

## COMMITTS SUICIDE

Allie Hutton, well known farmer, is supposed to have committed suicide at his home northwest of Clarence Monday morning about seven o'clock.

When found the top of his head was blown off, and the suicide had occurred in the summer kitchen not far from the residence.

Early in the morning after Mr. and Mrs. Hutton had had breakfast, Maynard Kline had visited with them for a short while as he was enroute to the home of Will Creekmur. Mr. Hutton had agreed to accompany Maynard to Macon, but before he returned from the Creekmur home, the suicide had occurred.

Mr. Hutton had returned home only Friday having been absent from home since June 24.

The coroner from Macon was called, and he in turn called the prosecuting attorney and the sheriff until this mystery of his death could be solved. While the body was found in the summer kitchen the 12 gauge single barrell shot gun was found some ten or twelve feet away from the kitchen and was leaning against a fence. Mr. Creekmur, who was one of the first to the scene, testified that one empty shot gun shell was found by the dead man's side and another empty shell in the gun. It was evident the two shots had been fired as the shots had been distinctly heard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Basteen, who live only a short distance away. The verdict from the inquest was to the effect that he had met death by his own hand.

Allie Hutton, son of Mose and Anna Hutton, was born in the same neighborhood in which his death occurred September 1, 1884.

He was married 25 years ago to Miss Grace Basteen, and they had occupied the present homestead since their marriage. No children were born to this union.

He is survived by his wife, one brother, Charles, of Clarence, two sisters, Mrs. Lola Basteen, of north of Anabel, and Mrs. Etta Dorrell, of Clarence. He was a member of the Christian church at Bethel and had a host of friends who regret to learn of his tragic death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 at Bethel

## Mrs. John March Of Fulton Dies; Funeral Monday

Mrs. John March, 69, long time resident of Fulton, died unexpectedly Thursday evening following a heart attack at her home there.

Mrs. March, the former Miss Katherine Hogan of Clarence, is survived by her husband, John March, who was born and reared in Macon. She also leaves two sons, Paul March of St. Charles and Jack March of Fulton; one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Thomas of Raleigh, N. C.; six grandchildren; three brothers, Mark and Jim Hogan of Clarence and John Hogan of Bucklin.

She was a sister-in-law of Clarence March, Mrs. Walter Durham and Mrs. Lena Dunn and an aunt of Mrs. Charles Mayes and Herman Wood, all of Macon.

Funeral services will be held at 9 a.m. Monday at the Catholic Church in Fulton. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery in Macon, where graveside rites will be conducted about noon Monday.

## Long Illness Proves Fatal

Mrs. M. H. Scrutchfield Passes Away at Her Clarence Home Tuesday.

A large circle of friends and admirers of Mrs. M. H. Scrutchfield regret to hear of her death which occurred Tuesday at noon after many months of declining health. She spent several weeks at Mayo Hospital last fall in hopes that her health would be benefited.

She will be greatly missed not only in her own home, but by a host of friends; in the Methodist church where she was a staunch member, in the Clarence Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution and Wyamosa Chapter Colonial Dames, of which she had been treasurer many years.

She also held membership in the Hannibal Chapter of Daughters of The Confederacy.

Leona Capp Scrutchfield, daughter of John and Margaret Capp, both descendants of notable Colonial families, was born April 28, 1874 near Leesburg in Monroe county where she spent her girlhood days except the years she spent attending Stephens College.

After her marriage to Manley H. Scrutchfield, of this city, they have continued to make Clarence their home. One son was born to this marriage, Paul Scrutchfield, who recently received his degree from the University of Iowa, and who is now an employee of the General Electric Company in Pittsfield, Mass. He recently returned to be at the bedside of his mother. Of the immediate family, Mr. Scrutchfield and Paul survive, Mrs. Margaret Capp, mother of Mrs. Scrutchfield and a member of the home, passed away only a month ago. There are four sisters who survive, Mrs. Mary Durham, of Kahoka; Mrs. Martha Miller, of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. Olive Willey of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Ada Bennett of Harrisonville.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Clarence Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock conducted by Rev. L. C. Maggart and burial will be made in Oakwood cemetery at Macon.

## ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Mrs. C. A. Powell of Kansas City, T. M. Ellyson and Mrs. M. C. Albright attended the funeral services of Kenneth Orbin, 26, who was fatally shot Monday, Nov. 29, as he took a shotgun from the back seat of his car following a hunting trip. Services were held at the Christian church at Macon Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. O. L. Angel, of Cairo, Ill.

Mr. Orbin, following a hunt Monday morning, had driven an extra load of his passengers to Kirksville in his car, and had just returned to his home when the accident occurred. The shot discharge entered his head, killing him instantly.

At the time of his death and for many years, he has owned and operated a taxi and was also bus driver for the Missouri Transit Co.

He leaves a young wife, the former Valita Miller, and a little son, Billy Ken, who will be a year old in January, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Binder and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Roberts, with whom he made his home for many years, besides relatives and friends.

## INFANT DAUGHTER DIES THURSDAY

Barbara Ann Wells, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Wells of Anabel, was born at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning, July 30 and passed away a short time after noon, Thursday, July 31. She weighed four pounds.

Survivors are her parents, her mother being the former Miss Mae Thrasher of Clarence, one brother, Roy, two and one-half years old, three grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Thrasher of Clarence, and Steve Wells of north of Anabel.

Grave side services were held Friday morning at Oakwood cemetery in Macon where burial was made.

## Amos Griffith, 76, Dies At Home in Excello

Amos Griffith, 76, died at his home in Excello at 9 o'clock this morning.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Baugh, Kirksville and Mrs. Goldie Waller, Macon; one son, Orville Griffith, Jacksonville; two grandchildren, Doris Waller and Marlin Griffith; two brothers, George, of Excello and Sam, of Oregon; and one sister, Mrs. John Tuley, Melrose, Ia.

Funeral services will be held at the Albert Skinner Home for Funerals at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, conducted by the Rev. Bert Stover. Burial will be in the Woodlawn cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the residence in Excello until the funeral hour.

## Willard Gwinner Dies Suddenly

Willard Henry Gwinner, 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gwinner, of near Macon, passed away quite suddenly at 11:20 o'clock Sunday evening in Kirksville.

He had driven to Kirksville earlier in the evening, accompanying Miss Anna Lou Jensen, who is attending the summer session of the Kirksville State Teachers' College. His death was apparently caused by a heart attack.

Willard was a graduate of the Oakwood grade school and for the past several years had been doing carpenter work. He made his home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gwinner, who survive him.

He is also survived by two brothers, Alfred Allen, age 20; Carl William, 15; one sister, Mary Emma, 9; and the following grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Gwinner of the Oakwood community, and Mrs. Chas. Itschner, who makes her home a part of the time with the Henry Gwinner family.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:00 at the Methodist church at Macon, conducted by the Rev. Oscar G. Kettlekamp. Interment will be in the Woodlawn cemetery.

## Baby Dies

Friends and relatives regretted sincerely to hear of the death of the infant son born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones December 3rd. He was given the name of William Austin, and though a fine large baby, became ill and died Friday night.

Short funeral services were held at 11 o'clock at Bethel church Sunday morning by Rev. Teany and burial was made in Bethel cemetery. The parents have the sympathy of their many friends.

## Aged Lady Dies In Kansas City

The remains of Mrs. Ella Sumpster Whites, who died in Kansas City at 11:50 a. m. o'clock, December 18th, arrived in Clarence on Saturday morning, December 21st, and taken to the Hoppey Funeral Parlor where the remains lie in state until 2:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon, where a short service was held, conducted by Rev. J. A. Sneed.

Mrs. Whites was 78 years old at the time of her passing. She was born at Woodville, Macon county. Was married to James B. Whites and the family lived in Clarence some fifteen years. Mr. Whites died in 1912. From Clarence the family moved to Kansas City in 1914. Mrs. Whites was a member of the Methodist church.

She leaves to mourn her death three sons and six daughters, Lon Whites of Grandview, Mo.; James B., of Kansas City; A. N. of Macon; Mrs. Monroe Neuhart of Omaha; Mrs. Lillian Albright, of Kansas City; Mrs. Florence Smith, of Macon; Mrs. Elsie Malson, Mrs. Irene Curtis and Miss Ava Whites, all of Kansas City. Also a number of relatives in Clarence.

The funeral was held in Kansas City. Burial was at the Maplewood cemetery.

## Ritchie Taken To View Wife

One of the largest funeral congregations ever assembled at Beaver paid its last measure of respect to Mrs. Gabriel (Della) Ritchie at the Edwards Funeral Home, beginning at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Miller, pastor of the Pentecostal church at Moberly, conducted the services.

Some time before the services Gabriel Ritchie (Ricci) was brought over from Macon by Sheriff Williams and Deputy Talbot to view his wife's remains. He gazed long and earnestly at what was left of the woman whom he is charged with killing, and muttered "I didn't do it! I didn't do it!"

Members of practically every Italian family in the district were present. There were all the seven children. Ernest, the oldest son, came from Bakersfield, Calif. The funeral had been delayed for his arrival.

Clara, the eye witness at the inquest, was there among the others, silent, her eyes dimmed with tears. There were some beautiful floral tributes. The dead woman laid in a handsome casket.

In tender remembrance were the hymns sung for the woman who had been a loyal wife and an affectionate mother. The minister spoke feelingly of these things.

The interment was in West Oakwood cemetery.

Mrs. Ritchie's maiden name was Della York. She had been a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex York. Her father is dead. The mother lives in south Missouri. She was unable to attend the funeral.—Macon Chronicle-Herald.