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J. H. McIntire Funeral Held 1954 Here Sunday

Jerry Hesketh McIntire, 77, passed away at his home north of town on Friday, May 21.

Mr. McIntire was born on Dec. 9, 1876, on a farm south of Clarence and had spent his entire life on the farm north of town. He was united in marriage on Dec. 17, 1901, to Miss Lillie Mae Robb who survives.

Survivors include his widow, six sons, Warren of Corwith, Iowa; Harry, Oscar, Elmer and Carl McIntire of the home and Joseph McIntire of East Detroit, Mich.; a daughter, Mrs. Russell Haynes of Macon; a brother James of Kansas City, grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by two brothers, Don McIntire of Clarence and Bert McIntire of Kansas City; two sisters, Mattie of Clarence and Elva of Ottawa, Ill., and a daughter who died in infancy.

The body rested in the Greening Funeral Home and last rites were held from there at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Rev. J. L. Shoemaker of Shelbina the officiant. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

Casket bearers were Amos Weaver, Lester Cochrum, Ross Winn, Otis Cook, Robert Hollar and Junior Benedict.

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Mrs. A. Felker, Former Resident, Buried Here

Mrs. Arthur Felker of Vandalia, former Clarence resident, passed away Thursday night in the Britton nursing home at Laddonia following injuries sustained recently in a fall.

Nellie Belle Shutters, the daughter of the late William and Martha Shutters, was born in Clarence on Nov. 26, 1874. She grew to young womanhood here and on Nov. 29, 1893 she was married to Arthur Felker who preceded her on Nov. 26, 1936. The home was made in Clarence for many years where two children were born, a son, Roland who died in infancy, and a daughter, Mrs. Madison (Marie) Browne of Vandalia with whom she made her home.

She was an active member of the Methodist church and Sunday school and was presented with a 50-year pin two years ago as a member of the Clarence Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Survivors are her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Madison Browne of Vandalia and other relatives.

Last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon from the Vandalia Methodist church by the Rev. Maurice F. Magers at 1:30 o'clock. The funeral cortege arrived in Clarence about 4 o'clock and a short service was conducted at Center Street Methodist church by members of O.E.S., followed by commitment prayers in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Henderson, 80, Former Resident, Died January 29 1954

Friends here have received word of the death of Mrs. Tessie Henderson, 80, a former resident of this community.

Mrs. Henderson passed away on Jan. 29, following major surgery, at Macon, Ga., where she had lived with her son Hershell. Although nearly blind she had lived with her sister at Wheeling, caring for her sister until in March, 1953, when she fell, fracturing a hip. After being a patient in a Kirksville hospital and in a Chillicothe nursing home she went to live with her son in December. Interment was made at Macon, Ga.

The Hendersons moved to Florida from Clarence in 1914 where Mr. Henderson (Grant) and a daughter Pauline passed away several years later.

Survivors are her son, two grandsons and a granddaughter.

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Last Rites For R. L. Creekmur Held Tuesday

Funeral services for Robert Lee Creekmur, 81, who passed away at his home here Saturday evening, were held Tuesday afternoon from the Nazarene church with Rev. W. E. Palmer officiating assisted by Rev. Ralph LaChance. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery.

He was born on Nov. 30, 1873, the son of James and Eliza Creekmur of Shelby county.

On Jan. 16, 1900, he was married to Fannie Davis and to them was born a daughter Ethel, now Mrs. Dell Buchanan of Clarence. His wife preceded him on Jan. 2, 1908.

He was again married on Sept. 6, 1906 to Clara Hall who survives with the daughter and Nellie Bixby of the home whom they reared. A brother William Creekmur and two nephews also survive.

He was affiliated with the Church of God (Holiness) south of Clarence.

Mr. Creekmur, a retired farmer, moved to Clarence about a year ago from his farm north of Clarence.

The body was removed to the Greening Funeral Home and later returned to the family home to await the hour of services.

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Funeral Service for W. H. Dennis, 91, Held Here Sunday

William Henry Dennis, 91, retired farmer of Shelby and Macon counties, passed away at his home Friday morning at 4 o'clock after several weeks illness.

Mr. Dennis was born on March 18, 1863, at Salisbury, Md. At the age of six he removed to Macon county with his parents and for the remainder of his life had lived in Macon and Shelby counties. On Jan. 18, 1891, he was married to Miss Myrtle Ryther of Ten Mile who survives.

Nieces and nephews also survive.

The body rested at the Greening Funeral Home until Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock when last rites were held from the First Baptist church conducted by the Rev. Claude Thompson of LaPlata. Interment followed in Bethel church cemetery north of Anabel.

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Last Rites For Mrs. W. B. Florea Held Tuesday

Mrs. W. B. Florea, 58, passed away at her home here Saturday evening at 7 o'clock after an extended illness.

She was born Ethel L. Burkhardt on April 15, 1896, in Knox City, the daughter of James A. and the late Mrs. Burkhardt. She was married to Willis B. Florea at Knox City on Dec. 29, 1913, and they made their home there until they removed to Clarence in 1931. She became a member of the Christian church as a young girl and was a faithful worker in her church until her health failed.

Survivors include her husband, her aged father of Knox City, a daughter, Mrs. Paul Shearon (Clara Frances), four grandchildren, Paula Sue, Jimmy, Carol Ann and Kathy Shearon all of Macon; a sister, Mrs. George Wolter of Albia, Iowa, and a brother Roland Burkhardt of Los Angeles, Calif.

Last rites were held Tuesday afternoon from the Clarence Christian church with the pastor, Lyle Armstrong, the officiant, assisted by Rev. Ralph LaChance. Commitment prayers were read and interment made in Oakwood cemetery at Macon.

Casketbearers included Deck Skinner, W. D. Timmons, Arnold Shearon, W. C. Jones, Errett Sage and Pet Gray.

Arrangements were under the direction of Barkelew & Hawkins funeral service.

W. T. Palmer, 59, Buried Monday In California 1954

Willie T. Palmer who would have been 60 years old on May 9 died April 14 in a U.S. veterans hospital at Long Beach, Calif., where he had been a patient for some time, according to word received by a sister, Mrs. M. D. Clark of near Anabel. Mr. Palmer, a veteran of World War I, became ill soon after he returned from service and about 24 years ago he went West for the benefit of his health.

He was a son of T. W. and Sarah Jane Sanders Palmer and was born north of Clarence on May 9, 1894. Survivors are his wife, two sons and three sisters, Mrs. Clark of near Anabel, Mrs. Grace Cooper of Sioux City, Iowa, and Mrs. Nora Crawford of Clarence.

Funeral services and burial occurred at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 19, at National City, Calif.

Rev. T. S. Wheeler, 92, Shelby Co. Native, Dies in Oregon

Rev. T. S. Wheeler, 92, former Clarence resident and brother of J. W. Wheeler, passed away on July 28 at Corvallis, Oregon.

Mr. Wheeler was born in Shelby county, near Lakenan, in Nov. 1862, the son of the late John A. and Frances Robb Wheeler. He was reared in this vicinity and as a member of the Methodist Conference, held pastorates in this area. He transferred to the Denver, Colo. Conference where he served several years and later located in Oregon. He served as pastor in Portland, Corvallis and other places in Oregon. He had the privilege of serving his church for 45 continuous years.

He is survived by his widow, four sons, two sisters, Miss Ethel Wheeler and Mrs. Olive Clay of Los Angeles, Calif., and his brother, J. W. Wheeler of Clarence.

Last rites were held and interment made in Corvallis.

Charlie Griswold, 1954 Native of Clarence, Dies in Colorado

Relatives have received word of the death of Charlie Griswold of Colorado Springs, Colo. Death came suddenly on Saturday, May 15.

Mr. Griswold was born in Clarence, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Griswold. The family moved to Colorado Springs when Charlie was a youth and he had lived there until his passing.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Virginia, a grandchild, his mother and two sisters, Pauline (Mrs. Burl McKinney) of Tucson, Ariz., and Frances of Colorado Springs.

Last rites and interment were held in Colorado.