 LIBERTY COUNTY TIMES - After more than thirty years in its present location in the Chester Trading Company building, the Chester postoffice is to be moved to new quarters within the next few weeks. For several months the proposal to move the post office from the present location on First Street West to a site on First Street East, has been before the post office depart-

ment. A new building will be erected by S.O. Shamey just north of the Shamey grocery store. Shebel Rehal, postmaster. 24x40 foot building (It was officially opened October 1, 1940.)

1 March 1941 - Postmaster - Shebel Rehal
Assistant postmaster - Mrs. J.B. Hay

1 May 1941 - The distinction of buying the first stamps in the government campaign to raise a huge defense fund through the sale of stamps and bonds, which opened at the Chester postoffice on Thursday morning went to five fond grandparents when Postmaster Shebel Rehal, Assist. Postmistress Mrs. J.B. Hay, T.A. Busey of the LIBERTY COUNTY TIMES, S.O. Shamey of Shamey's Grocery and Thos. L. Wright, county treasurer, made the first purchase in the name of third generation members of their respective families.

The fund raising campaign was inaugurated last night when Pres. Roosevelt made 10 purchases, one for each of his ten grandchildren, and then followed with a nation-wide appeal for support of the movement. Stamps may be purchased in any amount from twenty-five cents upward, and bonds start at \$18.75. Stamps are placed in an album furnished by the postoffice and can be used any time in the purchase of bonds. The bonds bear interest at the rate of two and one half per cent, compounded semi-annually and are redeemable at any time two months after they are issued.

6 Jan. 1949 - Post Office neared second class mark - only needed \$700 more. Shebel Rehal, postmaster, said the local postoffice is doing a larger volume of business than are offices in many larger towns around the state.

May 1950 - Chester post office second class effective July 1st.

21 June 1951 - Mrs. J.A. Broadhurst has moved to the farm for the summer. Mrs. Helen Ann Aaberg has taken her place as clerk in the Post Office.

3 January 1952 - The penny post card passes with the old year - 2¢ now!

December 1952 - Chester post office installs 120 boxes, total reaches 377 plus rural routes.

3 Sept. 1953 - Shebel Rehal retires as postmaster. Began July 1, 1934. Ruth Ish temporary replacement.

1 Aug. 1958 - Postage 4¢

7 Aug. 1958 - Ernest Minckler retires after 40 years service as mail carrier. Bison route 1918-1958. Herman Swan replaces him.

13 Dec. 1962 - PETITION FOR NEW POST OFFICE IN CHESTER

There are five petitions in circulation. The project is endorsed by many civic clubs and organizations and individuals. The town of Chester has a population of approximately 1200 and Liberty County has a total population of 2,600. The area is served principally from our post office. Our present building contains 989 square feet of floor space. We understand the amount of space recommended for a post office here is approx. 2,500 square feet of floor space. The boxes are very old and inadequate in number to take care of the present demand. The postal workers do not have the proper space and lighting to handle the amount of mail processed here. Postal field men have canvassed the town and cannot find another building suitable for relocation. Therefore, we, the undersigned residents of Chester and Liberty County, Montana, respectfully petition your office for approval of a new post office building. It is our understanding should this approval be given, a new building would be built by private funds and leased to the postal department on a ten year basis.

18 April 1963 - New Chester Post Office located between the Grand Hotel and the Model Barber Shop - east side of Main Street between U.S. 2 (Washington Street) and Adams Street and is presently owned by Bernard Romain and Mr. & Mrs. Harry Heimbigner. 10,500 sq. ft. Mrs. Ruth Ish, Postmaster 450 boxes

July 1963 - Zone Improvement Plan - ZIP Codes effective July 1.

23 April 1964 - NO money orders on Saturday.

25 June 1964 - Change in Chester Rural and Star Routes

The north star route operated by Paul Odegard - leave Chester post office, go as far as Whitlash, on to Bingham Ranch and Shell Oil Co., back to Whitlash and return to Chester via the old freight road to Tiber and on to Chester.

The rural route operated by Bud Ish - go as far north as Robert Bond ranch.

24 September 1964 - CHESTER POST OFFICE MOVED TO NEW BUILDING SATURDAY.

Caption under picture-"Gone are the old windows with bars that marked the old-time post office!"

15 October 1964 - Dear Postal Patron,

You are cordially invited to attend the dedication ceremonies of your new post office located at Chester, Montana at 11 o'clock a.m. Thursday, October 22nd, 1964. The dedication program will feature the Chester band. Refreshments will be served. Come and spend a pleasant, informative hour with your postal employees on the occasion of the dedication and inspection of your new post office. The whole family is invited and please bring a friend, too.

Respectfully,

Ruth Ish

Lottie Rehal

Helen Aaberg

Myrtle Broadhurst

22 October 1964 - CHESTER POST OFFICE DEDICATION

Chester High School band under the direction of Lea Tesch will play the opening selections at the Chester Post Office dedication today, beginning at 10:40 a.m. Postmaster Ruth Ish will make a few opening remarks, and then Fred Barrett will be master of ceremonies for the program, which will include an address by Walter E. Harrington, special assistant for employee relations from Seattle.

The Royal Neighbors Lodge will serve coffee from 11:30 until 1 p.m. The printed programs for the dedication were sponsored by Chester Rotary Club. Chester Jaycees helped with arrangements. The American Legion Auxilliary will serve a no host luncheon for invited guests. The Laird Leaders 4-H Club will present the Montana flag.

Employees of Chester Post Office are Ruth Ish, postmaster; Helen Ann Aaberg, Lottie Rehal and Myrtle Broadhurst, clerks. Elwin C. Ish is the rural carrier. The star route carriers are Joseph Burrows and Paul Odegard.

Chester post office was first located north of the railroad tracks in a store owned by B.B. Weldy. In 1907 the post office was moved to the Chester Trading Post building, more recently known as Chester Trading Company. The post office was placed in a wire cage in one corner of the store. The postmaster was Frank Baker, followed by Alex Wright.

From 1922 to 1926 Tommy Smith, who is still a resident of Chester, was postmaster. After Smith, Henry Woare became postmaster. In 1933 Shebal Rehal became postmaster, until August 31, 1953 when he retired and Mrs. Ish was appointed

to the position. Lottie Rehal has been a clerk for 20 years and Helen Aaberg has served as clerk for 13 years.

In 1908 Sid and Ed Rockman carried mail from the Chester post office to Alma by horse back. The distance was 28 miles each way. Mrs. Beryl Hayes served 21 years as clerk from 1927-1948.

September 1967 - Railroads to quit hauling mail.

18 July 1968 - Chester post office ordered to discontinue window service on Saturday, July 27.

14 May 1970 - Post Office front hit by car - 6th time since its dedication in 1964. (A pipe barrier anchored in cement was installed and at least one of the pipes had to be replaced!)

28 May 1971 - RUTH ROCKMAN ISH RETIRED FROM POST OFFICE

She began working for the postal department in 1953 and was appointed postmaster in March, 1955. She worked that job until her retirement.

23 January 1981 - Lottie Rehal was honored at a retirement party at the Chester Post Office Friday after a 40-year career. She began as a Christmas sub in 1938. She was a part-time or sub clerk from 1941 until 1947 when she became a full-term clerk and worked until her retirement in 1981. She worked under three postmasters: her father, Shebal Rehal, Ruth Ish and Helen Ann Aaberg. She also worked in three locations, as the post office was once in the Chester Trading Company, and then in the Shamey building before it was moved to the present location.

22 September 1989 - HELEN ANN RETIRES AFTER 38 YEARS OF SERVICE

"As I think about my 38 years with the postal service, I feel that I could write a movie script entitled "Our Town" or "Days of Our Lives". This was one of Helen Ann Aaberg's thoughts about her retirement as she was celebrating her 38 years at the Chester Post Office last week with many friends and neighbors who came to wish her happiness in her retirement.

Helen Ann had the following to share with those she has come to know through her postal work: "So much has happened in those 38 years it is hard to condense it into a few words. In so many ways my life has been touched by yours and by the same token, my life has touched yours. Being a small town postmaster is unique from other careers. We are privy to so much information about your lives simply by handling the mail. We have rejoiced at your triumphs and good fortune as the congratulatory cards came in and wept as we handled stacks of condolence messages. Life at the post office has seldom been boring.

Many changes have occurred throughout the years - personnel changes - Lottie Rehal, Bud Ish, Gennie Lietch, John Dolezal, Ben Odegard, Faye Wolfe, Myrtle Broadhurst, Hal Schlofeldt, Ernie Minckler and Ruth Ish - all were part of our postal family at one time. The Burrows and Raunig families were and are all involved.

Joe and Ann and various family members transported mail to and from the depot when there were Rail Post Offices and the mail all came by train. We had three and four deliveries a day - early morning, mid-morning, early afternoon and at closing time. One could post a letter to Havre or all the towns along the hi-line before 10 a.m. and if the recipient were "on the ball" he or she would have the mail in time to get a response back to Chester by 1 p.m. There were three of us in the office so that mail was distributed immediately into the boxes. It was great for people in business, not to mention young folks dating along the hi-line! -- and THE TIMES!

Two dispatches were made in 'catcher pouches', canvas leather reinforced bags buckled in the middle, to exchange with the streamliners which sometimes stopped, and sometimes didn't. The pouch was hung from a crane and the mail messenger climbed to the spot on the crane and caught by a hook wielded by a rail post office clerk. If the clerk was not right on center and the train going too fast, a pouch would break and scatter mail along the right-of-way.

One winter when snow was very deep and roads impossible, Mr. Minckler missed getting mail to his patrons several trips in a row. This was unheard of in his mind, so he hired a small plane pilot to take him along the route to drop the mail to his patrons. Such dedication has been the rule of most carriers."

Helen Ann said it was difficult for her to decide on retirement and that she will miss daily contact with the people who stop in at the Post Office, the jokes, the ribbing and the cheery greetings. But she feels it is time to move on and she appreciates everyone for many good years and those who made her job easire. According to Helen, Virginia (Adams) is "a marvel at moving mail".

A permanent postmaster has not been placed for Chester as yet. A postal service representative will be temporarily assigned to handle the duties previously handled by Helen Ann Aaberg until the position is filled.



Lottie Rehal, Helen Ann Aaberg

12 January 1990 - Chester's new Postmaster Glenn Hodge officially began serving in that capacity Friday, January 12th, and the community welcomed him with an open house at the Post Office. Glenn was born and raised in Billings, but came to Chester from Livingston where he was Postmaster for eight and a half years. He has served in the Postal Service for 21½ years. He was in the U.S. Navy for two years of active duty and served in Viet Nam.

Chester means civilization to new postmaster

By Valorle Zach
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After spending the past 4 1/2 years as postmaster in Barrow, Alaska, 33-year-old David Wilhelm admits that he's really looking forward to being back in "civilization" and beginning his new position as postmaster in Chester. Wilhelm officially began his duties here on Saturday, April 3rd, replacing former postmaster Glenn Hodge, who retired in November.

Originally of Everett, Washington, Wilhelm has been with the postal service a number of years. He and his wife Susan have taken up residence in Chester, moving here last Thursday. Wilhelm stated that his wife is currently in Seattle with her father who is ill, but would be arriving in several weeks. "Susan has a degree in computer programing and was administrative assistant at Barrow Utilities in Alaska," said David

When asked if he enjoyed any hobbies or interests Wilhelm replied, "After spending four years in the snow and Eskimos, I tend to work a lot - I'm a workaholic but do like movies, reading and swimming."

In the four months that Chester has been without a postmaster, Lynn Mikulecky has served as officer in charge. Mikulecky of Rudyard has been a postal clerk here for the past three years in addition to Virginia Adams, who has been with the post office for the past 16 years. They will continue to be on staff. "The office has been run very well," commented Wilhelm. "Lynn has done such a good job and from what I can see there really isn't anything we need to change at all." Other postal employees who helped to keep the post office running smoothly and efficiently in the absence of a postmaster were mail carriers Terry Thielman, Cyrilla Burrows and Jerry Fenger and custodian, Nancy Harrison.

Former Postmaster Glenn Hodge, is now in Mesa, Arizona and according to his wife, will begin working for AT&T this week. Hodge retired November 20 after 27 years of service in Montana as postmaster in Loma, Cut Bank, Livingston and Chester. He is looking forward to his family, Kay, Theresa and Alan, joining him after the school year.

Wilhelm said that an Open House is being planned at the post office, tentatively, for next Wednesday, in order for him to meet the people of the community. "Chester is a great

place for us because I grew up on a farm in Washington state," said Wilhelm. "It will be nice to only have 4 1/2 months of winter as opposed to 10 1/2 months!"



Lynn Mikulecky left, has been the officer in charge at the Chester Post Office for the past 4 1/2 months since former Postmaster Glenn Hodge retired. David Wilhelm formerly of Barrow, Washington was named as postmaster and officially began his duties Saturday, April 3rd.

CHESTER — Nancy Harrison has been hired as a part-time clerk at the Post Office in Chester, replacing Lynn Mikulecky who was transferred to Inverness. 5-1994