

Death of Mrs. A. J. Miller

Mrs. A. J. Miller was born in Rock Island county, Ill., on March 9, 1856 and departed from this life on March 3, 1939 at Moberly, Mo., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James L. Barton and family. Mrs. Miller had been enjoying very good health until a few days ago when she was stricken with pneumonia.

Her maiden name was Artemesia Reed and she was the eldest of a family of nine children. Of that family she is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. W. Touet of Osceola, Iowa, and three brothers, Dean and Dell Reed of New Virginia, Iowa, and Fred Reed of Osceola, Iowa. At an early age her family moved from Illinois to Iowa where Mrs. Miller lived for a great many years.

She was married on February 16, 1888 to Andrew J. Miller, whose family had also migrated from Illinois to Iowa. To this union was born a daughter, Mrs. J. L. Barton of Moberly, Mo., and a son Arthur F. Miller of Chicago, Ill., both of whom live to mourn her passing. She is also survived by three grand children, Miller Edwin Barton, Marilyn Adele Miller and Arthur Franklin Miller, Jr. About thirty-eight years ago, she, with her family moved to Missouri from Iowa, and since then has always lived in the vicinity of Clarence.

Mrs. Miller was preceded to her heavenly home by her husband who died on October 14, 1933.

At an early age she joined the Methodist church and she was a consecrated devoted Christian thru out her entire life. The main goal in her life was to live as her Saviour would want her to live and she has always been an active church member and worker whenever she was able.

Funeral services were conducted from the Methodist church here Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, with the Rev. Robert McElvoy of New Franklin officiating.

Pall bearers were: Gentry Carroll, J. L. Carroll, F. D. Griswold, N. D. Troxell, O. O. Hedrick and V. O. Wheeler.

Burial was in Maplewood cemetery.

Mrs. Martha Elsberry Passed Away Monday

Martha H. Littleton Elsberry passed away at her home here at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, February 27, following a five months' illness.

The daughter of John and Laura Littleton, she was born in Virginia February 13, 1863. Later the family moved to Cherry Box where she resided until coming to Clarence 19 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Frank Brant of Clarence and Mrs. Ada Resa north of town, a sister, Mrs. Ida Knesely of Bloomington, Ill., six grandchildren and a host of friends.

Mrs. Elsberry was a member of the Christian church. Funeral services were conducted from the home this morning at 10:00 o'clock with the Rev. Elba Martin officiating. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

So true was he of heart and hand,
So helpful in the strife,
So faithful to the present need,
We miss him from our life.
Funeral services were held at the Center Street Methodist church Saturday, February 18, at 2:00 p. m. with Rev. L. C. Maggart, Shelby, officiating, assisted by the local pastor, Rev. J. E. Isbell. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.

Accident Fatal to Rev. James Hall

1939
Finis Brown Charged With Manslaughter.

Rev. James Hall, 29, Holiness evangelist of Excello, was fatally injured about 6:30 p. m. Friday night on Highway 36 about a mile east of Clarence when he was hit by a hit and run truck driver while he was repairing a flat tire.

Witnesses of the tragedy were Rev. Hall's wife, who had been assisting him but jumped to safety as the truck approached, their two year old son, and Mrs. Hall's sister, Miss Mary Bodwell, school teacher at Walkersville.

The Halls had been to Shelby, to meet Miss Bodwell who was going to spend the week end with them, and they were enroute home when the back left hand tire went flat. Hall was repairing the tire and had his back to the oncoming truck when he was struck. His left side was badly injured from the impact and his head was thrown thru the left rear window of his own car. The broken glass cut his jugular vein and he died almost instantly.

The car was not hit at all, the wheel still remaining on the jack after the accident.

Finis Brown and his father-in-law, Jack Hudson, both of Excello, were located by highway patrol, and Brown readily confessed that he was the driver of the truck which had struck Rev. Hall. Both men stated that Hudson had implored Brown to stop at the time of the accident, but fear caused him to flee from the scene and to avoid the pavement as much as possible in order to escape patrolmen.

Witnesses before the jury in addition to the principals were J. J. Urolman Paul Updegraff, Weight Officer T. L. Jones and State Patrol Sergeant Victor Kelso, of Macon, who testified to the position of Hall's car on the slab; and M. E. Millon, Shelby, undertaker.

An inquest was held at the Million and Barkelew Funeral Chapel in Clarence Saturday afternoon before the following jury: Walter McCue, W. B. Kemp, G. E. Bowen, H. J. Naylor, Frank Riley and John Wingate, who returned a verdict of guilty of careless driving and leaving the scene of accident.

Prosecuting Attorney F. C. Bolow filed the information against Brown immediately after the inquest and Brown was placed in the county jail Monday where he is held for manslaughter. He is 33 years of age and a married man with three children. Hudson was released.

Rev. Hall was born and reared in Eagle Grove, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hall. Besides his wife, the former Florence Bodwell, of Leonard, and his small son, he leaves his parents, two sisters and two brothers.

The body was first taken to the Million and Barkelew Funeral Chapel here where it remained until Saturday when it was removed to Eagle Grove, Iowa.

The deceased was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Elwyn Jones of Hagers Grove. Elwyn's father, Judge Willie C. Jones, took the family to his home here after the tragedy.

Rev. Hall was the nearest neighbor and a close friend of the man who unwittingly killed him.

Dr. Stanley M. Hall

1939 Hall Found Dead

Dr. Stanley M. Hall, prominent physician, was found dead in his bed at his apartment at Moberly, Mo., about 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning by his aunt, Mrs. Susie Hutzel, with whom he had spent the previous evening. Death is believed to have been caused by heart failure sometime after midnight.

According to Mrs. Hutzel, he had complained of heart trouble and she had asked him to stay at her home that night. However, he returned to his own apartment and there wrote two letters before retiring, one addressed to his adopted son, Billy, and one to his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Hall.

A son of Q. T. and Mary Kathryn Hall, he was born on a farm near Woodlawn, Mo., March 6, 1886. In 1913 he was married to Miss Louise Linville of Edina, who passed away April 17, 1915. In 1919 a second marriage was contracted with Miss Nan Powell of Clarence, who died in December, 1934.

Dr. Hall attended the Madison and Paris public schools. His pre-medical training was received at the Kirksville State Teachers College, and he was afterwards graduated from the Washington University at St. Louis.

He began practicing at Clarence in 1912. In 1917 he entered war service and served 1½ years in France.

Twelve years ago he moved to Kansas City where he became recognized as a physician of the highest rank. During his residence in K. C. he was associated with Dr. Eugene Carbaugh as deputy coroner.

After the death of his second wife his health became impaired and for a time he gave up his profession. About two weeks ago he moved to Moberly where he had hoped to build up the extensive practice that he had formerly enjoyed.

He leaves to mourn his passing his son, Billy, Miami, Okla.; two brothers, H. Baxter, Clarence, and Harry D., Lancaster, Mo., five nieces, Gretchen Hall Atterbury of Camdenton, Louise Hall of Lancaster, daughters of Harry D. Hall, Kitty Bess Hall of Kahoka, Maxie Mae Hall of Paris, and Dorothy Sue Hall of Clarence, daughters of H. Baxter Hall.

The body was brought here from Moberly by the Hamilton Undertaking Co. Funeral services will be held at the Christian church this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2:30 o'clock.

T. M. Byland Dead

1939
T. Melville Byland, 73, former business man and well known citizen of Clarence, died Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at his residence in Shelby, after being ill since last September.

Mr. Byland was born near Shelbyville Sept. 18, 1865, the son of the late William E. and Lea Crain Byland. A few years later the family removed to Monroe City where he grew to young manhood and was educated in the Monroe Institute Academy in that city. Sept. 5, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Sarah Anne Lister of Clarence, and the home was made on farms southwest of here for many years. In 1908 they quit farming and came to Clarence where Mr. Byland was a member of the grocery firm of Bishop & Byland for a number of years and later was engaged in the feed and grain business here. Mrs. Byland passed away at Monroe City April 23, 1932, and he made his home in Shelby most of the time since.

The deceased was a faithful member of the Christian church since his boyhood days. He was a member of the official board at Clarence for many years and served in various capacities and was active and conscientious in his work.

Surviving are two sons, C. R. Byland of Bellevue, Iowa, and W. E. Byland of Granite City, Ill. One daughter, Mrs. T. B. (Emma) Jones, passed away at Monroe in April, 1927.

Funeral services were held at the Million-Barkelew Funeral Home at Shelby Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock conducted by the Rev. E. H. Simmons. Burial was made in St. Jude's cemetery at Monroe City. The casket was borne by George H. Henry, Lewis Schaffer, Chris Wilt, Ed Ralls, Jasper Martin and John Freeman all of Shelby.

Those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Byland of Bellevue, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Byland and two children of Granite City, Ill.

C. R. Byland is editor of the Bellevue, Ia., Herald, and began the printing business in the office of the Clarence Courier.

Death of Dave Collins

David Asbury Collins, the son of William B. and Mary Ellen Collins, was born on September 3, 1860 in Macon county at Nickellton, Mo., and departed this life at his home on February 16, 1939 at the age of 78 years, 5 months and 13 days. Mr. Collins had been in ill health for some months, but the end came as a shock to even his loved ones who had cared for him during his illness.

On December 31, 1892 he was united in marriage to Miss Nannie Mae Huett. To this union two daughters were born, Mrs. Irma Dennis of Macon, Mo., and Mrs. Letha Petree of the home.

Mr. Collins was engaged in farming near Nickellton, Mo., for many years, having retired eleven years ago and moved to Clarence where he passed away.

In early manhood he united with the Methodist church at Nickellton. His actual life portrayed his definite faith and belief.

He was a man very devoted to his family and will be greatly missed by them, and also by many relatives, neighbors and friends.

He leaves to mourn besides his wife and two daughters, five grand children, Dean and Billy Neal Dennis of Macon, Mo., and Dale, Delos and Charmae Petree of the home; three brothers, Coss and Jim Collins of Nickellton, Mo., and Ben Collins of Nampa, Idaho, and one sister, Mrs. Josie Bagle of Atlanta, Mo.