

**CLARENCE
MAYOR IS DEAD**

**J. A. Grissom, Former Merchant
And Mayor Dies at Home in
Macon Friday.**

John Andrew Grissom, well known in both Macon and Shelby counties, passed away at his home in Macon last Friday after several weeks of illness.

He had been an early merchant of this city, dealing in lumber and was mayor here many years ago.

John Andrew Grissom was born Nov. 1, 1848 in Owen county, Kentucky, and died Feb. 24, 1933, aged 84 years, 3 months and 23 days. He moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Grissom, to Macon county, Missouri, when quite young. He was one of five children, three brothers having preceded him in death; one sister, Mrs. Anne Hopper, is living in Texico, New Mexico.

He was married on March 17, 1878, to Miss Martha Riley. They lived near Ten Mile where he taught school, with the exception of a few years spent in Colorado. Two little girls came to bless this union, but on December 8, 1891, the mother was called home and he was left with his little daughters, five and six years old. Mr. Grissom then moved to Clarence and was in the lumber business, where he took an active part in this little city's affairs, having served as both alderman and mayor. On July 26, 1894, he was married to Mrs. Mary Warner Pierce, who, with his two daughters, Mrs. Mark White and Mrs. Ernest Richardson survive. He has served Macon county as collector six years and was then probation officer and welfare worker until his sickness three weeks ago. He was a devoted husband and father. He loved his home and loved God's outdoors. He went hunting with his grandson on his 84th birthday. Mr. Grissom joined the Macon Baptist church under Dr. Dillard's pastorate and has been a faithful worker in the church, having served as deacon for 25 years.

Besides the wife and two daughters he leaves five grandchildren, Ernal White, Mark Grissom White, John Richardson and Martha Richardson of Macon, and Mildred Richardson Sanford of Dodge City, Kansas; one step-granddaughter, Mrs. Clyde Hibler; six great grandchildren, Ernal White, Jr., of St. Louis, Erma Jean White of Macon, Kenneth and Richard Sanford of Dodge City; Margaret and Charlotte Hibler of Anabel.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Home for Funerals in Macon.

**Perry G. Withers, Prominent Pioneer of Shelby County,
Buried.**

Perry G. Withers, a highly respected citizen of Clarence and Shelby county, passed away at his home in this city Thursday evening, after having been in failing health for the past three years, having been blind during this period of time.

Perry Gentry Withers, son of Waller and Elizabeth Withers, members of old Kentucky and Virginia families, was born Sept. 19, 1843, in Monroe county, near Madison, and at the time of his death had reached the advanced age of 91 years, 4 months and 7 days.

When a small child he moved with his parents to Salem, Mo., where on February 22, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Christie Bowling. In 1878 the couple moved to Shelby county and settled south of Clarence where for almost 40 years Mr. Withers was one of Shelby county's most prominent and progressive farmers. When he retired in 1906 the couple moved to Clarence where they had since made their home. Always a faithful church worker, Mr. Withers, at the age of 18 years, united with the Baptist church at Salem. Upon moving to Shelby county he transferred his membership to Union church, south of Clarence, and since he had resided in this city he had been a consistent member of the Clarence Baptist church. Until his health failed three years ago he had been one of the most active workers in the church. His many years residence in Shelby county made him many staunch friends who esteemed him highly.

Mr. and Mrs. Withers were the parents of seven children, the first of whom, a son, preceded his father in death. Those surviving with the widow are: Waller Gentry Withers, Aubrey Bowling Withers and Mrs. Elizabeth Brown, all of Clarence; Mrs. Fannie Maud Edwards of San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Stella Marr Robinson, of Palmyra, and Mrs. Ruby Adelle Wood, of Collinsville, Ill. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at one o'clock Friday afternoon at the Clarence Baptist church, Rev. Aillsberry, of Chillicothe, assisted by Rev. Forest Smith, local pastor, conducting the rites. Pall bearers were the grandsons of Mr. Withers. Burial was made in Maplewood.

In Memory

In memory of my mother, Mrs. Corine Wilson, who passed away April 9, 1934 and my sister, Mrs. Ma Simmons, who passed away April 25, 1934:

With a sweet, sweet smile,
And a wave of their hand,
They left us all for the promise land.
And now they wait on the golden shore
Where sorrow and parting comes
no more.

MRS. PEARL ELLER,
Novelty, Missouri.

DEATH OF FRANK B. BOORN

Word has been received here by relatives and friends of the death of Frank B. Boorn, age 57, who died Feb. 13, at his home in Wichita, Kansas. His funeral was held February 15 at the Downing Mortuary, and burial was in the Wichita Park cemetery.

He was in the hardware business in Wichita until forced to retire because of ill health three years ago. He moved to Wichita from Enid, Okla., nine years ago and was a member of the Free Methodist church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. E. Ford assisted by Rev. C. B. Archer, Rev. L. A. Rogers and Rev. Thayer.

Mr. Boorn is survived by his wife, Mollie G., his mother, Mrs. Belle Boorn of Chillicothe, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Marie Billings, New York City; one granddaughter, Genevieve, who makes her home with her grandparents.

Mrs. Boorn will be remembered here is Miss Mollie Sheets and is a sister of Horace Sheets of the Ebenezer neighborhood. Miss Mollie taught for several years in the rural schools near Clarence.

Mr. Boorn will be greatly missed by his family and a large circle of friends.

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Samuel Knupp, son of Joseph and Mary Luther Knupp, was born May 14, 1847 in Pennsylvania, being past 87 years of age at the time of his death.

He was married March 4, 1869 to Miss Nancy Katherine Foshee, who preceded him in death twelve years ago.

He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Watkins, with whom he had resided the greater portion of the time, and Mrs. B. B. Tattman, of Carrollton; also by three granddaughters and one grandson, namely, Mrs. Ruth Breedlove, of Kirksville, Mrs. Neva Hope, of Chicago, Mrs. Dorothy Sholv, of Kansas City, and Ralph Watkins, of Columbia.

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OBITUARY

Emma Jane English was born near Milford, Ill., Nov. 8, 1866 and passed away February 26, 1934 at the age of 67 years, 3 months and 18 days.

She was the daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Miriah Dawson.

She was married to John English of Francesville, Ind., November 13, 1884, and to this union was born one daughter, Lole Edith Stevens, who has spent the largest part of her life with her mother.

Mrs. English leaves three brothers, Edgar A. Dawson, of Clarence, Mo.; Ira W. of Royal Center, Ind., and Iven Franklin, of Milford, Ill., also eight nephews and two neices.

In her young womanhood she united with the United Brethren church and the great underlying principles of right living and honesty remained with her even though she left her home place for a new home where there was no church of this denomination.

Mrs. English spent the early part of her life in and near Milford, Ill., until she moved to Jamesport, Mo., in March, 1902, where she lived on a farm until sold and moved to Clarence, Mo., on Christmas Day, 1919.

She was noted for her hard working industrious nature and her ability to do and she will be greatly missed among her friends and neighbors.

She had been in failing health for the past three years and the morning of her departure had gotten up and dressed herself and come into the front room and laid down on the lounge until breakfast was ready. She took sick before her breakfast was finished and passed away sitting in her chair in her daughter's arms. She had assured Lole a few minutes before that she was getting along all right.

A short funeral service was held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 conducted by Rev. Smith of the Baptist church who gave an excellent address on the "F frailty of mortal life and the reality of eternal life." Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. McCue, Mr. Job and Mr. Hopper sang the following songs with Mrs. Lierley at the organ:

"God Will Take Care of You."
"Where We'll Never Grow Old."
"An Old Fashioned Home."

The body was taken to Milford, Ill., Wednesday by Funeral Director E. E. Hopper, in his funeral coach and taken to Williamson's Funeral Parlor, where a short service was held Thursday morning, March 1st, at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. Smiley of Freeland Park, a life long friend of the family. Burial was made in Sugar Cheek Chapel cemetery, about three miles east of Milford in the family grave yard.

Those who were called from a distance were I. F. Dawson, who had been spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas, and his son, Floyd, from that place; Ira W. Dawson; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Dawson, of Royal Center, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dawson, of Logansport, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry A. Dawson, of Steger, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Klouck, of Monticello, Ind.; Mrs. Rozella Rexer, a cousin, and her husband, opened their home to the relatives and friends of the family.

There is a reaper, whose name is death
And with his sickle keen
He reaps the beared grain at a breath
And the flowers that grow between.
O, not in cruelty, not in wealth,
The reaper came that day
Twas an angel visited the green earth
An took the flowers away.