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 George L. Hopper, son of James and Nancy Summs Hopper, was born near Clarence, Mo., Jan. 27, 1857 and departed this life, Tuesday, Sept. 28, 1937 at his home in Clarence, Mo., at the age of 80 years, 8 months and 1 day. He was next youngest child of a large family of children, all but two of whom have passed on before his passing. They are: one brother, Grant Hopper, north of town, and one sister, Mrs. S. H. Mears, of Moberly, Mo.

When he was 21 years of age he moved to his own adjoining farm where he lived 57 years. Seventy-eight years of his life were spent on these two farms located five miles northwest of Clarence in the community known as Hopper community. In March, 1895, George L. Hopper moved with his family to Clarence, where he resided until his death.

On Nov. 11, 1877 he was married to Della M. Purcell, who passed away Aug. 7, 1904. To this union were born the following five children, all of whom survive:

Mrs. S. S. Sanders, Clarence; C. S. Hopper, Cherry Box; Mrs. E. H. Arnold, Shelbyville; Mrs. J. Walter Browning, Fontana, Calif.; Gladys Hopper, Clarence.

On July 25, 1906 he was married to Alice George, who has cared for him tenderly and faithfully during his declining years and last sickness, and who survives. He also leaves ten living grandchildren, namely: Eugene H. Sanders, Clarence; Oliver M. Arnold, Wheatridge, Colo.; George E. Browning, Riverside, Calif.; Donovan B. Browning, U. S. Navy, Marble Head Ship, location, China; Frank Hopper, Vandalia, Mo.; Mrs. Dolores Pettit, Plevna; Mrs. Georgia Wright, Novelty; Mrs. Frances Wood, Kansas City; Della Lou Hopper, Cherry Box; Iris Arnold, Shelbyville. One granddaughter, Ruby Caroline Arnold, passed away April, 1922, at the age of 4 months. There are four living great grandchildren, namely: Scott and Frank Pettit, Plevna; William Wright, Novelty; Janice Wood, Kansas City.

Mr. Hopper was known as an upright and unselfish character, honest and fair in his dealings with others, and kind, considerate and loving to his family and friends. Of friends he had many, a large number of them being of the older generation who have gone on.

He believed in the Divine Power, Supreme in all things and he held his faith to His will and love. He remained to his last days both faithful and true.

Funeral services were held from the family home Wednesday, Sept. 29, conducted by the Rev. O. C. Stapleton, pastor of Center Street Methodist church. He will rest in the Hopper cemetery located within one-half mile of his old home northwest of Clarence.

"Not until each loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly, Shall God enroll the pattern and explain the reason why: The dark threads are as needful in the weavers skillful hand, As the threads of gold and silver for the pattern which He planned."

Falling Gate

Little Son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Boling Loses Life in Accident. 1931

Henry Owen, little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Boling of southeast of Clarence, was killed late Monday afternoon by a falling gate at the farm home.

The boy and his sister was playing near the gate, which gave entrance to the farm yard, and it is supposed that he had climbed up on the gate. The top hinge gave way allowing the gate to fall with the child and killed it almost instantly. The sister called its mother at once but the child was probably dead when she arrived at the scene of the accident.

Henry Owen, was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Boling and was born February 17, 1929. He was an unusually sturdy child, and it will be remembered that he was the prize winning baby at the Shelby county fair in 1930.

He leaves, besides his parents, a sister, Ellen Claire, a younger brother Philip Taylor, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Taylor, of Leesburg, Mrs. Mattie Boling, of south of Clarence, a great grandmother, Mrs. Laura Taylor, and a number of other relatives in this community. This fine little fellow had a host of admirers who regret to hear of his untimely death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at Union and were conducted by Rev. J. A. Sneed of Clarence. Burial was in the Union cemetery.

W. B. Shale Dies

Prominent Resident of Union Neighborhood, Buried Friday. 1933

William Buchanan Shale, a well known character of the Union community, an influential citizen, and a staunch supporter of Union church, passed away at his home Wednesday evening, August 9th, after only a weeks serious illness, however he had been in declining health several months.

William B. Shale, son of William and Susan Shale, was born in West Moreland county, Pennsylvania, November 30, 1856, and was 76 years, 8 months and 9 days of age at the time of his death. He was one of a family of twelve children of whom three sisters and three brothers are still living.

He came to Shelby county, Missouri with his parents at the age of fourteen years. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Johnston Aug. 18, 1878 and to this union five children were born, one son, Willie Shale, having passed away Aug. 21, 1904. The widow and four children survive, namely Harry Shale, Mrs. Cleve Adams and Mrs. Rodney Farmer, of this vicinity, and Mrs. Della Surber, of Tulsa, Okla.

He joined the Methodist church in early life and attended Sunday school and church regularly until recently, an account of his health.

Since coming to Shelby county he centered his life in the Union community, living at the homestead where his death occurred, over fifty-one years.

He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, four children, six grand children and six great grand children, three sisters, three brothers and a host of relatives and friends, who held him in great esteem, for he was a thoughtful, kind and loyal friend and neighbor.

He was always loyal to his church having been an active member and worker most of his life.

Funeral services were held at Union Friday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. Wm. Rutherford, assisted by Rev. Chas. Daniel, and burial was made at Union cemetery.

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 Sarah Jane Bailey was born at the old Bailey homestead in Macon county between Ethel and Elmer, July 22, 1854. She was married to William S. Hawkins Sept. 30, 1873. Five children were born, four sons, Emmett, of St. Joseph, Ed, who died at the age of 8; Fay, of Woodward, Okla.; Roy, of Hamburg, Ia., and a daughter, Lee, of the home. Besides these four children there survives a grandson, Billy, of Hamburg, Ia., and Elizabeth, of St. Joseph. The family lived in Macon county until 1889 when they moved to Clarence.

Twenty years ago, March 17, 1916, at the same hour of Mrs. Kemp's passing, Mr. Hawkins died.

Six years later, Nov. 4, 1922, she was married to Isaac N. Kemp, who passed away Dec. 22, 1932.

Mrs. Kemp joined the church Jan. 1, 1874. She was devoted to her church and attended until physical infirmities prevented. But after attendance was impossible she never missed an opportunity to say an encouraging word to visitors in her home.

She lived a most consistent Christian life. Her kindly disposition, her charitable heart and her habit of expressing her appreciation made her beloved of all who sought her out.

Long months of failing health had prepared her for the end which came quietly and with only a few minutes warning.

Too much can not be said for the tender care of her daughter and Ed Kemp. The beautiful devotion between the two women was an inspiration to all. On her last evening she expressed her appreciation of the care and love they had always given her.

She passed away Tuesday, March 17, and her going was very sudden.

Mrs. Kemp leaves one sister, Mrs. Luella Teskey, Helena, Mont., two brothers, Judge Wm. T. Bailey, and Jos. M. Bailey, both of Elmer, and many other relatives. A son, Fay W., was not able to attend the funeral of his mother on account of the serious illness of his wife.

The funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the Methodist church, with Rev. William Rutherford of Glasgow, assisted by Rev. Frank J. Mapel, officiating.

Pallbearers were William Sears, N. D. Troxell, Marvin Graves, Frank Griswold, Claude Oylear and Willis Florea.

Burial was in Maplewood cemetery.

Her age was eighty-one years, seven months and twenty-four days.

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." ***

Frank Morgan, 65 years old, a highly respected farmer, north of Granville, is dead from self inflicted gun shots. Mr. Morgan fired two shots from a revolver into his body, one shot entered his head and one was fired into his chest. The tragedy occurred Monday evening at the farm home north of Granville.

Dr. W. E. Johnson, of Madison, county coroner, held an inquest and the jury returned a verdict that Mr. Morgan came to his death by his own hand.

Deceased had been in ill health several months and very despondent in recent weeks.

Besides the widow, Mr. Morgan is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Frank Steele Heathman, of Monroe county, and Mrs. George Cook, of Granville; two sons, F. W. Morgan, of Granville, and Ernest L. Morgan, of Paris, and one brother, John W. Morgan, of Iowa. Four sisters and two brothers are dead.

The funeral was held at Granville Wednesday with Rev. Harcourt in charge assisted by Rev. Bulkerson. Burial was made at Friday.—Madison Times. 1933

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 Lovie Kathryn Haley, daughter of A. M. and Sarah Jane Bishop, was born on a farm six miles south of Clarence on September 6, 1891. When she was four years of age, her mother passed away and the family moved to Clarence. She attended the Clarence schools and always manifested the deepest interest in her school work. She graduated from the Clarence High school in 1909, winning the honor of being Valedictorian. Her interest in education was maintained thruout her life. She read widely and was always willing to help in the literary work of the various organizations to which she belonged. She possessed marked creative ability and among the most treasured mementos which her loved ones have are the fragments of beautiful poetry which she wrote.

On October 20, 1917, she was married to Dickson L. Haley, a marriage which was one of perfect happiness. With the exception of two years spent in Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Haley have lived in Clarence. Mrs. Haley's gracious hospitality made of their home a place of pleasure where friends were always welcome.

Mrs. Haley was a member of the Methodist church, where she was a faithful worker in the Philathea class which she had served as president. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star which she served as Worthy Matron only a few years ago.

On May 9th, 1936 she passed away peacefully in Barnes hospital, St. Louis, where she had been taken only the day before.

She is survived by her husband, Dickson L. Haley, her father, A. M. Bishop, a brother, Charles Bishop, a sister, Mrs. Oliver Hedrick, all of Clarence, a brother, Harry Bushop, of Kansas City, and a sister, Mrs. Clarence Dale, of Chicago.

After her sudden passing her husband found on his desk an unfinished poem written by Mrs. Haley just before she was stricken by the illness which proved fatal. Written just as she was faring forth into that lovely world beyond, it expressed her courage and gentleness.

"The day is slowly fading,
 The sun hangs low in the West,
 And I am just a waiting—
 The time I love best.
 For it's now you will be coming.

"The day was long without you
 Yet I know you had to go
 And your coming back at evening
 Is the sweetest joy I know.
 For you see, ah, yes I'll tell you
 It's because I love you so.

"The cares of the day are forgotten
 I'm glad - - - - -"

And on this note of joy she laid aside the cares of this world and entered into her heritage of peace in that other, better world.

Funeral services, held at the Methodist church on Monday afternoon, were in charge of Rev. William Rutherford, a former pastor. The choir composed of Mesdames Troxell, Newman, Sherwood and Barrow and Messrs. V. Wheeler, B. Hopper, L. Garlow and A. Carroll. The solo "The City Four Square," was sung by Mr. Carroll and Mrs. Troxell sang "Tell Mother I'll Be There," assisted by the choir.

Pall bearers were E. J. Conrad, J. E. Daniel, W. H. Burnett, J. O. Callison, C. H. Adams and J. H. Cox.

A large crowd and a profusion of flowers gave testimony to the esteem in which Mrs. Haley was held. Interment was in Maplewood cemetery.