

DIES SUDDENLY
Sudden Illness of J. E. Richardson Terminates Fatally.

J. E. Richardson, prominent farmer of northwest of Clarence, died at the Harris hospital at Clarence, Mo., Wednesday evening after an illness lasting but four days. Edgar had apparently been in good health, but was taken very ill Sunday. He was brought to Clarence Monday morning, operated on Tuesday morning for appendicitis, but condition was such that with all that loving hands could do it was impossible to save his life.

John Edgar, son of James Allen and Eva Richardson was born near Redman Sept. 7, 1892, and passed to his reward July 13, 1932 at the age of 39 years, 10 months and 6 days. He was united in marriage to Ruby Butler Dec. 24, 1911 and to this union one daughter was born, Vada. Ruby departed this life in June, 1915.

March 19, 1924 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie Hubble. To this union two daughters were Elma Jean, 7 years old, and Evelyn, 3 years old.

Edgar was one of our best citizens, honest in his dealings, plain in his living and true in his action, always ready to help any of his neighbors and friends when in his power to do so. His friends were numbered by his acquaintances.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, three daughters at home, his mother, Mrs. T. P. Honaker, of Clarence, one sister, Mrs. Joe Mishler, one brother, J. O. Richardson, of Anabel, and one step-daughter, Mrs. Arthur James, of Clarence, two nephews, three uncles, three aunts, and a large circle of friends and relatives. His father, two brothers and one sister having preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Bethel Church conducted by Rev. M. E. McGuire, of Atlanta. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery.

MRS. SCHWADA DIES
 2. 1932

Mrs. Rosa Schwada, wife of Henry Schwada, both of whom are prominent and well known citizens of the community north of town, passed away at her home Wednesday morning at seven o'clock after an illness of five weeks. She was stricken with paralysis at that time and was apparently improving nicely when she suffered a relapse last Saturday night.

Rosa Griswold, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Griswold was born in Woodstock, Ill., Sept. 14, 1871 and came with her parents to this county forty years ago.

She was united in marriage to Henry Schwada in October of the year 1899 and with her husband and family continued to reside during her married life in the Ebenezer community. She was a Christian character, a member of the Evangelical church, and had a large circle of admiring friends.

Surviving her are her husband, two sons, Lowell and Nolan, at home, two sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Lena Shorts of Portland, Ore., Mrs. May Farrell, of Palo Alto, Calif., Lee Griswold of Portland, Ore., and Frank Griswold of Woodstock, Ill.

One sister, Mrs. Major Cox, preceded her in death one year.

Funeral services will be held at Ebenezer church Friday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. Williams of Bethel, and interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery in Clarence.

Died Friday

George Melson Was The Son of One of Clay Township's Early Settlers - 1931

George A. Melson, aged 63 years, died at his home northeast of Clarence, Friday, Sept. 4th, after several months of illness. He had been in bad health for two or three years but had been seriously ill for the past three months.

Mr. Melson was the son of Benjamin N. and Mary Jane Melson and was born Feb. 15th, 1868. His parents came to this county at a very early age from Maryland. His grandfather, Benjamin Melson, settled on a homestead in eastern Clay township in 1837, just a year after the county was formed.

George A. Melson was reared in the same community where his grandfather settled and where his father spent the greater part of his life. April 3, 1890, he was married to Nora Alma Gunby. Two children were born to them, H. L. Melson, and a daughter, Myri, both of whom now live in Kansas City. Mrs. Melson died June 15th, 1901.

On Dec. 24th, 1903, Mr. Melson was married to Lulu Ballinger, who survives him. Their children were: Wayland, Weldon, Velma, Vivian, Leland, all of Hannibal, and Ledru and Erma at home. One child, Lenis, preceded the father in death, Aug. 17, 1916.

He is also survived by brothers, James H. Melson of Lentner, Chas. Melson, of Redmond, Ore., and a sister, Emily, (Mrs. Will Taylor), of Clarence.

Mr. Melson was a member of the Methodist church, uniting under the ministry of Rev. Robt. Melroy in 1919. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church in Clarence at 2:30 p. m. Sunday conducted by R. A. Mitchell. Burial was in the Maplewood cemetery.

TRAGIC DEATH OF CLARENCE BOY
 4. 1931

Faye Wells Killed by High Voltage Wire at Norwood, Missouri

The community was shocked Saturday morning to learn of the sudden and tragic death of Faye Wells at Norwood, Missouri. He was engaged in telephone work at a Norwood residence and had mounted a ladder to get to the telephone wire upon which he was working. The telephone wire came in contact in some way with an electric light line carrying 2300 volts and he was instantly killed.

Young Wells was one of the most popular young men of the community and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wells of Clarence. He was born near Redman October 11, 1909 and was twenty-two years old at the time of his death.

After his parents moved to Clarence, Faye entered the school here and graduated from the High school in the class of 1928. Before his graduation, he had taken a position with the Western Telephone Corporation at Clarence and this work he continued after finishing his school career.

In June of last year he was promoted and transferred to the Mountain Grove district in south Missouri where he became manager of a branch office. He was an efficient workman and his attention to his work won for him the confidence and the approbation of his employees.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Wells, an aged grandmother and hundreds of friends at Clarence as well as in the locality where he has lived during the past year.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. A. Mitchell Monday afternoon at Mt. Salem church near Redman and burial was in the cemetery there.

Quite a number of his friends and associates from Mountain Grove drove to Clarence to pay their last respects to their friend.

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Theodore H. Dove, well known resident of Clarence, died very suddenly at his home Saturday afternoon about two o'clock. He had been in poor health for over two years.

Theodore H. Dove was born in Wyandotte county, Ohio, May 6, 1867, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dove. When he was a small boy he came with his parents to Shelby county, Missouri, where they settled in the Rawson Chapel neighborhood, which is now known as Ebenezer church. He was one of thirteen children, all of whom preceded him in death. At the time of his death he was 66 years, 7 months and 11 days of age. He united with the Evangelical church when a young man and lived a consistent Christian life. He was always willing and ready to lend a helping hand to others. He is survived by a number of nieces and nephews, a host of friends and neighbors who regret to learn of his untimely death.

A short funeral service was held at the home and services followed at the Ebenezer Evangelical church Monday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Wendien, pastor of Ebenezer church, assisted by Rev. H. H. Ladman. Burial was made at Ebenezer.

Tis hard to break the tender cord,
 When love has bound the heart.
 Tis hard so hard to speak the words,
 Must we forever part.
 Dearest loved one we have said
 thee in the peaceful grave to
 embrace,
 But thy memory will be cherished,
 Till we see thy heavenly face.

DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mrs. Monroe Davis, Well Known Resident of Enterprise Neighborhood Dies

Alice Eleanor (Ray) Davis, daughter of Wm. P., and Polina Hendricks Ray, was born January 28, 1860 and departed this life November 23, 1933, age 73 years, 9 months and 25 days.

She was born and lived her entire life (except a few years of her early married life) on the farm homesteaded by her father. She leaves one brother, W. P. Ray, of Fort Morgan, Colorado, one niece, Mrs. J. P. Adams, of Hobbs, New Mexico, one nephew, J. Ennis Ray, of Sligo, Colorado, and several cousins. Her brother and wife were permitted to spend the last few days with her.

At the age of 21 years, Alice Ray was converted at Leesburg church under the ministry of Rev. Jordan and united with the M. E. church South, there, where she has held her membership since that time. She was married to J. Monroe Davis on March 24, 1885, and to this union one daughter, Mary, was born. To this daughter was granted the health and strength to care for her mother during these later years of declining health. For 12 years, 1 month and 4 days, she has gradually become a helpless invalid caused by the ravages of arthritis and she has suffered two strokes of paralysis inside the last three weeks. In her helpless condition she has been the wonder of our community in that she was so patient and cheerful. She said in the early stages of her suffering she decided to make life as pleasant as she could for those around her. Her visitors included folks of life and all ages, and she gained all with her excellent memories of those who came.

OLD RESIDENT DIED THURSDAY

Richard Vickers Became a Resident of Shelby Almost 30 Years Ago. 1932

Richard Vickers, aged Clarence resident, died at his home here Thursday morning, September 1st, after a year of failing health. He was 77 years of age.

Mr. Vickers was the son of Robert and Elizabeth Vickers and was born in Canfield, Ontario Canada, August 31, 1855. As a young man he came to this country and located on a farm north of Hagers Grove. In 1886 he married Emma Elizabeth Anthony. Seven children were born to them namely, Robert, Fred, Floyd, Mrs. Bessie Rose, Mrs. Ruth VanHouten, Mrs. Geo. Kofan, all of the Clarence community, and Mrs. Jessie Rosser of Frankford, Mo.

Mrs. Vickers died January 29, 1911. Some eight years later, Mr. Vickers married Mrs. Nettie Bunn and they made their home in Clarence until the former's death last week.

Besides the children mentioned and his widow, the deceased is survived by eleven grandchildren, two brothers, Wellington and Napier, of Canada, a number of other relatives and a large circle of friends to mourn his passing.

Funeral services were held Sept. 2nd., at 2 o'clock p. m., at the Hagers Grove church, conducted by Rev. F. M. Branic. Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Arnett of Kirksville; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rosser of Hannibal; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wickhan, Paul Gipsen and mother, Mrs. Giles Hawkins, and Robert Clark, all of Leonard.

ing was done to make pleasant and comfortable her as possible but the All-wise Father saw fit to call her and her spirit took its peaceful departure to that Perfect Home where she will know no more of those long hours of suffering. For a long time, she has been willing and ready to go and has said she didn't see why she wasn't called instead of some younger person.

The brother and the frail husband know it cannot be long until they will join her, and, I, the daughter, hope and pray that I may be worthy of such a mother and that I, too, may join her in that Perfect Home by and by.

For some years, I have saved this little poem thinking it would be appropriate for this very occasion:

Shut in! God knoweth why
 That days and weeks and months pass by,
 And still shut in.
 The busy rush of trade goes on,
 The new year comes, the old year gone,
 And still shut in.
 Shut in! But there comes love
 And peace and joy down from above,
 While thus shut in.
 Flowers, fruits and books from friends so true,
 And letters, papers, all so new,
 To me shut in.
 Shut in! So may it be
 Until the day He sayeth to me,
 "It is enough! Go forth to labor
 with thy might,
 In earthly walks or fields of light."
 No more shut in.
 Funeral services were held at Union Sunday, conducted by Rev. Sneed, assisted by Rev. Borland. Interment in Union cemetery.