

Our community was shocked when the sad news was received that William E. Copenhaver had passed away at his home south of Clarence after a year of illness. He passed to his reward Monday morning at 5:15, Sept. 23, 1935 at the age of 49 years, 9 months and 9 days. Mr. Copenhaver was always cheerful and patient, never complaining no matter how difficult the task or suffering was. He was always ready to lend a helping hand. Work never got too hard for him to do. He spoke so many times what he would do if he only felt good. He only wished he could live to see his little grandson, Harold, educated. His loss is keenly felt by all who knew him, for his death leaves many an aching heart. "For God doeth all things well." Death is gain with our Christ and our departed loved ones will be there.

In the shadow of His wings there is rest sweet rest.

In the month of Oct., 1924 he joined the Christian church at Clarence under the ministry of Bro. Long. William E. Copenhaver was the oldest child and only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Copenhaver. He spent his entire life near Clarence, except five years with his family he spent in Montana.

On March 10, 1907 he was married to Miss Shellie Lee, who with two daughters, Mrs. Lester Carothers, Miss Fleta Copenhaver, at home, one grandson, Harold Carothers, his mother, of Tiger, Wash., also five sisters, Mrs. Pearl Pettet of Bozeman, Mont.; Mrs. Edna Maupin, Tiger, Wash.; Mrs. Zora Hubble, Clarence, Mo.; Mrs. Minnie Smith, St. Paul, Nebr.; Mrs. Blanche Palmer, Tiger, Wash.; an uncle, Bell Copenhaver, of Excello, and a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss. His father passed away in July.

His funeral was held at the Christian church in Clarence Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock conducted by Rev. L. C. Maggart. Interment in the Maplewood cemetery. \*\*

**DEATH OF THOMAS PALMER**

Thomas Wayne Palmer was born near Woodlawn, Monroe county Mo., August 20, 1852 the son of George F. and Nancy Palmer.

He was married to Sarah Jane Sanders October 6, 1874, who survives. They moved to Clarence where they resided until 1886 and then moved to a farm north of Clarence where they lived until about a year ago when they moved to their daughter, Mrs. Doo Clark's home where he passed away May 14, 1936. Eight children were born to this union. The two oldest sons died in early childhood, Mrs. Ida Clark and Mrs. Cleo Palmer have passed away since.

The following children survive: Mrs. Nora Crawford, Clarence, Mo.; Mrs. Grace Cooper, Plainview, Texas; Mrs. Dee Clark, Anabel, and Wm. T. Palmer, National City, Calif. There are seven grandchildren: Mrs. Thelma Fuller, Noel Crawford, Leslie Bradley, Mrs. Glessie Burdge, W. T. Cooper, Wm. P. Palmer and Wayne H. Palmer.

He united with the Oak Grove Baptist church, Monroe county, when he was 20 years old under the ministry of Rev. J. D. Swinney, who also performed the marriage ceremony.

A quartet composed of W. B. Florea, Mrs. M. A. Bailey, Mrs. Walter McCue and Lindsey Garlow sang "Never Grow Old," and "Will The Circle Be Unbroken." Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. McCue sang "The Eastern Gate."

Rev. Rolla G. Sears, pastor of the Christian church, conducted the funeral services at the Clarence Baptist church, using Heb. 12:1-2 as his text.

The pall bearers were: Orley Richardson, Everett Bowman, Walter Swetman, Fred Vickers, Clayton Maupin and Johnnie Fuller.

Mrs. Catharine Neuschafer, 84 years old, prominent resident of seven miles northeast of Clarence, died last Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Katherine Kuhne, after a long illness which followed a paralytic stroke suffered last February.

Mrs. Neuschafer was born in Germany Nov. 1, 1851, and moved to Australia with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reinheimer, at the age of 3. She lived in that country 12 years and from there the family moved to Canada for a year's residence before coming to the United States in 1868 and settling on a farm west of Shelbyville.

She was married on Dec. 15, 1869, to John Neuschafer, whom she met in Australia and who came to Shelby county shortly after the Reinheimer family settled here. The remainder of Mrs. Neuschafer's life was spent at the same farm where she and her husband first settled. Mr. Neuschafer died on Oct. 5, 1889.

Mrs. Neuschafer joined the Lutheran church at the age of 14 and was a dependable church worker and a sincere Christian. She was beloved and respected by relatives, neighbors and friends alike.

All eleven of Mrs. Neuschafer's children are living, the eldest being 66 years old and the youngest 47. They are: Mrs. Mary VonThun, Mrs. H. H. Rathjen, Mrs. Phillip Keller, Jr., Mrs. Emma Prange, Mrs. Sarah Werr, Mrs. William Claussen, Mrs. Katie Kuhne, and Louis Neuschafer, of Shelbyville; Henry Neuschafer of Chestnut, Ill., Peter Neuschafer of Center, Mo., and John Neuschafer of Santa Ana, Calif. Also surviving are 24 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren.

She and her husband were among the first settlers on section 29, northeast of Clarence, known as the German settlement, in Black Creek township.

The original purchaser was Peter Reinheimer with the following group of Germans: Dampf Koehler, Jacob Gaul, Valentine Krauter, Nickolas Sass, Rev. Munsell, the acting preacher, John Neuschafer and Henry Claussen.

The section which is probably the most highly improved of any in Shelby county, became known as the German settlement.

Mrs. Neuschafer was the last survivor of the first settlement. Her husband passing away in 1889 left her with a large family and in rather poor financial circumstances, but she not only reared 11 children but actually accumulated wealth in doing so. All the children were at her bedside when she passed away.

She was a remarkable woman and her advice was always sought by her children and many neighbors and friends.

Funeral rites were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Mt. Hope Lutheran church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. Frerking of Shelbyville, and Rev. Victor Grimm of Macon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

A large crowd attended and the church was filled to overflowing.

The following Clarence citizens were present: L. L. Wheeler, E. J. Conrad, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Houten and Mrs. Vincil Wheeler.

Betty Joe Miller, three year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller of Texas, passed away one day the past week, following an operation for appendicitis.

Betty Joe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller and her mother will be remembered as Miss Irene Hamilton.

She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Sarah Hamilton of this city.

Funeral services were held in Texas.

**Greenberry Griffin Dies**

Greenberry Griffin was born in Macon county, Mo., October 22, 1859 and departed this life March 2, 1935.

Mr. Griffin spent his entire life in Macon and Shelby counties.

He was united in marriage to Nancy Snow November 22, 1881. To this union were born nine children, six girls and three boys, all nine survive to mourn their father's departure. They are as follows: Mary Murphy, Kansas City, Mo.; Minnie Maupin, Clarence, Mo.; Zula Meldinger, St. Joseph, Mo.; Emma Gosney, Kansas City, Mo.; Anna Bennett, Omaha, Nebr.; Letha Gingrich, Clarence, Mo.; George Griffin, Clarence, Mo., and Birch Griffin, Omaha, Nebr.

There are also eleven grandchildren living and one dead. He leaves four great grandchildren, one uncle and a host of relatives and friends. His wife preceded him in death July 1, 1922.

He was a loving father and will be greatly missed by his children and all who knew him.

Funeral services were held in the Baptist church at Clarence on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock

by the pastor, Rev. F. B. the remains were laid side of his companion cemetery.

**OBITUARY**

Frances Jackson Renner, daughter of Perry and Mary Jackson, was born in Walkersville, Mo., on November 1, 1863, later she came with her parents to a farm in the Bacon Chapel neighborhood. After her marriage she and her family have spent the greater part of her life on the farm seven miles east of Clarence, where she passed away on February 3, 1936 at the age of 72 years, 3 months and 2 days.

She was united in holy matrimony to William Edward Renner on November 30, 1881. To this union eight children were born, Ruby, Shelby, Clarence, Mrs. Ethel Ray, Mrs. Edith Ray, who survives with the husband, and three children dying in infancy.

She leaves of the parental family one sister, Mrs. Mollie Edmonson, of this community. There are 8 grandchildren and one nephew. She also reared in this home Mrs. Fanny O'Neal Potter who came to live with them when a small child and stayed until her marriage.

In her long residence here she was favorably known and leaves a multitude of friends.

She was converted and united with the M. E. church of Bacon Chapel under the ministry of Rev. O'Brien and continued a member until her death.

Her husband with her is a member of the same church.

She was in her home a faithful wife and a true mother.

In her declining years she was cared for by her loving husband and daughter, Mrs. Ethel Ray, who lived in the home with her.

She was a member of the Royal Neighbor Lodge of Lentner, Mo.

Funeral services were held at Bacon Chapel Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by the pastor, Rev. L. C. Maggart. Interment in the church cemetery.

Dazarene Mathews was born in Adair county, Mo., Nov. 14, 1856, the daughter of John and Martha Mathews, departed this life Jan. 4, 1935, age 78 years and two months.

On April 3, 1879 she was married to William M. Clark, Elder J. G. Swinney officiating. This union was blessed with three daughters, all of whom are living, and they, with their families, including four grandchildren and three great grandchildren, together with the aged father and companion, comprise the immediate family.

The daughters are, Sadie, wife of J. T. VanHouten, of Anabel, Mo.; Vernie, wife of Ferd Copenhaver, of Clarence, and Annie, wife of John Gosney, also of Clarence. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Ella Thurman, of Tulsa, Okla., two brothers, John H. Mathews, of Kansas City, and C. E. Mathews, of St. Louis, together with many friends and neighbors mourn Mrs. Clark's passing.

In the early years of womanhood she was converted and united with the Methodist church, remaining faithful thruout the years to her choice. How inadequate are these few poor words, to describe a life lived so wisely and well.

Mrs. Clark was a descendant of good pioneer stock, of those who had the courage and stamina to blaze the trails regardless of hardship. Naturally she was a woman of strong character, not easily shaken by passing opinion. Her home was open at all times to her loved ones and friends, and she served them with gracious hospitality. Hers was a tranquil spirit, seemingly content with her lot as it came, day by day, and in the last days a patient sufferer.

"A life of service lived, self sacrificing life, Pure maiden first, true womanhood, and then devoted wife, From thee we loath to separate to meet on earth, no never, But some glad day in 'His good time,' We'll all be home together."

Funeral services were held at the church Sunday afternoon. Burial was in the cemetery.

**Death of John Viselli 1935**

The remains of John Viselli, who passed away in Barnes hospital in St. Louis Thursday, May 23, were brought to Clarence Saturday for interment. He was born May 20, 1915, in Pennsylvania, being 20 years and three days of age. His death was caused from complications resulting from an operation on an abscessed lung, which was due to his having swallowed a grain of corn when a small child.

He is survived by three brothers, James, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riley, Henry, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Will Rattliff, of Hunnewell, Mo., Leon, who makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miles, two sisters, Florence who lives with Mr. and Mrs. John Rattliff.

His funeral was conducted from the Catholic church here Saturday afternoon by the Rev. Fr. Kenny, and burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery.

John came to Clarence about nine years ago, but was not making his home here for some time prior to his death. He was here in March on a visit. He was a member of the Catholic church and just finished a course in Mechanical trades and was making preparations to accept a good position which had been offered him. The remains were accompanied here by Miss Georgia Greenleaf, of St. Louis, his guardian.