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Word has been received in the city stating that Richard Mickleborough had died at his home in Stoneham. Mr. Mickleborough was 55 years of age and had made his home in Grimes County for a number of years and his friends are numbered by the ones who knew him. The loved ones have the sympathy of the entire community. Examiner: Fri. Dec. 31, 1926

Irvin Carter, aged darkey, died at his home in Freedman Town yesterday morning and will be buried this afternoon at the Colored Cemetery (Rest Haven Cemetery) of this city. Carter was well known and had many friends among both white and black. For a number of years he was janitor at the First Baptist Church. Examiner: Fri., Dec. 31, 1926

NO RECORD FOR PAPER JANUARY 1927

Funeral for Elson Kelley, Jr. was held at the City Cemetery here shortly before noon today, the remains having arrived from Port Arthur on the H. & T.C. passenger train this morning and were taken immediately to the cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, Baptist minister, there being a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives present honoring the memory of the one taken in his young manhood. He was a member of the Methodist Church. (tombstone gives dates as 1900-1927) Examiner: Tues., Feb. 1, 1927

Dr. and Mrs. G.F. Sanders attended the funeral of I.M. Hewitt at Woodville last Wednesday. Mr. Hewitt who had been sick for months died at St. Joseph Infirmary Tuesday. Mrs. Hewitt and her father Mr. Oakley returned home with them. Richards News, Feb. 8 Examiner: Wed., Feb. 9, 1926

The Daily Examiner is informed of the death of Mrs. W.C. Davis of Bryan who is reported to havedied at an early hour this morning at Marlin. Interment is to be made at Bryan Saturday, the hour is uncertain. Judge W.C. Davis formerly a citizen of Grimes County has a host of friends in Navasota and elsewhere in this county who sympathize with him in the untimely death of his wife. Examiner: Fri., Feb. 11, 1927

C.H. Vaughan this evening informed the Daily Examiner of the death of Mrs. Eugenia Rhodes in San Antonio, Wednesday, Feb. 9. Interment was made at San Antonio yesterday. Mrs. Rhodes was formerly Miss. Marie Sweeney and lived in Navasota a number of years ago. She will be remembered by a great many people here who regret to learn of her death. Examiner: Fri., Feb. 11, 1927

Mr
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Felscher left about 1:00 this afternoon for Brenham, having received news of the death of Mrs. Felscher's father, Fred Schmidt, age 58 who died in Brenham shortly before the noon hour today. When they left Navasota they were not informed as to the time of the funeral but thought it probable that it will be held Wednesday.

Deceased was a member of the Lutheran Church and had spent his whole life in Washington County where he had a host of friends. He had been in ill health for about four months.

The Felscher bakery will be closed this afternoon and tomorrow.

Examiner: Tues., Feb. 15, 1927

W.D. Bolenbarr and family left this afternoon for Apolonia in response to a message announcing the death of Ed. Fulgham, 71 years of age at his home in the Apolonia Community.

Deceased was an uncle to Mrs. Bolenbarr and was one of the old residents of Grimes County. He is survived by his widow and four children, the youngest of whom is 11. He was a member of the Baptist Church, to which church he had belonged for many years.

Funeral will be held Wednesday. (tombstone in Apolonia Cemetery gives dates as Oct. 18, 1855--Feb. 14, 1927)

Examiner: Tues., Feb. 15, 1927

Early this morning news reached Navasota of the death of T.W. Smith age 75 years, 5 months, who passed away at his home near Plantersville last night. He had been in feeble health for about two years but was not confined to his bed and near relatives and friends considered his condition no more serious than it had been for some time. Death consequently was unexpected and a blow to the community.

Mr. Smith was never married but is survived by two brothers and one sister, all of whom lived with the deceased at the old family home. They are: Zach and Charley Smith and Mrs. C.R. Floyd.

He is also survived by three nephews and three nieces, to wit: A.H., W.T. and S.J. Floyd, Mrs. G.H. Huermann, Miss. Elan Floyd and Mrs. B.L. Winzer, all of whom live near Plantersville.

T.W. Smith was born and reared in Grimes County and chose to spend his entire life in the land of his nativity. Although he never reared a family he was always closely identified with the county's welfare and progress and was connected with every movement for the good of the community in which he lived. He was a successful farmer and business man. For many years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Plantersville. He was a Christian man possessing a high sense of duty to his fellowman. He was known generally over the county and there are many who will be pained to learn of his untimely death.

Funeral will be held from the home this afternoon at 3:00, conducted by Rev. John Campbell, Baptist minister of Waller. Interment is to be made in the Smith Cemetery. (tombstone in Floyd-Smith Cemetery gives dates as Sept. 12, 1851--Feb. 16, 1927 name was Thomas W. Smith)

Examiner: Thurs., Feb. 17, 1927
Will Busse, farmer about 38 years of age was instantly killed Friday evening about 6:30 when a light car in which he was riding overturned near his father's home in the Wallace Prairie Community. From small information as was available today it appears that he was driving alone when the accident occurred. It is thought that his car ran into a ditch and was overturned before the driver could make effort to save himself. It is said that his neck was broken.

Deceased was son of Henry Busse and was a man of family, having a wife and about six children who are left to mourn his sudden death. Funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 with services in the Lutheran Church at White Hall. (tombstone in Lutheran Cemetery gives dates as Oct. 7, 1887—Feb. 18, 1927)

Examiner: Saturday, Feb. 19, 1927

Word has been received in the city stating that Joe Yargo, a life long resident of Grimes County, had died at the home of his daughter, Miss Mary Yargo in Houston on Thursday, Feb. 17 and was buried in that city yesterday.

For a number of years Mr. Yargo resided at Roans Prairie, but for several years had made his home in Carlos and had many friends in this county who extend sympathy to the bereaved family.

Examiner: Sat., FEB. 19, 1927

Henry Haffer Kamp, age 81 years, 4 months, 28 days died about 6:45 a.m. today at his home in the Wallace Prairie community. Funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from the Lutheran Church in that section.

Mr. Haffer Kamp had been a resident of Grimes County for many years and had a host of friends who deplore his untimely death. He is survived by a large family of children and grandchildren. (name on his tombstone gives name as Salem Lutheran Cemetery @ Sept. 23, 1845—Feb. 21, 1927)

Examiner: Monday, Feb. 21, 1927

Mrs. Caroline Bosse, age 83 years, 9 months, 5 days died at her home in Washington County Tuesday about 3:30 p.m. She was born in Germany and came to this country with her husband many years ago. She had been a widow since 1925, her husband preceeding her to the grave by about two years.

She was step-mother to William Bosse of this city. He and family went over this morning to attend the funeral to be held this afternoon at 2:00. Further details could not be learned as the family were out of the city today.

Examiner: Wed., Feb. 23, 1927
The cold hand of death took from our community one of the old and honored citizens in the going of Mrs. Lewis J. Wilson, age 87 years, 4 months, 3 days who died shortly after six o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur J. Youens. She had made her home with Mr. and Mrs. Youens for about three years during which time she had been in feeble health as result of her advanced age but of late she had apparently been no worse than usual, in fact for the past few days she seemed somewhat better than normal. However late Friday evening she began to show signs of (failing) and quietly and peacefully her spirit fled away to be with God who gave it. Mrs. Lewis J. Wilson, nee Lucy Perkins was born Oct. 22, 1839 at Harwinton, Litchfield County, Connecticut. She was reared to womanhood in that town and was there married to Lewis James Wilson in 1858 and from then until 1860 lived at Anderson, Texas. To this union two children were born: Laura Cornelia (Mrs. W.B. Gibbs) and Sam Wilson. She lived to see her life companion and two children pass on beyond, they having died many years ago. In 1869 she came to Navasota and has resided here since that time, more than half a century. Her life was one of cheerfulness guided and controlled by the Savior in which she trusted with simplicity faith. Early in life she united with the Presbyterian Church and remained through life a faithful member thereof.

Surviving are four grandchildren: Lewis Thomas Gibbs of Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. Carl Reed Blackman of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Miss. Mary Gibbs of Denver, Colorado and Mrs. Arthur J. Youens of Navasota. She is also survived by four great grandchildren.

Mrs. Blackman is expected to arrive this evening from Tulsa, but the others will not be here for the funeral.

Funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 from the Youens home on Tenth Street, conducted by Rev. F.S. Henderson, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of this city. (tombstone in the City Cemetery gives dates as Oct. 22, 1839--Feb. 25, 1927)

Examiner: Sat., Feb. 26, 1927

Iola News, March 2: Mrs. Rodie Atkins of Houston was shot and killed at her home there by her husband, Arthur Atkins, who was buried here at the Zion Cemetery last week. She was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rall Hensley, formerly of Iola. Her services were conducted by Rev. Barnes and Rev. D.C. Hamgrove. (name on her tombstone is Rodie Hensley and dates are Jan. 8, 1895-Feb. 23, 1927 daughter of R.H. and L.L. Hensley)

Examiner: Wed., March 2, 1927

Keith News, Feb. 28: R.O. Blount and daughter Velma; Mrs. Bettie Brinkley; Antum and Henry Rice; Elmo Stephenson and wife left Friday for Angleton in response to a message that Jesse Rice had passed away. The message stated that Mr. Rice had fallen from a truck receiving injuries from which he died. Mr. Rice was born and reared at Keith and had many friends who will learn with deep regret of his untimely death. (date of death would be Feb. 25, 1927)

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Examiner: Thurs., March 3, 1927
Mrs. W.L. McGee, 72 of 869 Henley was killed early Wednesday night when struck by an automobile at Cordel and Jansen, Brook Smith addition.
She was attempting to walk across the street when the car driven by Miss. Elizabeth Lurie, 18, Rice Institute student of 2405 Pease, knocked her to the ground.
Mrs. McGee died in a Fogle-West ambulance a few minutes later before reaching a hospital. The aged woman is said to live out of town and was here visiting her sister in law, Mrs. J.V. Yernadure at the Henley address.
Justice Campbell R. Overstreet held an inquest and rendered a verdict of accidental death.
The driver of the car, Miss. Lurie was riding with L.J. Debes, a driving instructor, her mother Mrs. Benard Lurie and a brother, Manuel Lurie when the accident occurred—Houston Post Dispatch
The above story appeared in a Houston Paper of today and was sad news to the many friends and relatives of Mrs. McGee living in this county. She was an aunt to Mrs. George McGee of this city and was step mother to Messrs. George, Mark, Lem and Joe McGee. The two former live at this place but Lem resides in Houston and Joe in Wisconsin. Deceased was born and reared in Grimes County and it was only a few months ago, shortly before Christmas that she went to Houston. She has since made that city her home. Her former home was in the White Hall Community but her acquaintance extended over a large part of this city by reason of the long and useful life which she led. She was a member of the Baptist Church.
Interment will be made in the Harris Cemetery, about three miles from Retreat Friday afternoon at 2:00 with service at the grave.

Mrs. C.C. Camp today received a telegram announcing the death of W. Frank Hoppess of Hillsboro, former resident of this city. Interment will be made at Bryan tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.
Deceased was in the employ of the Southern Pacific railroad while in Navasota but had been away from here for a number of years. The many friends will probably attend the funeral in Bryan.
Examiner: Fri., March 4, 1927

Mrs. W.H. Brown advised the Daily Examiner at 2:00 this afternoon that she had just received the news of the death of T.H. Brown in Houston today.
Deceased was a brother to W.H. Brown of this city and he left early this morning for Houston in response to a message that his brother was critically ill. News of his death came in a telephone call from Mr. Brown to his wife. Death occurred at 1:15 p.m.
The body is expected to arrive in Navasota on the H. & T.C. train about 11:30 tomorrow morning and funeral will be held from the station. (tombstone in Plantersville Cemetery has T.H. Brown Sr. but no dates)
Examiner: Fri., March 4, 1927
The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. I.A. Petersen about one month of age was laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery Friday afternoon at 4:00 with a service conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell. The baby died Thursday night about 9:30.
The grief stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community in the death of this little one.
(dates on tombstone in the City Cemetery are 1927-1927, daughter of Anton Petersen)
Examiner: Sat., March 5, 1927

Rev. John W. Goodwin, pastor the First Methodist Church was called to Millican Sunday afternoon to conduct funeral of B.F. Harrington age 81 years 1 month 22 days who died at his home here Saturday about 8:10 p.m. C.A. Dunavant was the undertaker in charge.
Deceased was one of the old and honored citizens of that part of Brazos County.
Examiner: Monday, March 14, 1927

William Kennard, negro who was shot at Anderson about a week ago died Sunday night about 11:30 and interment was had this afternoon. Kennard is alleged to have been accidently shot by his father, Austin Kennard. Attempts were made to save his life, but to no avail.
Examiner: Monday, March 14, 1927

Arie Brocksmith, the little six months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Brocksmith died at their home in Bryan last night at 11:00 from the effects of burns received Sunday morning by falling into an open fireplace.
Mr. and Mrs. William Finke of Anderson, grandparents of the little child were notified and went to Bryan Sunday afternoon where Mrs. Finke remained with her daughter.
Mr. Finke was notified this morning of the death of the infant and left for Bryan to attend the funeral which took place at 2:00 this afternoon.
Mrs. Brocksmith, mother of the deceased baby, is a sister to Mrs. F. E. Hobde of this city.
Examiner: Tues., March 15, 1927

Millican News, March 15: In the death of Ben Harrington, Sr. Millican's last one of her oldest citizens (passes away). Mr. Harrington left a wife, two sons, three daughters, three grandchildren and a great grandson. His five son in laws and grandson in law acted as pallbearers. Many sorrowing friends and relatives mourn his passing.
Examiner: Wed., March 16, 1927

Courtney News, March 16: many from here drove to Hempstead on Sunday to attend the funeral of Frank Carlisle who died at that place quite suddenly on Saturday evening. Mr. Carlisle was taken with an attack of acute indigestion at 8:00 p.m. while alone and was dead by 8:30 p.m. as he went in a car to seek aid. He had relatives at White Hall and Courtney as well as many boyhood friends here.
Examiner: Thurs., March 17, 1927
The community was saddened this morning to learn of the death of C.B. (Chappel B.) Sledge, age 72 years, 1 month 9 days which occurred last night about 12:30 a.m. He had been ill only a few days, having taken his bed Tuesday at noon, his illness said to be result of a strain which he sustained. He had been a citizen of this place for many years and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and led a pious life.

Mr. Sledge came to Texas from Alabama when a young man, settling then at Washington. Later he came to Navasota and was here married to Miss. Ann Cassman. Of this union there are today surviving three children: J.C., B.L. and D.J. Sledge, all of this place. Following his first wife's death he was married 37 years ago to Miss. Mary Hibbard who survives him. Of this second union there are four daughters and three sons who survive their father. They are: Mrs. Frank Ripper of Bryan; Mrs. W.T. Dillard of Houston; Mrs. D.L. Hill of Navasota; Mrs. Milton Larkin of Pasadena, Texas; A.C. Sledge; George N. Sledge and Cecil Sledge, all of Navasota. He is also survived by sixteen grandchildren.

He had a brother, W.A. Sledge who died here at Navasota several years ago.

Funeral was held this afternoon from the family residence in the south part of the city, conducted by his pastor, Rev. John W. Goodwin. (tombstone in City Cemetery gives dates as 1854-1927)

Examiner: Fri., March 18, 1927

Mrs. ( ) Johnson died last Sunday night (March 13) at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bud Edinburgh. Interment was made Monday afternoon in the Concord Cemetery. Keith News, March 17

Examiner: Fri., March 18, 1927

At 4:30 this afternoon, funeral was held from the home of Capt. P.G. Hatchett for his daughter, Miss. Alva Cornelia Hatchett who died about 4:00 this morning from effects of burns sustained early Tuesday morning.

It was about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, when standing with her back to a heater her clothing caught fire and the flames enveloped her body before they were extinguished. Capt. Hatchett had his hands severely burned in fighting the fire. Everything possible was done to save her life but to no avail and before daybreak, Wednesday morning her spirit peacefully and quietly passed out.

Deceased was born in Abilene, Texas where Capt. Hatchett was engaged in the cattle business in the west, but the greater part of her days were spent in Navasota where she spent a quiet life. She was a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving members of the immediate family are: Her parents, Capt. and Mrs. P.G. Hatchett, one brother, W...S. hatchett and two sisters, Mrs. Corbett S. Smith of Fort Worth and Mrs. Leon R. Smith of Navasota.

Rev. John W. Goodwin, pastor of the First Methodist Church conducted the funeral service this afternoon in the absence of her pastor. There was a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends present to mourn her untimely departure. (tombstone in City Cemetery gives dates as 1883-1927)

Examiner: Wed., March 23, 1927
Iola News, March 23: Geo. White died after a few hours illness last Monday morning at 6:00. He was buried Tuesday afternoon at Concord Cemetery. (tombstone gives dates as Oct. 27, 1868-March 21, 1927)
Examiner: Wed., March 23, 1927

Mrs. J.B. Yeker was today advised of the death of Mrs. Barbara M. Cameron, nearly 84 years old which occurred in John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, Friday, about 7:30 p.m.
The remains are to arrive in Navasota on a passenger train tonight and will be held in state at the Dunavant Undertaking Parlor. Time for interment was not announced today, as relatives are to come from a distance.

Mrs. Cameron had made her home in Navasota since 1874 and lately had lived the plant of the Western Public Service Company. She was a widow and had no children of her own but is survived by two adopted children: Frank Cameron, whose whereabouts could not be learned and Mrs. Grace Oehnhanser of Galveston. She also leaves a nephew, Fred Wilheim of St. Charles, Mo. who visited here a few weeks ago and a niece, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilheim of St. Charles, Mo. who is expected here for the funeral.

Mrs. Cameron was a member of the Catholic Church. She had been ill only a short time and a week ago went to Galveston as her adopted daughter was living there. Those who knew her loved her and mourn her departure.
(buried City Cemetery in Block 21 Section 3 Grave 1)
Examiner: Sat., March 26, 1927

BODY NOT LOCATED TUESDAY: On the banks of the Brazos at a point near the mouth of the Navasota river, a large crowd of men worked untiringly all of Monday and night and were still on the job Tuesday afternoon in an attempt to locate the body of William Borninghaus, 55 who is reported to have drowned there about 1:00 p.m. Monday while fishing.
Full details of the tragedy could not be had here today, but it is said that Borninghaus and a young man were engaged in fishing at the mouth of the Navasota River. They were using a boat which, it is said capsized with Borninghaus and he sank before his companion could reach him or secure aid.
He is survived by a widow and one son. He was an uncle to Miss. Erma Stolz, employed in the office of Dr. S.D. Coleman, this city. Miss Stolz left immediately for Washington on being informed of the accident. The unfortunate man was also a brother to Mrs. Gus Stolz of Washington.
Some boats were borrowed from owners in Navasota Monday afternoon and taken to the Brazos to be meet by those attempting to locate the body and every effort possible is being exerted to accomplish that end.

Examiner: Tues., March 29, 1927

Mrs. W.G. Amick, age 75 died at her home in Shiro Monday, March 28 about 11:00 a.m. She had been ill for several years and death was altogether unexpected and came as a relief of her suffering, yet it was a shock to the community that a loved and honored citizen had passed away. She had been confined to her bed for about seven months.

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Mrs. Lou Amick, cont.

She is survived by her husband and nine children: Mrs. G.S. Dandall of Huntsville; Miss. Jessie Amick of SHIRO; Mrs. G.H. Lancaster of Richards; Mrs. W.D. Harmon of Shiro; Mrs. C.O. Wheeler of Austin; Mrs. W.F. Knott of Elkhart,Okla.; Mrs. W.J. Bradham of Huntsville; L.A. Amick of of Shiro; Mrs. W.J. Browder of Tomball, Texas. There are also surviving 33 grand children and 8 great grandchildren. 
Funeral services were held this Tuesday morning at Shiro about 10:00, there being a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives in attendance upon the services. (tombstone in Shiro Cemetery gives dates as May 5, 1850--March 28, 1927)
Examiner: Tues., March 29, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Davis, formerly of Navasota, but now living at San Benito, Texas spent Sunday night in this city en route to Madisonville with the remains of the son Pat, five years of age who was killed at San Benito Saturday, when run down by a switch engine. They left on the Madisonville branch train this morning. There were also two automobiles filled with relatives and friends who went to Madisonville this morning for the funeral to be held there Monday afternoon.
It is said the little fellow was following an older child and in crossing railroad tracts he fell and was run over by the locomotive. Both legs are said to have been cut off.
Mr. and Mrs. Davis lived in Navasota for about two years, he being engaged in the barber business. It was early last year that they moved to San Benito. They also lived at Anderson for about three years previous to their coming to Navasota. They have many friends in Grimes County who deplore this tragedy.
Among those going to Madisonville from here were: A. Fleming, E.L. Bracewell, Frank Smith and Mrs. Frank Wells and daughter, Miss. Dorothy. Also Miss. Davis of San Benito, niece to E.A. Davis was in the party.
Examiner: Monday, April 4, 1927

Shiro News: April 6, 1927: A very sad death occurred in our community last Sunday of Mrs. Edna Henderson, leaving four orphan children. We all pray that an abundant entrance may be hers into the heavenly where there is no sorrow or disappointments, but all is peace and joy. (tombstone in Independence Cemetery gives dates as April 15, 1893--April 3, 1927)
Examiner: Thursday, April 7, 1927
William H. Buck Sr. aged 80 years and 3 months died at his home in Washington County on Sunday, April 17th at 2:00 and will be laid to rest at the Washington cemetery tomorrow, Tuesday at 2:00 with Rev. Brown of the Lutheran Church at Washington conducting the services.

Mr. Buck was born in Germany but came to the states, settling in old Washington in 1881, having resided there ever since. Mr. Buck is survived by five children as follows: W.H. Buck Jr., H.C. Buck, Mrs. F.C. Lehde, Mrs. A.D. Bosse and Mrs. Carl Schuize, all of Washington County.

Mr. Buck had many friends in Grimes County as well as the county in which he lived and the news of his death will be deeply regretted by all who knew him. This paper joins his many friends in extending sincere sympathy to the loved ones.

Examiner: April 18, 1927 Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Selman and two children left early today for Austin to attend the funeral of little Betty Jean Selman, two months old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Selman who met a tragic death Friday evening. The baby is said to have been lying on a bed with a pacifier in her mouth and by some accident the whole of the small device made for amusement of babies was slipped inside her mouth. It was sucked down her throat and being unable to cry out the babe was strangled to death before the mother discovered that anything had gone amiss.

Mr. and Mrs. Selman lived in Navasota until a few months ago when they removed to Austin. They have many friends here whose hearts bleed with them in this sudden sorrow that has come into their home.

Examiner: Sat., April 23, 1927

John Scroggins and Mrs. G.M. Scroggins left on the I.G.N. passenger train this morning for Wichita Falls to attend the funeral of Mrs. Scroggins brother A. Ryborg, which will be held there Sunday. News of My Ryberg's death was received here early this morning, death having occurred last night at his home at Pampa, Texas. Pneumonia is said to have been the cause of his death. He had previously been ill with the flu, it is said and pneumonia followed. The remains will be shipped to Wichita Falls for interment. Deceased was about 48 years of age and a member of the Baptist Church. He is survived by his widow and seven children.

Mr. Ryberg lived awhile in Navasota several years ago and has many friends here who are pained to learn of his untimely death.

Examiner: Saturday, April 30, 1927

Benjamin Joseph Keelan, who was known to his friends as Bennie, died about 10:00 this morning at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Keelan, a few miles south of town. Announcement of funeral has been made to be held Sunday afternoon at 5:00 from the Keelan home. Interment will be in the Oakland Cemetery. The young man had been ill for several days but his death came as a shock in the family and a large circle of friends. The entire community extends sympathy to the bereaved ones in this sudden sorrow. (tombstone gives dates as June 6, 1906-April 30, 1927)

Examiner: Satur., April 30, 1927
William Lawrence Steele, age 78 years, 3 months, 28 days quietly passed away at his home in this city, Sunday night about 12:30, following a long and painful illness. Death was not unexpected as he had been confined to his bed for quite awhile and it was known that his strength could not much longer resist the strain that was made on his being, yet his death was a blow to the loved ones, neighbors and friends who had lived with him for many years. He was a loved and honored citizen of this community, having lived at Navasota for about two score years. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and in former years served as a trustee in the First Presbyterian Church of this city. He lived an exemplary life which has doubtless helped many persons battling with the trials of life. Lawrence Steele, as he was always known was born in Neshoba County, Mississippi more than 78 years ago, he having passed his 78th milestone in life on the 9th of January of this year. He came west the first years following the Civil War and settled in East Texas where he was married to Miss Callie McKinney. He was married three times, his first wife living only a few years. His second marriage was after he had move to this section of Texas and settled in Brazos County. He was married at Millican to Mrs. Fannie Scott who also preceded him to the grave by many years. He later moved to Navasota and was married here in September 1924 to Mrs. Lila Arnett who survives him. He is also survived by three sons, Messrs. Oscar L., Ross and Mack Steele, all of whom live here. There are also many relatives left to mourn his untimely death. The funeral was held from the family residence this afternoon by Rev. W.N. Purcell, assisted by Rev. John W. Goodwin, Baptist and Methodist pastors, respectively. The remains were laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery in the presence of relatives and friends. There was a profusion of flowers attesting to the love that others had for him.
(tombstone gives dates as Jan. 9, 1849-May 1, 1927)

Examiner: Monday, May 2, 1927

News was received here this morning of the death of Mrs. J.E. Woodward of San Jose, California. Mrs. Woodward was formerly a resident of Navasota, having lived here for many years and the news came as a distinct shock to relatives and friends.
A good woman, with all the word implies has gone to her reward. She was a sweet, gentle, trusting Christian character. She lived upon God's promises claiming every one of them and to the extent of her influence can not be estimated. Every life touched by hers was made better and lifted higher by association.
Her own life from start to finish was spent in deeds of kindness and loving sacrifice and in due time "bread cast upon the water came back to her."
She was permitted to spend the evening of her life in the city where all but one of her eight children reside and hundreds of friends who for the past twenty-one years have felt the influence of her Godly life.
Sunday night, surrounded by loving children and grandchildren her spirit winged its flight to heaven where the portals were open to receive her and the Masters greeting, "Well done thou good and faithful servant enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.

Examiner: Monday, May 2, 1927
P.B. Bookman, one of Navasota's foremost citizens, prominently active in its biggest interest, a large property owner and one who had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact, died at his home on Holland Street at 11:30 a.m. Friday morning, April 29. Weakened by prolonged suffering and ill health occasioned by a fall at his home on February 3rd he finally gave up the hard fight for his life and peacefully passed on.

Pickens Butler Bookman was the son of the late Jesse and Martha Lucinda Bookman, well known citizen of Grimes County and was born at Prairie Plains, Grimes County, Texas on June 18, 1857. His age at the time of his death was 69 years, 10 months and 11 days. A native of Grimes County, with the exception of three years of college and of occasional short trips for recreation, he spent his entire life within the county and his life is an open book to the people living therein. He was educated at the Cumberland Presbyterian School, Trinity University, then located at Tehuacana and now at Waxahachie. His father, Jesse Bookman was one of the incorporators of that institution. At about the age of 23 his father suddenly passed away and Pickens, as he was called, under the influence of a wonderful mother assumed the responsibility of the management of the estate. That he met this responsibility faithfully and satisfactorily, in spite of the then adverse condition of the country, was attested by his remarkable success and he soon became known as a leader in his community and whose motives were of the highest order.

In 1894 he moved to Navasota where he entered the hardware business under the firm name of Bookman and Craig. Later he disposed of his interest and confined his business activities more to loans and investments. He was a charter member of the First National Bank of Navasota and was a director in that bank for years. Later he sold his interest and became connected with the Citizens National Bank of Navasota in which organization he was serving as vice-president at the time of his death. He was a large owner of Navasota property and had varied interest there and elsewhere in the state.

On April 29, 1897 he was married to Miss. Annie Brosig, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Brosig. She died December 22, 1903. On July 27, 1910 he was married to Miss. Ellen Pegunes Smith of Ft. Worth, daughter of the late Captain Tillman Smith. By this marriage he had one child, Miss Ellen Bookman. He is survived by his wife, daughter and one sister, Mrs. W...S. Craig, all of Navasota.

Early in life he joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and was ordained an elder. He assisted the church of his choice in many quiet ways and was very charitably inclined in many directions, but always shunning publicity.

In business he was open and honest in all his transactions. Deception was no part of his nature. He never spoke ill of any man and while he was a man of positive convictions he was willing to give every problem the benefit of any doubt offered. He had an unusually strong mentality and a keen discernment of the character of men and logically analyzed complicated business problems before him almost intuitively. He was persevering and painstaking in all his efforts and no matter how small the proposition submitted his mind would pass on it just as scrutinizingly as if it were a large one. He never shirked responsibility. He always tried to live a God fearing life and valued his reputation as a sincere Christian gentleman far above any worldly success of the material things of life. To his close friends he was a most loveable character, well balanced, sympathetic and responsive.
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He will be missed from the business circles of Navasota, but the example he has set for the good of others will live on forever. The world has paid him its last tribute but the example set of sterling integrity and honesty of purpose is still before us.
(tombstone in the City Cemetery - Oakland gives dates as June 18, 1857 - April 29, 1927)
Examiner: Monday, May 2, 1927 also one on April 30, 1927

R.M. Lindley today received a message announcing the death of a brother at Pittsburg, Texas and he left this afternoon with his family in a car for that place to attend the funeral Sunday.
The unfortunate man is said to have been injured in an automobile accident two days ago. It was thought that he would recover but he suddenly took a turn for the worse and died with but little warning.
Examiner: Saturday, May 7, 1927

Sheriff L.H. Moore, of Waller County was instantly killed and H.D. Wheeler of Hempstead in the same county was critically injured in an automobile crash Sunday night at Cypress twelve miles from here (Houston)
on the Houston-Hempstead road.
The tragedy was the result of a collision between the sheriff's car and a small coupe occupied by two women and a child. Moore's car careened to one side of the road and turned over several times, witnesses said. The sheriff was pinned under it.
Examiner: Monday, May 9, 1927

Word was received yesterday afternoon by S. Dale Marrett Jr. of the death of his grandmother, Mrs. L.J. Marrett at her home in Potts Camp, Mississippi at 3:00 p.m. Monday.
Mrs. Marrett was the mother of our townsman, S.D. Marrett Sr. and had attained the venerable age of 89 years. She was from one of the pioneer families of Mississippi - a noble Christian character and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.
She was preceded to the grave about ten years ago by her husband, but leaves three daughters and two sons, also a number of grand children to mourn her loss.
Mr. Marrett left Sunday morning in response to a message stating that her demise was hourly expected and arrived a few hours before the end came.
Examiner: Tues., May 10, 1927

KEITH NEWS May 10: The remains of J.G. Bullock were shipped here from Strawn, Texas last week and were laid to rest in the Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Bullock was on a visit there when he suddenly passed away. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lola Manley Bullock.
(tombstone gives dates as 1869-1927)
Examiner: Wed., May 11, 1927
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News of the death of Jefferson Darby, near 90 years of age was received here today, it being stated that he died at his farm home between Mesa and Iola about 8:00 this morning. He had been ill for some time and the end was not unexpected. Deceased was one of the long time residents of Grimes County, having lived here since before the days of the civil war. He was a minister in the Methodist Church and in former years held a regular charge at circuit rider. He continued preaching some even in his old age and up to the time of his last illness he often preached in the community where he lived. He was one who was respected and loved by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed by a host of people. Surviving are six daughters and two sons, the sons being Arthur Darby who lives on the home place in the north part of the county and Ollie Darby of Houston. He was father to Brooks Darby of Navasota who met his death about eighteen months ago in an auto accident near Breckenridge. He was grandfather to Lacey Darby who lives with the family of Gus S. Black in this city. Mr. Black said today that he expects his daughter, Mrs. Rembert Darby to arrive this evening with her husband from Calvert. The latter is a grandson to the deceased. Curtis Darby of Navasota was a nephew to him also. The funeral it is said, will be held Saturday afternoon with interment in the Iola Cemetery. Several persons from Navasota expect to be in attendance. (his grave is marked with a confederate marker in Lake Grove Cemetery at Mesa

Examiner: Fri., May 13, 1927 also see Wed., July 20, 1927

Mrs. Anne Stocking near a hundred years of age died in Houston today about 1:30 p.m. according to news received in Navasota. The remains will be brought to Navasota on the S.P. passenger train due here about 11:30 Thursday morning and burial will be held from the station. Mrs. Stocking was the mother of Mrs. Bell Deadrick, formerly well known here. There will doubtless be many friends at the station tomorrow to met the funeral party and accompany the remains to the City Cemetery for interment. (tombstone gives dates as Dec. 10, 1827-May 18, 1927)

Examiner: Wed., May 18, 1927

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. W.A. Champion at her home in Corsicana. Mrs. Champion will be remembered by many here as Miss. Olive Taliaferro. She was sister of Weyman Taliaferro of this place.

Examiner: Fri., May 20, 1927

Sad news of the death of Mrs. Harold Fore, nee Miss. Vernia Brown in Houston early this morning was received here a few minutes thereafter. She is said to have been ill only about one week. The remains will be carried to Gibsland, Louisiana for burial. Up to the time of her marriage to Mr. Fore, Miss. Brown lived in Navasota and was for a long time employed in the dry goods store of R.A. Patout and Co. and while here she formed many warm friendships.. Her marriage took place about one year and four months past and since that time she has lived in Houston. She was a sister to Mrs. M.H. Whitley, formerly a resident of this place.

Examiner: Sat., May 21, 1927
Death Notices-------------Daily Navasota Examiner

It was a blow to near relatives and friends of Mrs. Mahala Ann Kelley aged 81 years and 25 days when she was taken suddenly ill about dusk Saturday evening and died a few hours later at the Kelley home in this city, now occupied by her daughter Mrs. Dan Kidd and family. It was about 12:15 a.m. Sunday when she breathed her last. Despite her more than four score years she was resonably active and always in cheerful frame of mind and her sudden demise was unexpected. In order that her children and other relatives might be privileged to attend the funeral the body was held until today and funeral is being held this afternoon from the home, conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Mahala Ann Lindley was born in Montgomery County April 27, 1847 and her entire life was spent in this part of Texas. She was 16 years of age when her fathers family moved to Grimes County, settling in the Erwin Community. It was while they were living there that she was married to Frank Kelley at Anderson. They later came to Navasota and Mrs. Kelley had made her home in this city for about 43 years. Her husband died here in 1914. Since then she has continued to live in the old family home with her daughter Mrs. Kidd. To this union eleven children were born, ten of whom survive their mother, seven sons and three daughters, to wit:

There are surviving a large number of grandchildren and several great grandchildren, also two brothers and one sister, Messrs. John and Mack Lindley of Navasota and Mrs. Mattie Sandal of Bryan.

Mrs. Kelley when quite young united with the Baptist Church and was ever faithful to her church duties and led such a happy christian life that association which brought joy to those privileged to be in her company.

All of her children are here today for the funeral and other relatives who came here for the services include the following.
Mrs. H. Norwood of Houston; Raymond Kelley and Prindle McIntyre of Houston; Mrs. H.H. Young and children of Bryan; W.C. Higgs and mother of Bryan; W.S. McIntyre of Anderson; Mrs. Clara Galyon of Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Whentley of Pt. Arthur; Rush Wood of Bay City.

Active pall bearers were J.N. Baylor, E.M. Perry, Robert McKay, C.S. Cone, C.E. Henry, W.H. Barry.

Honorary pall bearers were O.B. Gooch, L.H. Barry, G.S. Wood, C.A. Stone, Rush Wood of Bay City. (tombstone in the City Cemetery gives dates as April 27, 1846--May 22, 1927)

Examiner: Monday, May 23, 1927

Shiro News, May 24: We are saddened by the news of the death of Jay Wilson, the ten year old son of Grover Wilson. Several days ago he stuck a nail in his foot which caused blood poisoning and tetanus, which resulted in the transportation of his soul to a new paradise. May the allwise God, our savior, comfort and console his parents and brother and friends. (tombstone in Independence Cemetery gives dates as 1917-1927)

Examiner: Thurs., May 26, 1927
Dr. W.T. Wilson, prominent physician of Navasota, died Friday night about 11:00, presumably from a second stroke of apoplexy, at the age of 55 years, 7 months and 15 days, death coming without warning. Up until July of last year Dr. Wilson was an active man apparently in the prime of life and giving his time and strength largely to the practice of his profession— that of medicine. It was in the early morning of Saturday, July 17, 1926 while returning from a visit to the bedside of a patient in Washington County that he sustained a stroke of paralysis. It occurred while he was driving his car alone and he fell on the roadside in an attempt to aid himself. It was not long however until he was overtaken by friends who brought him home. He underwent treatment here and at Temple and after some weeks regained his strength sufficiently to resume his practice which he followed until the evening of Monday, May 16, 1927, when after a busy day he went to his office in the evening to do some home work and there tripped on a rug and fell, fracturing his right hip. He was taken again to Temple and remained there a week, having returned home last Tuesday night. Despite his misfortune he remained in cheerful spirit and entertained hope of again resuming his work, but such was not to be. The end came peacefully and quietly during the still hours of the early night. Mrs. Wilson who had left him for awhile and was resting in an adjoining room, went to his bed to see if there were aught that she could do for his comfort only to find that he had fallen asleep never to wake in this world.

Dr. Walter Travis Wilson gave the best of his intellect and energy to the profession in which he had enlisted, apparently looking upon it as a calling to service and from boyhood made it his life work. Born at Navasota, October 12, 1871 to the late Hugh H. Wilson and wife he began the study of medicine at the early age of 15 years. He was at that time working in the office of Dr. A.R. Kilpatrick and under his tutorship made considerable advancement. He graduated from the Memphis Medical College, Memphis, Tenn. in 1891 and came to Texas to begin his career as a physician. He settled at Edna, Texas where he remained for about two years, coming to Navasota in 1903 since which time he enjoyed a large practice until the hand of affliction stayed his progress.

In addition to taking medical course in Memphis he later did post graduate work in the New York Polyclinic and in Chicago. He was a member of the county, the state and the American Medical Societies. For many years he was physician for all the railroads entering Navasota. He held the office of city physician here for five years from which post he resigned and while in Edna he held the office of physician for Jackson County. He organized and was the head of the Planters Cotton Oil Company here from which he withdrew before that organization ceased business. In many ways Dr. Wilson was active in the business life in this city and was from time to time connected with several enterprises. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and a member of the Presbyterian Church, living a Godfearing life. He belonged to the American Geographical Society and was interested in Texas pioneer history.

He was married in December 1907 to Miss. Stella Ogilvy of Palestine who survives him. To this union three sons were born who survive their father. They are: Walter Ogilvy, Charles Ogilvy and Walter Travis Jr., all of whom live in Navasota.

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Dr. W.T. Wilson, cont.

Brothers and sister surviving are: A.H. Wilson and Dr. Hugh M. Wilson of Navasota, H. Baylor Wilson of Dallas, Mrs. Sam W. Stovall of Humble and Mrs. M.E. Jones of Houston.
The funeral was announced to be held this afternoon from the home on Washington avenue, with services conducted by Rev. F.S. Henderson of Houston, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church here and the Rev. Leonard Mitchell, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.
(dates on tombstone in the City Cemetery are 1871-1927)
Examiner: Sat., May 28, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Gooch last night received the sad intelligence of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Francis Mayfield of Ft. Worth who died at her home in that city about 10:00 Tuesday night following an illness of more than a year. The remains will be brought to Grimes County, arriving Thursday morning at 5:25 on the L.G.N. passenger train.
It was not determined today just what hour the funeral will be held but it is thought the remains will be taken to Roans Prairie, former home of deceased and interment made there.
Mrs. Mayfield was 45 years and 8 months of age and is survived by her husband, J.S. Mayfield, five children and two grandchildren. Her youngest child is said to be about twelve years of age.
She was a devout christian woman and member of the Baptist Church. She is remembered by many citizens of Grimes County who deplore her untimely death. (tombstone in Oakland Cemetery in Roans Prairie gives dates as Oct. 8, 1882--June 7, 1927)
Examiner: Wed., June 8, 1927

The many friends of R.A. Patout, preminent merchant of Navasota, are pained to learn of the death of his sister, Mrs. Moore at San Antonio, Tuesday. Interment was to have been made at Patoutville, Louisiana today. She is reported to have been ill following an operation several days ago.
Mr. Patout has for some time been on a camping trip in West Texas with his son Rivers. They were joined the first of this week by M.E. Bailey of this city. He was reached yesterday by telephone at a point on Cherokee Creek and informed of the death of Mrs. Moore. It is supposed that he and Rivers went directly to Louisiana.
Examiner: Wednesday, June 8, 1927

John Samuel Johnson was born at Hamilton, Alabama March 8, 1853, died at Anderson, Texas, June 6, 1927 aged 74 years.
He joined the Baptist Church when just a young man.
He leaves three brothers: J.H. Johnson, Broken Bow, Oklahoma; B.V. Johnson and W.M. Johnson of Frederick, Oklahoma and three sisters: Mrs. N.E. Reed of Frederick, Oklahoma; Mrs. S.E. Lane of Dialville, Texas and Mrs. M.E. Gaskin of Lenorah, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Buna Farmer of Los Angeles, California; one step daughter: Mrs. Flora Christman of Arlington, Texas; two sons: Melvin B. Johnson, James Harvey Johnson. Four sisters preceded him to a better land as follows:

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Dilley Jane Johnson, Mrs. S.S. Ball, Mrs. Julia Anne Hulsey, Mrs. H.C. Ballard. He also leaves his wife, Mrs. J.S. Johnson to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, June 7. Interment in I.O.O.F. Cemetery (Odd Fellows Cemetery) at Anderson. Services by Rev. B.C. Cook, pastor of the Baptist Church.

Examiner: Thursday, June 9, 1927

The Waller News of last week chronicled the death of Mrs. Howell Scroggins who passed away on June 3 after a short illness. Death occurred in a Houston hospital. Deceased was born September 21, 1892 and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Howell Scroggins, husband of the deceased is a brother to C.M. and John Scroggins of this city. They attended the funeral at Waller.

Examiner: June 13, Monday, 1927

Mrs. Elizabeth Sledge, wife of L.G. Sledge of this place died Thursday at 12:05 a.m. in a Houston hospital at the age of 39 years and 9 months. She had been ill for several months and recently was taken to Houston for an operation as a last resort, but this proved of no avail and she succumbed after a period of suffering. Members of the family had been notified of her critical condition and were at her bedside when the end came.

The remains were brought to Navasota late yesterday and taken in charge by C.A. Dunavant. Funeral was held this afternoon at 3:00 from the home of her father, William Downs and interment made in Oakland Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. John W. Goodwin, pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Mrs. Sledge is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Downs, her husband, L.G. Sledge and one son, Willie of this city. She is also survived by six brothers: Messrs. Robert, B.H. and H.B. Downs of Houston; L.F., F.L. and E.E. Downs of Navasota and one sister, Mrs. A.W. Sledge of Navasota. She leaves a host of friends who deplore her untimely death. (Tombstone gives dates as 1888-1927)

Examiner: Fri., June 17, 1927

Edwin Davis, a young man about 19 years of age, died Saturday night at Huntsville and was buried Monday morning at Shiro.

Deceased was son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Davis of Shiro. He had been attending the college at Huntsville and it is said he had been home for a visit and was returning to Huntsville when he was taken ill while on the road. Upon reaching his destination he underwent an operation but was not able to withstand the attack on his being.

He was an industrious young man with a bright future, intending to compete his education and then engage in some good profession or business but his career was suddenly cut short to the sorrow of his many friends in this county. He was a cousin to Mrs. Homer Neason of this city and was known to others here. (Tombstone gives full name as Edwin Byron Davis and gives dates as Oct. 22, 1908-June 19, 1927, buried in Shiro Cemetery)

Examiner: Monday, June 20, 1927
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August Horst, 85 years, 9 months and 22 days died suddenly this mor-
ing when he fell from the front porch of his home a mile west of
town where he had lived for the past quarter of a century.
Owing to his advanced age and previous illness, Mr. Horst was quite
feeble and it is supposed that he lost his balance and fell to the
ground, the shock being so great that he died immediately. It was
about 6:30 a.m. today that the accident occurred. The young men who
were in the house with him at once telephoned to W.L. Bolton and he
and Mrs. Bolton hastened to the scene. A physician was summoned but to
no avail.
The body was brought to town by C.A. Dunavant, funeral director and
after being prepared for burial was taken to the home of Dr. E.A.
Harris where it rests in state awaiting arrival of his sister, Mrs.
Annie C. Tobin of Austin who is expected to arrive this afternoon.
Funeral arrangements had not been completed at press time, pending
arrival of Mrs. Tobin, but the Daily Examiner was requested to an-
nounce that friends are requested to send no flowers whatever.
August Horst was born at Austin, August 28, 1841 and is said to have
come to Navasota some 65 years ago. He was prominent among those citi-
zens of the early days of Texas who aided in development of the country.
When a young man he freighted from Houston to Navasota and later ac-
cepted a position as bookkeeper for the firm of R.B. Templeman & Son.
He entered the banking business here under the firm name of Shaw &
Horst operating a private banking institution which was later absorbed
by the First National Bank and Mr. Horst was made a director of that
organization. He continued as a member of the board of directors of the
First National Bank until by reason of feeble health he resigned as
such official. He was always engaged to some extent in farming and
owned a number of tracts of land in addition to city property.
There are no members of his immediate family to survive him. He was
married early in life, his wife dying many years ago. She was buried
here in Navasota. He had no children. He was a man prominent in
business affairs of the community and one whose counsel was often sought
in matters of importance. During his life time he did a great deal
of charity work of persons in need. (his wife & child are buried in
Block H Section 14 Graves 1 & 2) (according to city records & records
of L.Lindley-Robertson-Holt funeral home his body was taken to Austin for bur
al)

Examiner: Monday, June 20, 1927

Anderson News, June 22: Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Arrington and children
motoroed to Houston Thursday morning to attend the funeral of Mrs. Arr-
ington's sister, Mrs. Oscar Kilgore.
Examiner: Thurs., June 23, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hollister intend leaving on the Santa Fe passenger
train Sunday morning for Merryville, Louisiana to attend the funeral
of Mrs. Hollister's youngest brother, Melvin Cornes, age 21.
She knew nothing of her brother being in any condition other than good
health until a telegram came this morning announcing his death. He
had recently taken a position on a steamer and when last heard from
was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. It is supposed that he died there.
Nothing is known of the circumstances surrounding his death.
Mr. and Mrs. Hollister's many friends here extend sympathy in this
sudden sorrow.
Examiner: Sat., June 25, 1927 also see July 5, 1927
J.H. Hutchinson, 91 was laid to rest in Brenham Cemetery this morning with Masonic honors and services conducted in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, he having formerly lived in that city. Death occurred Wednesday afternoon at his home in Houston. The following sketch of this man's life is taken from the Houston Chronicle:

John Herbert Hutchinson was born March 2, 1826, the day of the Declaration of Texas Independence from Mexico, in Washington County where the first seat of the Texas Republic was founded. His father, R.B. Hutchinson was one of the large plantation owners of Washington County and there John Herbert Hutchinson spent 80 years of his life. He left only after the death of his wife and after the removal of his children to Houston and other parts of Texas.

He was 24 when Houston staged his memorable and unpopular fight against secession. He went into Hood's Brigade during the Civil War and wound up as a member of Colonel Brown's regiment. During four years of detailed service he was carried into all parts of the south and even on a mission into Mexico.

When he lived in Washington it was one of the "coming cities" of Texas. It's population was 1,000 and there were two colleges there. Now it is hardly known and there are only one or two stores.

Up to the time of his death, the clear mind of Mr. Hutchinson formed a link between present day Texas and the past.

March 2, 1926, he celebrated his ninetieth birthday with a family reunion at his home and recounted many happenings of historical interest during his youth.

His 11 children were present at the anniversary celebration. Twenty nine grand children and 12 great grand children were also present, and members of Dick Dowling Camp of which he was a prominent member.

He told them of the first time he had ever seen Houston; of the two stores that were there, he distinctly remembered one which was conducted by Cornelius Ennis, founder of the Galveston News.

In connection with General Sam Houston he said, "Oh yes, Sam Houston, I know him" and he corrected himself, "I mean I knew him. But you know times flies so fast I sometimes hardly realize he is gone. A great man and I was with him to the end. Yes, even in his stand against secession.'

Up to the time of his death he could recall the names of many of the earlier settlers of Texas and enjoyed tracing their relatives.

Toward the close of the evening on the night of his birthday anniversary a year ago he remarked.

"Yes, Washington had 2,000 people then and was bigger than Houston or any other town in Texas. It was the seat of learning. We had two colleges. It was the seat of government and there came and lingered all the great men that my grandchildren now are reading about in connection with their histories. But it is about gone now-- only two little stores and a few houses. Not what it was when I was a lad."

Then he paused for a moment and continued.

"There have been some wonderful changes in my time in Texas. I have grown pretty old, but Texas is still a child. There were no railroads when I was a boy and no telegraphs and very few wagon roads. There was one fair dirt road leading from Houston to Washington, the capital of the state. It went over to a place called Brazos City and then up the river to Washington."

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J.H. Hutchinson, cont.

"Then they started a ferry at Hempstead and changed the old route to go by way of Hempstead," and he recalled the name of the man who started that ferry.

"Houston was a dirty, little old place with two stores" he added. "We people in Washington sort of looked down on it. But for the past part of the century I have been coming here off and on as my father before me, and I have always had business with Houston firms. My, my, my-- as we trudged across the plains and forded streams away back yonder-- no one could have dreamed of this great city."

Then the mind of the speaker reverted to a trip he made into Mexico just before the civil war, and a visit to the King Ranch on the way. He met King and found that any amount of land could be bought for 10 cents an acre. His father had 1,000 acres of highly improved land in Washington County, for which he was offered $35.00 an acre.

"I tried to get father to sell out and go to the Lower Rio Grande" he said. "He could have gone there with $50,000, enough money to buy 500,000 acres of 10 cent land. But he didn't know what to do with his slaves."

His passing will be felt as a distinct loss to historians of the state who depended upon him frequently for his firsthand information of these early Texas incidents.

Examiner: Fri., June 24, 1927

Stoneham News, June 27: C.P. Taylor has received the sad news of the death of his sister, Mrs. T.O. Coe, which occurred at her home in Rosebud, Thursday. Mrs. Coe was formerly Miss. Mattie Taylor and made her home in Courtney, until a few years ago. She had many friends throughout Grimes County who will be griefed to hear of her death.

Examiner: Tues., June 28, 1927

C.A. Dunavant made a trip to Erwin today with his motor hearse to take charge of funeral for V.H. Pearson, age 75 who died at his farm home in that community this morning about 2:30. The funeral service was held about 11:00 a.m. today, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wells, Methodist minister.

Details regarding the death of Mr. Pearson were not learned, but he is said to have been one of the old and honored citizens of that community. (tombstone in the Erwin Cemetery gives dates as 1854-1927)

Examiner: Thurs., June 30, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Hollister arrived home Saturday night from Merryville, Louisiana where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. Hollister's brother, Melvin M. Cornes who was accidentally killed while employed by the Texas Oil Company aboard the steamship Alabama while it was dry docked at Stapleton, N.Y. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. G.A. Cornes and two brothers, J.E. and H.E. Cornes of Merryville and one sister, Mrs. J.C. Hollister of Navasota.

Mrs. Hollister was accompanied home by her mother who will visit here for awhile.

Examiner: Tues., July 5, 1927 also June 25, 1927
News of the death of J.J. Felder, 87 who died in San Antonio this morning about 9:30 was received by friends and relatives here. A telegram from Miss. Ella Felder to the Citizens National Bank stated the body will arrive in Navasota Thursday for interment, the time for the service to be announced later. A heart attack is said to have been the cause of his death. Further details could not be learned this afternoon.
Deceased was widely known throughout this section and there are many persons who will be pained to learn of his untimely death. He had many interest here and for years was Vice President of the Citizens National Bank, retiring from that office when he became too feeble to give it the attention that it demanded. Since 1925 he has made his home with his sister in San Antonio. (tombstone in the City Cemetery gives dates as 1839-1927. he was also a confederate veteran)
Examiner: Wednesday, July 6, 1927

News was received here today from Carl Williams that his father had died at Mart, Texas. Carl was at the bedside of his father when the end came about 3:00 this morning.
The deceased, Charley Williams, lived in Navasota a number of years ago and has many friends here. He is survived by two daughters in addition to the one son. He will be buried at Thorndale this afternoon.
Examiner: Wed., July 6, 1927

The body of J.T. Prestwood who was killed in an auto accident in New Mexico Sunday, is expected to arrive in Navasota Thursday morning on the Santa Fe passenger train and funeral services have been announced to be held from the home of his mother, Mrs. J.T. Prestwood at 9:00 following which interment will be made in I.O.O.F. Cemetery (Odd Fellows Cemetery) at Anderson. Rev. S.C. Guthrie, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church will conduct the services.
John Thomas Prestwood, son of the late J.T. Prestwood of this county met his death Sunday at Taos, New Mexico, where he was in the employ of the Don Fernandos Hotel. According to news received here there was a rehearsal of some kind at the school building. Prestwood and another young man went to town for something that had been overlooked by those in the rehearsal and while en route to town their car was overturned.
Prestwood was killed and his companion was seriously wounded. It is not known whether he will recover.
Mr. Prestwood was reared in Grimes County, making his home at Anderson where his parents then resided. He was one of the first to go out in defence of his country when war was declared in 1917. He saw service in the 90th division 356th Infantry. He was in the battle of Saint Mihiel and other important engagements. He was in France almost the whole time after the United States entered the war. After the war he returned home but some four or five years ago he left here seeking employment. He was for awhile in Oklahoma and later in New Mexico.
He is survived by his mother, Mrs. J.T. Prestwood of this city, three brothers and one sister: H.L. Prestwood of El Paso; A.F. Prestwood of Houston; C.H. Prestwood of Navasota and Mrs. Howard Bennett of Tulsa, Oklahoma.
The entire community was saddened to learn of the sudden death of this young man and there will doubtless be a large crowd at the funeral announced to take place Thursday morning (tombstone gives dates as July 1, 1893-July 17, 1927)

Examiner: Tues., July 19, 1927
There was a very sad death here Monday night when little Lily May Clark, age 3 years 8 months died about 9:00 following an accident in which her body was crushed in a gin press. D. Clark, with his wife and three small children, arrived in the city yesterday traveling over the country seeking employment. The man applied to M. Marett for work and Mr. Marett with a desire to lend assistance as the family were without gasoline, food and other necessities of life, gave him a job of cleaning up his gin in the west part of town. About noon the little girl is said to have gone to the gin to call her father for dinner. Mr. Clark said he heard a loud noise and went to investigate, finding the child's body in the gin press with her feet sticking out. It is supposed the child tripped the trigger which controls the press and it closed up with her. There were no witnesses. Her head had an ugly wound in the back and her body was badly mashed. She was rushed to the offices of Dr. S.D. Coleman where she died on an operating table about 9:00 p.m., all efforts to save her proving futile. C.A. Dunavant took charge of the body and prepared it for burial, the parents wishing to go to West Columbia for burial. The remains were carried to the home of Boozer Fuqua where every courtesy was shown the unfortunate people. Neighbors carried flowers and otherwise prepared them for their sad journey to West Columbia. Mr. Marett loaned them his Ford coupe and with the little box tied on the back they started this morning about 10:00. Before their departure Mrs. Fuqua visited the business houses of the city, soliciting aid for the Clark family that the child might have a respectable burial and the citizens of Navasota responded generously to the appeal.
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Rev. T.J. (Thomas Jefferson) Darby was born in Grimes County, Texas, Feb. 1, 1846 and departed this life May 13, 1927. He volunteered and joined the army at the age of 17 and served until the close of the Civil War. On Dec. 13, 1866 he was married to Miss. Cornelia H. Womble. To this union were born twelve children--8 girls and 4 boys. Five of them, 3 girls and 2 boys and the mother have gone on before. Seven children survive him. Two sons, A.M. Darby of Iola and O.B. Darby of Houston; five daughters, Mrs. W.M. Bay of Diasette?, Texas; Mrs. J.C. Cotton of Marlin; Mrs. A. Knight of Dallas; Mrs. R.H. Day and Mrs. Mary Ringdahl of Iola. He leaves 44 grandchildren, 42 great grand children and one great great grandchild; also one brother, W.R. Darby. He was converted, baptised and joined the M.E. Church South under Rev. J.A. Duncan in the year 1867. He was made an E.A. Mason May 14, 1870, passed to the F.C. Feb. 11, 1871, raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason March 9, 1872. On Nov. 13, 1913, he was married to Miss. Charity Crutchfield who also survives him. Religious services were conducted at the cemetery by his pastor, Rev. R.F. Stewart, assisted by Rev. Joe Barnes, Bro. J.H. Sollock, Rev. D. Hargroves and Rev. Lee Guerrant. Songs sung were: "Nearer My God to Thee", "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." and "God Be With You." (marked with a confederate tombstone in Lake Grove Cemetery)
Examiner: July 20, 1927 also Fri., May 13, 1927
Brenham, July 21.--Henry Hodde, 88 years old, was found at Mill Creek in a water tank near the residence of his son, Fritz Hodde with whom he made his home. It is thought he accidently fell into the tank. 
Examiner: Thurs., July 21, 1927

Mr. Powell Shannon died at his home two miles north of Madisonville at 2:00 a.m. Thursday, July 7. Mr. Shannon had been in bad health for several months but was not thought to be seriously sick and retired at night in the usual way and soon became very sick and died in a few hours. He was 48 years, 9 months and 4 days old and leaves his wife and five children, Mrs. Bertha Rumfield, Elmer, Alma, Robbie and Ray Shannon, besides many other relatives and a host of friends to mourn his going. 
Funeral services was conducted at the Methodist Church by Rev. B.C. Anderson, interment at the City Cemetery at 5:00 Thursday afternoon. Mr. Shannon was born in Yazoo City, Mississippi, moved to Texas with his parents at the age of eleven and settled in Grimes County and was married to Miss. Laura Sanders in 1899- Madisonville Meteor
Examiner: Fri., July 22, 1927

Keith News, Aug. 2: E.R. Coneley left Monday night for Long View in response to a message stating that his little nephew, James Matthews had been accidently killed by an automobile. The message stated that the little fellow had gone out to meet the postman on the highway and in coming from behind the postman's car was struck by a passing car and badly mangled. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews was formerly lived here. Mrs. Matthews was formerly Miss. Virgie Coneley. Both have many friends here who deeply sympathize with them in the tragic death of their little son.

M.J. Fuqua today received a telegram from his sister, Mrs. Edd Hobbs at Brownwood announcing the death of her son, Charles Hobbs, there this morning about 6:30.
Deceased was a World War veteran and it was on account of his health that his parents moved from Grimes County to the west nearly two years ago. He was about 30 years of age and had many friends here, havin been reared in the Erwin Community. He was a nephew to Messrs. M.J. Fuqua and H. Fuqua of this city.
Examiner: Fri., Aug. 5, 1927

Henry Lindley of the Hotchkiss-Lindley Funeral Home drove to Anderson this morning with his motor hearse for the burial of Ed Phillips age 37 years, 7 months, 4 days who died Wednesday about 4:00 at his farm home five miles east of Anderson. 
Funeral was held this morning at 9:30 at the Catholic Church with services conducted by Father Domunski. Deceased formerly lived near Stoneham. He is survived by his widow and several children. (dates on tombstone in St. Stanislaus Cemetery are 1898-1927, note that this does not agree with the age given on the obituary)
Examiner: Thurs., Aug. 11, 1927
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Little did the friends of W.R. Wallis think when he left here on the first of August for a vacation trip with his family that never again would they behold his face, but such has come to pass for last evening news reached here of his sudden death about 3:30 Monday afternoon while he was riding in his car about twenty miles from the city of Palestine, supposedly from heart failure.

"Rip" Wallis, as he was known to his friends was about 65 years of age and had for a number of years held the position of railroad engineer on the Madisonville Branch of the Missouri Pacific railroad. His vacation was begun on August 1st and on that day he left here for a motor trip with a party of four, composed of himself, Mrs. Wallis, their four year old son Billie W.R. Jr. and Mrs. Wallis's 12 year old daughter, Frances Cunningham. They went first to West Texas toughing at Kerryville, Fredericksburg, Austin and other places and on Monday were headed for Palestine to visit Mrs Wallis' mother and other relatives. At the time of the sad occurrence they were driving from Athens to Palestine. Mrs. Wallis was driving when without warning her husband fell over dead.

Deceased was a member of the Baptist Church and a man held in high esteem by all who knew him. He had been a resident of this city for quite a long while, all of which time he was in the employ of the railroad company and mostly on the Madisonville branch.

He is survived by his widow and his small son Billie, also two married daughters: Mrs. Tom Frazer of Palestine and Mrs. Dr. Hobdy of San Antonio and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Ed Harris, living near Courtney is a sister to Mrs. Wallis and she and Mr. Harris left early today for Palestine to attend the funeral which will be held in that city Wednesday morning at 10:00.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nettie Lee Franklow, 54 who died in a hospital at noon Thursday were held from the Fogle-West funeral home at 3:00 p.m. Friday, Rev. D.W. Gardner officiating. Burial was in Forest Park Cemetery (in Houston). Mrs. Franklow is survived by her husband, John L. Franklow, four sons, R.E., L.W., S.T. and J.W. Franklow, all of Houston; four sisters, Mrs. Dora Garvin of Haynesville, La.; Mrs. Belle Stolei of Fayetteville; Mrs. Grace Waters of Dallas and Mrs. Agnes Bendetti of San Antonio; two brothers, S.H. McIntyre of Mt. Pleasant and J.S. McIntyre of Ft. Worth; and a half brother, R.H. Allen of Shiro.

Mrs. Franklow was Miss. Nettie McIntyre before her marriage to John L. Franklow who was also a resident of Navasota at the time but for a good many years they have made their home in Houston. Their many friends and relatives in Navasota receive the sad news of her untimely death with deep regret and extend to the bereaved family the heartfelt sympathy.(in the Shiro Cemetery there is a tombstone for a Nettie Lee Franklow with the dates 1872-1929 with John L. Franklow 1866-1934 buried beside her. am sure that this is the lady in question)

SHIRO NEWS: W.I. Callahan of Houston was here last week and attended the funeral of S.E. Corley. (name on tombstone is Sanders E. Corley & dates are 1859-1927, Shiro Cemetery)

Examiner: Wed., July 13, 1927
Cleophia Washington, aged about 15 years, daughter of Buck Washington a negro living on the C.C. Camp place a few miles north of the city drowned Sunday afternoon while out swimming. She and a party had gone to a swimming hole near the Madisonville branch tracts and it is said that she got into deep water and drowned before any of her party could save her. A party of white boys who had also gone out for a swim and were just a short distance from the negroes were called to the scene and in a short time managed to bring the drowned girl out but too late to bring her to life.

Examiner: Mon., Aug. 15, 1927

Mrs. John McCorquodale died Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Laura Gooch in Navasota. She was stricken with an attack of heart failure at 3:30 and the end came swiftly, death ensuing in just thirty minutes from the time she was stricken. She had been slightly ill for the past two or three weeks but was apparently better and able to be up and about the home and her sudden passing was a great shock to her loved ones and friends. She was conscious to the end, talki with those about her in her last moments, and even as she was passing into the "valley of the shadow" said to her daughter and physician that she was completely resigned and willing to go and expressed an abiding faith in God and the sweet assurance of life everlasting.

Mrs. Sarah Jane McCorquodale was a daughter of Wilson Granbury Buchanhan and his wife Jane Beatty Buchanan, both long deceased and was born at Logansport, Louisiana, June 3, 1845, making her age at the time of her death 82 years, 2 months and 12 days. She came of sturdy stock and was herself one of those rugged unflaunting old christian mothers. She was a life long christian, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church and her long life was filled with good deeds. Her hands were ever outstretched to the poor and needy, she had a word of sympathy, kindness and encouragement for all and now that she has passed to her reward, there are many that "rise up and call her blessed."

She was united in marriage to John McCorquodale in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, November 25, 1862, while he was at home on a furlough from the confederate army. Those were the days that tested men's souls; the south's Gethsemane; but these two faced the future bravely and smiling through her tears she kissed her soldier husband good-bye and bade him return to his flag and the old south had no braver soldier than he, in the long list of imperishable heroes. When the husband returned home at the close of the war, together they took up the thread of life and in the passing years they wrought well. In 1874, Mr. and Mrs. McCorquodale came to Texas and settled at Steep Hollow, five miles east of Bryan where they lived for many years, later coming to Bryan to reside. In 1907 they moved to Houston, acquiring a home at 416 Dallas Avenue and continued to live there until the husband's death two years ago, since which time Mrs. McCorquodale has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Laura Gooch in Navasota.

Mrs. McCorquodale and her husband were permitted to walk together upon the earth for 62 years and this fact she had inscribed in the granite stone that marks their lasting place in the Bryan City Cemetery. After the husbands going, they were seperated only two years, and now they have been reunited in death, and in the blessed land to which they have journeyed there will be no meters and bonds of time, no limitations of years, life everlasting.

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Sarah J. McCorquodale, cont.

The deceased is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Laura Gooch of Navasota and three grand daughters; Mrs. E.L. Stacey, Mrs. Ernest Schewe and Mrs. Robert Herndon, all of Houston. Also by three brothers, M.G., A.W. and A.J. Buchanan, all of Bryan and many other relatives.
The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:00 at the family home in Navasota, following which the funeral cortage moved on to Bryan and interment was held in the City Cemetery at 4:00. Services were conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Navasota, assisted by Rev. R.E. Day of the First Baptist Church of Bryan. Under a mound of exquisite flowers, expression of love from the host of friends and bereaved relatives who knew and loved her best, they left her to await the resurrection morning.

Examiner: Tues., August 16, 1927 also Monday, August 15, 1927

Iola News, Aug. 16: Brock Christian, age 14, died last Monday morning at 3:00 in the Bryan Hospital where he had been taken for treatment for acute appendicitis. He died before an operation was performed. Dick as he was most generally known had been reared since a very small child by Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Cleveland. Besides his foster parents and family, he leaves his father, Joe Christian, several brothers and sisters and many friends that are saddened by his untimely death. (tombstone in Zion Cemetery gives his dates as Jan. 20, 1913--Aug. 14, 1927)
Examiner: Wed., Aug. 17, 1927

Richmond, Va., Aug. 18: Dr. George W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richmond and for three years president of the Southern Baptist Convention died at a local hospital at 2:48 Thursday, after an illness of a week.
An intelligent mind and undiminishing zeal for religious endeavor and the natural endowments of the born orator brought Dr. McDaniel from the pulpit of a small church in Texas to the position of a leader in the Southern Baptist Church.
Born in Grimes County, Texas on Nov. 30, 1875, the son of Letitia Anne White and Francis Asbury McDaniel, he spent his boyhood days in the Lone Star State. He received the degree of A.B. at Baylor University in 1895 and his degree at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1900. He was ordained in that year and served the pastorate at Temple, Texas, for two years. In 1902 he went to Gaston Avenue Baptist Church at Dallas where he remained until 1904.
He became pastor of the First Baptist Church at Richmond, one of the oldest and most influential churches of the denomination in 1904. In 1924 he was a trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, president of the board of directors of the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, president of the Baptist General Association of Virginia and a member of several other Virginia religious societies.
Dr. McDaniel received his doctor of divinity degree from Richmond College in 1905 and was made a doctor of laws by Baylor University in 1920. On March 20, 18--18--18 he was married to Martha Douglas Scarbo of Waco, Texas and had two children, Mary and John Harrington who survive him.
He was the author of the following books: Our Boys in France, The People Called Baptist, The Church of the New Testament, A Memorial Wraith, Seeing the Best and The Supernatural Jesus. (According to a shorter news article death was due to a stroke of paralysis. That article follows as such)
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Dr. G.W. McDaniel, cont.

Much sadness was caused here late Thursday by a message from Richmond, Va. announcing the death of Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city who had recently suffered a second stroke of paralysis. The message was received by his sister, Mrs. Fannie J. Anderson. It stated that death occurred about 2:45 Thursday afternoon and that interment would be made in Richmond. Mr. McDaniel was reared at Navasota and his friends and relatives here have watched with pride his rise in the ministry. His last visit to the old home was in 1925 when he came to Texas to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston of which he was president. He preached here at that time.
Examiner: Fri., Aug. 19, 1927

Elmer Connor, about 30 years of age, having a wife and three children, died about 8:00 Sunday evening at Brenham, result of an automobile accident on a Washington County highway, but details of the sad affair are lacking here today. Connor's home was at Brenham but the remains were taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Conner at Richards, this county, where interment was to have been made. Deceased was a nephew to Will Ellis of Navasota. Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellis and Mrs. N.A. Ellis accompanied the remains to Richards today to be present at the funeral. (In the Fairview Cemetery in Richards there are two possible grave sites for him. One is J.E.C. Conner and the other is identified as a Mr. Conner. It would be my guess that the first is the father and the second is the son.)
Examiner: Mon., August 22, 1927

The many friends of Mrs. J.R. Cox whose home was at Goose Creek will be sad to learn of her death at Houston on August 17 at 7:30 a.m. Funeral services were held both in Houston and at the First Methodist Church in Waller on Thursday. Burial was in the New Hope Cemetery near there. She was 50 years, 6 months, 3 days old.
Sallie Gertrude Cook was born in Florida, Feb. 14, 1877. Later moving with her parents to Texas. She joined the Baptist Church when 13 years old and was a faithful member as long as her health would permit. She was married to J.R. Cox, Nov. 10, 1901; is survived by her husband, J.R. Cox and three children: Mrs. Gus Anchick, Miss. Earl Cox and one son, Searcy Cox; her mother Mrs. G.W. Cook of Lynn Grove; three brothers C.W. Cook, W.P. Cook and L.W. Cook and one sister, Mrs. W.H. Binford near Navasota.
Mrs. Cox was brought to the home of W.P. Cook at Lynn Grove to be with her mother, Mrs. G.W. Cook a week before she was taken to the hospital at Houston. Everything that a husband, children, doctors and relatives could do was tried to no avail. The sympathy of many friends goes out to this family, especially the dear old mother who will shortly be 81 years old.
Mr. and Mrs. Cox lived at Lynn Grove and Courtneu before going to Goose Creek and leave many relatives and friends in Grimes County.
Stoneham News, Aug. 22: Messrs. Claud and Roy Stoneham have returned from Ft. Worth where they went to attend the funeral of their Aunt, Mrs. George White.

Two Negroes Bound Over to Grand Jury Charges of Murder:

Thursday afternoon was a busy day in Justice of the Peace Court, presided over by Judge C.C. Francklow and held in the auditorium of the city hall during which session two negroes were given preliminary hearings and bound over to the grand jury under charges of murder and released under $1,000 bond in each case. Miss Elizabeth Kilpatrick acted as court stenographer. The state was represented by County Attorney W.W. Heath and the defendants had Haynes Shannon for counsel. Both cases were brought here from other Justice precincts by Sheriff R.M. Hudson.

Osceola Wheatfall, negro man was tried for the alleged killing of Nat Thompson, another negro. The latter was shot Sunday evening at a negro church three miles east of Courtney. He was rushed to Houston for treatment but died about 2:00 a.m. Monday in St. Joseph Infirmary. He is said to have been shot with a pistol.
Hattie Branch, negro woman, was given a hearing in connection with the shooting and killing of her husband, Taylor Branch who is alleged to have been shot about Aug. 17 at their home at Stoneham.
The next grand jury is to be convened on Jan. 8, 1928.
Examiner: Fri., Aug. 26, 1927

Martin R. Morris, age 73, who died in Houston yesterday, was a brother to Mrs. A.E. Nation of this city. His body was taken to Angleton for interment. Burial was held there Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. Nation had returned from a visit to her brothers bedside only a few days ago and was not able to return again when the sad news of his death came.
Deceased lived in Navasota at one time, having left here about ten years ago. Many of the older residents remember him and deplore his untimely death. He is survived by three children.
Examiner: Tues., Aug. 30, 1927
Richards News Sept. 7: The little baby of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fabian died at their home Wednesday morning about 9:00. It had been sick for more than three weeks. It was buried at the Fairview Cemetery with Rev. R.N. Davis in charge of funeral services.
Examiner: Wed., Sept. 7, 1927

Chas. E. Hull, aged 72 years died in Clifton, Arizona, Thursday, September 8 at 3:00 a.m.
Mr. Hull was born in the state of Ohio and from there came to Brazos County in 1872 and later moved to Navasota.
In 1898 he moved with his family to Houston but for some time had been in New Mexico and Arizona where he went for his health.
Mr. Hull will be remembered by many of the people of Navasota as he was connected with the H. & T.C.R. Company in this city for a number of years.
He is survived by his wife, two daughters and two sons: Mrs. Mabel Long of Seattle, Washington; Mrs. Lucille Haymon of Honolulu; Bert Hull of Houston and Baylor Hull of New York City.
The remains will arrive at Navasota Saturday at 11:25 p.m. and the funeral services will be held at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.N. Baylor on Tenth Street, with Rev. John W. Goodwin conducting the services and the Dunavant Mortuary in charge.
Examiner: Fri., Sept. 9, 1927

W.H. Craig, aged 74 years died Thursday, Sept. 8, at his home on the D.D. Greer place near Millican and was laid to rest this afternoon at Millican with C.A. Dunavant in charge.
Examiner: Fri., Sept. 9, 1927

Singleton News, Sept. 12: The people here were saddened to learn of the death of Sam Smith, formerly of Bedias, but made his home here also.
At the time of his death he was in the old Confederate Soldiers home in Austin. The remains were laid away in the Bedias (Baptist) Cemetery.
(dates on tombstone are 1841-1927)
Examiner: Tues., Sept. 13, 1927

Mrs. S.A. Thompson died at the home of her son, Culyer Thompson, at Bedias, Tuesday at the ripe old age of 71 years, 6 months and 2 days. She had been an invalid for nearly fifteen years, but her death came suddenly and unexpected as she ate a hearty breakfast and was apparently as well as common.
Mr. Thompson was her only living child and she leaves four grandchildren. Mrs. Thompson was for many years a resident of Midway and had many close friends and relatives there. The body was carried to Midway for burial Wednesday. The many friends from Bedias and Madisonville, besides the host of friends from Midway who attended the funeral spoke in no uncertain terms as to the esteem in which she and her family were held by all who knew them.
The only son and his estimable family, with all the other relatives have the deep sympathy of their many friends here and at Bedias and where ever they are known—Madisonville Meteor
Examiner: Fri., Sept. 16, 1927
Shiro News, Sept. 20  The baby boy, Bernice Franklin Harmon of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harmon passed away Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 14 at 2:00 into realms eternal where little children all behold the face of the one who said, "Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the kingdom of heaven", not lost, just gone before, to open the way for loved ones to follow, another tie, another link to strengthen our faith till death us join o voice yet more divine. Till through the only good, heard felt and understood, our life in God, shall make us one forever.

Little son and brother, thou wast mild and lovely, gentle as the summer's breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it floats among the trees, altho' we mourn his loss from us, we rejoice that he has moved into the house not made with hands eternal in the heavens, waiting by the sundown sea. (tombstone in Shiro Cemetery gives dates as Dec. 22, 1925-Sept. 14, 1927)

Examiner: Wed., Sept. 21, 1927

Mrs. Minnie Taylor, wife of Mr. Sim Taylor died at their home in Shiro Wednesday night.

Mrs. Taylor had been in ill health for several years, but about two weeks ago she was stricken with paralysis and since then had been in a serious condition with the end being expected almost hourly.

She is survived by her husband, Sim Taylor and two sons, Van Taylor of Shiro and Maurice Taylor of Houston, also numerous other relatives in this city and other parts of the country.

The remains were laid to rest in the Shiro Cemetery this afternoon at 2:00.

Examiner: Thurs. Sept. 22, 1927

Keith News, Sept. 20: Robert Trant received a message from Pittsburgh, Penn. stating that his nephew, Monroe Hunnicutt, formerly of Bryan had been accidently killed while working in a coal mine. The body will be shipped to Bryan for burial.

Examiner: Thurs., Sept. 22, 1927

Andrew Smith, colored, aged about 70 years died Thursday morning and was laid to rest Friday afternoon.

Andrew had made his home in Navasota for a number of years and during the time of livery stables he was connected with the various stables operated here, employed to tend the horses. Since that time he just had odd jobs over the city.

Andrew had a number of friends among both white and colored who will regret to learn of his death.

Examiner: Fri., Sept. 23, 1927

Another of the faithful old darkies has passed on to his reward in the death of Ben Ackerman who died Friday at the advanced age of 92. His funeral will be held tomorrow at the Friendship Church at 1:00.

Ackerman was born in Alabama in 1835 and did not come to Texas until 1855. He was married at Calvert in 1860 and moved to Navasota in 1865 and from that year on to the end of his life this was his home. He was the father of twelve children, six of whom survive him, two of whom live at Washington, D.C.

Ackerman was a barber and in years gone by he shaved many white men at his shop in this city. It is said that he plied that trade for 67 years and was one of the oldest barbers in the state.

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Ben Ackerman, cont.

He led a life of a law abiding citizen and enjoyed the respect of not only his own race but white citizens as well.

Examiner: Sat. Sept. 24, 1927

John R. Davis, a life long resident of Grimes County, died at his home in Iola, Sunday, Sept. 25, after a lingering illness of about five months.
Mr. Davis was 75 years of age and for a number of years had operated a general mercantile store at Iola. His friends were numbered by those who knew him and they were many, as he had always taken an active interest in the upbuilding of his town and county.
He is survived by his widow and numerous other relatives who have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.
The remains were laid to rest Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the Zion Cemetery at Iola. Those attending the funeral from here were: Mrs. H.H. Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Moore, P.E. Smith, Robert Bryant and J. Frank Stewart. (dates on tombstone June 30, 1853-Sept. 25, 1927)
Examiner: Tues., Sept. 27, 1927

Mrs. Elsie Lehde, wife of Erich F. Lehde, passed away at 5:10 Saturday afternoon, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Mohr of the Old Washington Community, of which she had been a resident during her entire life.
Decedent had been in failing health for some time and had been seriously ill for the past five weeks. She was 28 years, 9 months and 24 days of age and is survived by her heartbroken widower and four little children, three daughters and one son.
Funeral services were held at 2:30 Monday afternoon from the Mohr family residence, with interment at the Old Washington Friedens Cemetery and Rev. Braun of the Lutheran Church officiating.--Brenham Banner
Examiner: Wed., Sept. 28, 1927

The entire community was shocked this morning when it was learned that Sanford Wood Glass, age 57 years, 5 months and 19 days was found dead in his bed by his wife about 5:00. He had been in ill health for some time, in fact he had suffered from various complaints for a number of years but no one thought that the end was so near, he being in apparent normal health. Mrs. Glass was awake at 3:00 and he was resting well at that time, but when she awoke again at 5:00 she found her husband dead. The attending physician said he had been dead possibly a half hour when found.
His body will be laid to rest in Oakland Cemetery Thursday morning, services being held at the home at the hour of 10:00. The funeral will be preached by his pastor, Rev. W.N. Purcell and the burial ceremonies will be in charge of the Masonic Lodge of which he was a member.

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Farming was Mr. Glass' occupation and for several years he had been the manager of the farms of the R.B. Templeman & Sons and was actively engaged on such duties to the last. He was born in Georgia, April 16, 1870, but came to Texas when quite young. He first settled in Washington County near Independence and many years of his young life were spent in the vicinity of William Penn and Independence. He was married while living in Washington County, to Miss. Ella Wood, then of Independence, in 1894. He is now survived by her and their one daughter, Mrs. Lou Hatter of this city.

It was in 1905 that Mr. and Mrs. Glass moved to Navasota and he has made his home here since that time. Early in life he professed faith in his Savior, Jesus Christ and united with the Baptist Church. He was also a member of several lodges, including the I.O.O.F, Knights of Pythias, Eastern Star and was a Knight Templar Mason.

Wood Glass lived a quiet life but was held in highest esteem by his friends who were numbered by his acquaintance. He was regarded by all as a man who had courage to stand for that which he believed to be right, regardless of public sentiment- a man true to every sacred trust.

Rev. C.E. Poe, pastor at Wharton and Mrs. Poe, who is a sister to Mrs. Glass, arrived this morning, having come immediately after receiving the sad news, and others from out of town are expected to be here for the funeral tomorrow. (tombstone in the City Cemetery gives dates as 1870-1927)


Singleton News, Oct. 11: Stafford and Frank Shook of Houston were here last week end to attend the funeral of their brother, Stash Shook, also Mrs. Addie Button of Houston was here to attend her brothers funeral.

Examiner: Wed., Oct. 12, 1927

Ed Roberts, negro of Montgomery, was shot and killed on the streets of Anderson, Saturday night, the shooting alleged to have been by an officer when the negro attacked him.

According to reports, the negro was placed under arrest by Deputy Sheriff Lester Taylor in connection with a difficulty he had with someone. While he was being taken to jail it is said the negro attacked the officer with a knife and the officer fired. The negro was killed instantly.

The remains were brought to Navasota to the Dunavant Mortuary and today relatives came from Montgomery to carry the body there for burial.

Examiner: Mon., Oct. 17, 1927

Sunday's Houston papers carried death notices of a former citizen of Navasota, W.G. Doran, age 62, who died about 10:30 Friday night at his home in that city. Funeral was held Sunday afternoon with interment in Hollywood Cemetery. Deceased is survived by his wife, one sister and two nephews, all of Houston.

It was several years ago that Mr. Doran lived here, but he is remembered by a number of people who deplore his untimely death.

Examiner: Mon., Oct. 17, 1927
C.A. Dunavant went to Anderson this morning to take charge of the funeral of Mrs. Salomeya Klapcki (name on tombstone is Salomia M. Klapeski) age 37 who died Friday afternoon about 5:00 at her home on a farm a short distance from the county seat. Services were held in the Catholic Church at Anderson this morning by Father Dominski. There was a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends present. (tombstone in St. Stanislaus Cemetery gives dates as Sept. 21, 1890--Sept. 27, 1927)

Examiner: Sat., Oct. 22, 1927

Mrs. Mary Jane Smith, age 70 years, 7 months, 28 days, the wife of B.F. Smith of Iola, passed away Friday, Oct. 21st about 2:00 in the afternoon following a protracted illness which she did not have strength to endure. It was about two months ago that she was brought here from her home near Iola for treatment. She was taken to the home of her son, P.E. Smith where every assistance was given but she gradually weakened. Realizing that she could not live long, relatives were notified and each of her six surviving children were at her bedside when the end came, also her devoted husband and the only sister which she had.

A brief funeral service was held this morning about 9:30 at the Smith home on Williams street, conducted by Rev. John W. Goodwin and Rev. W.N. Purcell, following which the funeral party went by auto to Martin's Prairie Cemetery near Carlos, where final services and interment were held. The remains were conveyed in hearse of the Hotchkiss-Lindley Co. Services at the grave were conducted by Rev. R.N. Davis, Baptist pastor at Richards.

Deceased was one of those faithful pioneers who had a part in the development of this section of Texas. She was born and reared and died in Grimes County. Her maiden name was Mary Jane Brown (should be Black) born at Anderson and reared in that community where she remained until married to Mr. B.F. Smith, Jan. 11, 1876, when they moved to a farm near Iola and lived there throughout their married life. To this union eight children were born, two dying in infancy, but six of them survive their mother.

The six living children are: G.H. Smith of Iola; P.E. Smith of Navasota; Mrs. Grace Harrison of Houston; Mrs. T.C. Davis of College Station; Miss Blanche Smith who has been in California until recently and Mrs. M.E. Smith of Iola. She also is survived by thirteen grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who mourn the loss they have sustained. She has but one living sister, Mrs. W.T. Schumacher of Iola.

Early in life she united as a faithful member of that Church till she was called to be with her Maker. (tombstone gives dates as 1857-1927)

Examiner: Sat., Oct. 22, 1927

Mrs. A.F. Brigance today received a message from Pampa, Texas announcing the death of Doris Osborn, age 4 years, death occurring Friday night. The message did not give any particulars nor did it state how long the little girl had been ill.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Osborn. Her mother was formerly Miss. Georgia Moody of Erwin.

Examiner: Sat., Oct. 22, 1927
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KEITH NEWS: One of the largest funeral processions for some time was that which came from Navasota Saturday morning with the remains of Mrs. B.F. Smith whose death occurred at the home of her son, P.E. Smith on Friday, October 21st. Mrs. Smith was an old resident of this place, being 70 years old. She and Mr. Smith celebrated their Golden Anniversary on last January. Although she had reached the allotted time span on this earth her going has left a vacancy that can never filled. The family has many friends here in Grimes County and over the state who extend sincere sympathy in their sorrow. Mrs. Grace Harrison and children, Mrs. Joe Shannon, Miss. Alva Harrison, Lloyd and Forrest Harrison and A.J. Keith and Clarence Black returned to Houston Sunday after attending the funeral of Mrs. Smith. (Dates on tombstone in Martin's Prairie Cemetery are 1857-1927)
Examiner: Thurs., Oct. 27, 1927

Livingston G. Bassett, member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of Washington County, met a tragic death at his home near Brenham at an early hour Sunday morning having fallen into the well from which he was evidently drawing up a bucket of water. Decedent had been in failing health for months and was very weak and restless. Often when he couldn't sleep he would rise and go to the well for a refreshing drink. At about 2:00 Sunday morning Mrs. Bassett missed him and went to search for him. She searched the place and at last faintly remembered that she may have heard a splash as of the bucket falling into the well, she had search made there and the body of Mr. Bassett was found. His expression was sweet and peaceful, as though he had fallen asleep, and it is believed that while at the well he suffered an attack of heart failure, from which death resulted, his body then toppling over into the well, which is located just off the back porch of the residence. Physicians were immediately summoned, but Mr. Bassett had passed beyond all earthly aid. Decedent was 57 years, 5 months, and 26 days of age and spent the greater part of his life in Brenham. Brenham Banner-Press
Examiner: Tues., Oct. 25, 1927

R.E. Shine, 54, died at his home, 412 West Seventeenth Street, at 1:10 p.m. Monday. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert Brenan and Miss. Anna Lois Shine of Houston; five sons, E.E. Shine, E.T. Shine, H.C. Shine, A.B. Shine and C.L. Shine all of Houston; two brothers. J.T. Shine of Houston and H.D. Shine of Navasota; three sisters. Mrs. Anne E. Vickers of Beaumont, Mrs. Carrie Connor of Dayton and Mrs. Ella Brown of Beaumont. Funeral services were held at the home at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, Rev. Fred W. Few and Rev. T.C. Jeter officiating. Burial in the Forest Park Cemetery under direction of the Oliver-Lewis Company. Pallbearers were T.B. Sebastin, C.C. Conway, T.L. Bay, J.J. Puddy, Earl Harrod and M.T. Ward. Houston Post-Dispatch
Mr. Shine was formerly a resident of this county and has many friends here who remember him.
Examiner: Wed., Nov. 2, 1927
C.A. Dunavant was called to Dobbin Tuesday morning to take charge of the burial of Hal Shannon, age 42 who died there Monday. The deceased was a distant relative to Haynes Shannon of this city. Examiner: Tues., Nov. 8, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Barron and son Billy, were in Jewett several days last week attending the funeral of Mrs. Barron's grandmother, Mrs. D.W. Needham. Iola News Nov. 8
Examiner: Nov. 9, 1927

Keith News, Nov. 7: Jim Chapman, who died at a hospital in Rosenberg last Saturday night (November 5) a week ago was brought back here for burial in the Evergreen Cemetery on last Monday. (tombstone gives dates as 1859-1927)
Examiner: Fri., Nov. 11, 1927

Word was received from Houston Saturday morning announcing the death of Thomas H. Lacy, age 64, who died at his home in Houston Friday night.
There were others here who were also apprised of the sad news in view of the fact that the deceased was born and reared in Grimes County and had a host of friends here.
His birthplace was at Retreat, Grimes County. For more than one term he was sheriff of this county, which office he filled efficiently. When in Navasota he was for awhile in the employ of the city government. It was 6 or 7 years ago that he moved from here to Houston. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge and the Woodmen of the World fraternity. He was one who lived an upright life and bore a good name everywhere he was known. He is survived by his widow and several children.
The remains are to be laid to rest in Glenwood Cemetery, Houston, Sunday with funeral services held at 3:00 p.m.
Examiner: Sat., Nov. 12, 1927

Courtney News, Nov. 10: R.E. Shine, who died October 31, 1927 in Houston was born January 12, 1873 and reared in Grimes County. In 1897 he was married to Miss. Maggie Goins of Lynn Grove. In 1910 he moved to Anderson serving one term as district clerk. Then moved back to his farm at Lynn Grove where he lived until 1921 when he moved with his family to Houston. He was seriously ill for five weeks before his death. His family and many of Houston's best doctors doing all in their power to no avail. Had he lived until Nov. 2, he and his good wife would have celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Mr. Shine was a man who did everything he could for the health and happiness of his family. He will be greatly missed by his wife who resides at 412 West Seventh St. Houston. His two daughters, five sons and one brother all of Houston, three sisters and one brother and other relatives and friends survive. Funeral services in charge of Rev. Fred W. Few and Rev. T.C. Jester and under direction of Oliver Lewis Mortuary.
Examiner: Wed., Nov. 16, 1927

Bedias News: Henry Sefi of this place died almost instantly when he fell on a pitchfork last
John Thomas Cardwell died at the age of 71 years Sunday about 11:45 a.m. at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Wells. He was born April 11, 1856 at Elba, Alabama and was united in marriage in the year 1876 to Miss. Mary Thompson. When he had reached the age of 24 years, he and his wife moved to Texas, settling in Washington County at Chappell Hill where he engaged in farming. He lived there until 1917 when he moved to Navasota and continued to make his home here until he passed away Sunday morning. He is survived by his widow, five daughters and three sons. They are: Mrs. F.M. Wells, Mrs. Blanche Miller and Miss. Pearl Cardwell of this city; Mrs. W.L. Barnett of Chapel Hill; Messrs. O.C. Cardwell, M.E. Cardwell of Navasota; T.M. Cardwell of Weinert, Texas and Mrs. J.H. Barnett of Killeen, Texas. Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Wells, Monday at 10:00, conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Following the service here the remains were taken to Chappell Hill where interment was made. C.A. Dunavant was in charge of the funeral, going with his hearse to Chappell. Rev. and Mrs. Purcell also made the trip with the funeral party and he presided over the services which were concluded at the grave.

Examiner: Mon., Nov. 21, 1927

Jim Page, age 49, former resident of Iola was buried at Lake Grove Cemetery Nov. 17. Mr. Page at the time of his death was living at Silsbee Texas. He was a veteran of the Spanish American War, having served with the Second Texas Infantry. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. S.F. Page of Iola and four brothers and two sisters. Rev. D.C. Hargrove conducted the funeral services (tombstone gives dates as July 17, 1879- Nov. 16, 1927)

Examiner: Mon. Nov. 21, 1927

Singleton News: The people here were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Lambert in Colorado, Texas on Nov. 17, 1927. She was Mrs. J.W. Smith's mother and had many friends here.

Examiner: Thurs., Nov. 24, 1927

Eight days after his neck was broken in a fall from a wagon, Benjamin J. Thorp, 51, Plantersville farmer, died at St. Joseph Infirmary at 8:45 a.m. Sunday.

Since a few hours after the accident Thorp knew that death was near physicians having informed him that his case was hopeless. A fractured cervical vertabrae in his neck pierced his spinal cord and paralyzed him from the neck down. It was only a question of time, doctors said, until the muscles of his respiratory organs were affected causing death.

But Thorp never lost hope. He was conscious until near the end and each day talked cheerfully with his wife and a brother, the Rev. Father C.M. Thorp of Ft. Worth who rushed to his bedside.

Last Saturday night the effects of the long fight against death had reduced his strength until he was barely conscious and a few hours before dawn he talked for the last time.

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B.J. Thorp, cont.

Thorp was hauling wood near Plantersville at noon Saturday when his team of young mules became frightened and ran away, throwing him out of the wagon. An examination by physicians at Plantersville revealed that his neck was broken by the fall and he was rushed to Houston by train where physicians said that nothing could be done for him.

Houston Post Dispatch
The remains were shipped to Plantersville from Houston Sunday and it has been announced the funeral will take place there some time Tuesday.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Hettie Blackman Thorp; his mother, Mrs. Fleta H. Thorp; three sisters, Annie and Mary Thorp of Plantersville and Sister Mechtilde in a convent in Sherman; four brothers, James M. and Dr. Mike Thorp of Plantersville, Francis M. Thorp of Nederland and the Rev. Father Thorp of Ft. Worth. (tombstone in the Plantersville Cemetery gives dates as Jan. 29, 1875-Nov. 27, 1927

Examiner: Mon., Nov. 28, 1927

Raymond Moody, 14 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Moody of Piedmont, died at the Murry home in this city Monday, interment being made today at Fuqua's Prairie with C.A. Dunavant in charge of arrangements. The funeral party left this city Tuesday morning about 9:30. The baby had been ill practically all of its short life and pneumonia is said to have been the immediate cause of death. He had been brought to Navasota for treatment many times and was at the home of his Aunt, Mrs. Murry when his life ebbed out.

The Examiner-Review and a host of friends extend sympathy to the grieved parents.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Ollie Smith of this city.
(tombstone in Ervin Cemetery gives dates as Sept. 18, 1926-Nov. 28, 192
Examiner: Tues., Nov. 29, 1927

Mrs. J.S. Johnson, who only about five months ago buried her husband at Anderson, yesterday attended the funeral of her baby boy, James Harvery Johnson, an infant of one year and two days whose death occurred in Houston Saturday.

Mrs. Johnson made her home in Anderson until after her husbands death. Since that time she has been living in Navasota. The child was taken to Houston several days ago quite ill and time proved that he was not able to overcome the attack his system had suffered. The body was shipped here over the Missouri-Pacific railroad and taken to Anderson where funeral services were held Sunday morning about 11:30. The bereft Mother has the sympathy of all.

Examiner: Mon., Dec. 5, 1927

Bedias News: Henry Sel of this place died almost instantly when he fell on a pitchfork last Wednesday. The accident occurred about 1:00 Mr. Sel was moving some peanuts out of his corn crib. He was on top of the corn when he slipped and he fell on the pitchfork and it pierced his heart. He was buried at Willow Hole Cemetery.

Examiner: Thurs., Nov. 24, 1927
Living to be almost a hundred years old and burning to death is a miserable way to "suffice off this mortal coil" but such was the fate of Tom Richardson when his cabin home on Williams street was destroyed by fire about 5:45 p.m. Friday and adjacent property damaged. Richardson was an aged negro who lived alone in a small house next door to the colored A.M.E. Methodist Church. He was one of the old time darkies who command respect of whites and colored alike having been a slave previous to the civil war. His exact age is not known, but those who were best acquainted with him declared that he was between 90 and 95 years old. For a lifetime he has been helpless. He was administered to by his friends among both races. Several white persons who had known him in his days of usefulness made regular trips to his home, carrying him food and other supplies. Those of his own race also assisted him. The origin of the fire is undetermined, but it is supposed that coals rolled out of the fireplace and he was unable to make anyone hear his feeble cries. The blaze spread rapidly and when a crowd began to gather it was impossible for a human being to enter the building. The aged man had been visited early in the day and is reported to have been left sitting in a chair. His charred body was thus found. The house was a small one but the flames had gained such headway that it was a big blaze and all houses in vicinity were endangered, some of them catching fire which was promptly extinguished by the fire department. The A.M.E. Church for colored Methodist which is a large stone structure suffered most. The extent of the damage done by fire and water was great. The belfry and roof of the auditorium were in a blaze and it was by hard work that the building was saved. There was $2,500 insurance carried on that property. The house occupied by the victim of the fire was owned by Mrs. E.C. McFarlane. It was totally destroyed and is said to have not been insured.

Funeral for Tom Richardson was held Saturday afternoon from the chapel of the Hotchkiss-Lindley Funeral Home with the Rev. E.P. Jackson, pastor of the A.M.E. Church for colored officiating. There was a large crowd present, several of his white friends sending floral tributes.

Examiner: Sat., Dec. 3, 1927

M.D. Smoot, farmer of the Carlos Community died at his home there Saturday evening, Dec. 3 about 8:45 at the age of 59 years, 10 months & 25 days. Funeral was held at Carlos Sunday. Deceased is survived by four children, two sons and two daughters, to wit: Jimmie, George, Annie and Corine Smoot, all of whom were living at home with their father except George who is attending school here. Mr. Smoot was an honored citizen of Grimes County where he had lived for many years. He had a wide acquaintance and had several relatives living in this city. A host of friends join them in sympathy in the untimely death of this good man. (Marker in Martin's Prairie Cemetery gives dates as Feb. 18, 1868 --Dec. 3, 1927)

Examiner: Monday, Dec. 5, 1927
We learned today that Adam Thomas, colored who was kicked in the stomach by a mule last Saturday died in Galveston yesterday. It is stated that Thomas was at the mule barn of Morris McGinty when he received the kick and after having had medical attention here was carried to Galveston for further treatment but died shortly after arriving in that city. Remains will arrive at Navasota tonight and burial will take place tomorrow.
Examiner: Wed., Dec. 7, 1927

Anderson News: Mrs. Riley Baker who has been in ill health for several years passed away Saturday afternoon (Dec. 3). Everyone extends their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.
Examiner: Fri., Dec. 9, 1927

Mr. and Mrs. T.B. Terrell have returned from Houston where they were called because of the death of Hannon Cone, 37 who died there yesterday. He was a former resident of Navasota, having been reared by Mrs. Lyda Kennedy who was with him at the time of his death. Deceased is survived by his widow and one small son. The remains were shipped to Somerville today for interment.
Examiner: Thurs., Dec. 15, 1927

Mr. Joe Hall died at the home of his son, J.N. Hall, in the Fellowship community, Wednesday, Dec. 7, at 9:00 p.m. He fell some two weeks before his death and broke his arm and this, together with his age, was too much for him to overcome. Mr. Hall came to Texas from Alabama years ago and settled in Grimes County and moved to Madison County 22 years ago, living with his children for a number of years. He had been a member of the Baptist Church for more than fifty years. He leaves to mourn his going 8 children and 45 grandchildren. His children are: Oscar Hall of Walker County; Mrs. Ada Owens of Willis T.D., J.N., J.B., R.W. and E.E. Hall of Madison County. His remains were laid to rest in the Park Cemetery at 4:00 p.m. Thursday November 8th. The sorrowing relatives have the sympathy of their many friends throughout the county in their bereavement. Madisonville Meteor
Examiner: Fri., Dec. 16, 1927

Silas Amick, about 70 years of age, died Monday night at his home near Shiro after an illness which had extended over a considerable length of time. Interment was made in the Shiro Cemetery. His wife died only a few months ago (Lou Amick born May 5, 1850-March 28, 1927) Deceased was one of the honored citizens of the Shiro community and his untimely death is deplored by a large circle of sorrowing friends and relatives. (dates on tombstone June 24, 1850-Dec. 20, 1927)
Examiner: Wed., Dec. 21, 1927
Joy of the approaching Christmas season was marred by a shooting affray at Allen Farm late Tuesday and as a result a Houston man is to be buried here tomorrow and another said to be arrested. Nathan Patrick Underwood, age 28 years, 8 months, 20 days died about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday night in Navasota after efforts of physicians had proved futile. His remains were taken to the Hotchkiss-Lindley Funeral Home from which place funeral will be held Thursday morning at 10:00, conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment will be in Oakland Cemetery. Underwood was a resident of Houston and was visiting in the home of his half brother, Lee Evans at Allen Farm. He and Olen Walker who is said to have been from Longview and visiting his brother, Frank Walker in the same vicinity, are alleged to have had an argument resulting in the shooting according to witnesses. Deputy Sheriff Jones of Allen Farm was notified and is said to have placed Walker under arrest. It is not known what caused the altercation. (buried Block O Section 19 Grave? Birth and death dates would be March 30, 1899- Dec. 20, 1927)

Examiner: Wed., Dec. 21, 1927

Singleton, Dec. 21: The people here were shocked and saddened to learn of the death of John Polk. He fell dead Tuesday morning, Dec 20, in the cow pen at his home near here. Heart failure is said to have been the cause. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Tom Dreher and Miss. Edith Polk and three sons, Horace, Garrett and Fred Polk. Their many friends mourn with them in the loss of their beloved one. (tombstone in Singleton Cemetery gives dates as March 8, 1869-Dec. 20, 1927)

Examiner: Wed., Dec. 21, 1927

At the age of 76 years, 9 months and 27 days, John Thomas McGinty, pioneer settler resident of Grimes County died about 10:45 Tuesday night at his home in the Harmony Community, surrounded by sorrowing friends and relatives who did all they could to relieve him, but their efforts were to no avail, he having been called to depart this life. He had been in ill health for a number of years, but it was only last Sunday that he was taken seriously ill and from that day he continued to grow weaker and death was not unexpected.

J.T. McGinty was born in Georgia, being a son of the late John and Mary Brown McGinty who moved to Texas when he was a small boy. They settled in Grimes County in the community which has since been known as Grimes Prairie and from that time the son lived in this county, making his home afterwards on a farm near the old homestead. He was twice married, first to Miss. Mary Loftin and after her death his second marriage was to her sister, Miss. Sudie Loftin. The latter survives him. To the first union were born three children. Two sons who died when about two years of age and one daughter, Mrs. Louis S. Pierce of this city. Two daughters were born of the second marriage who survive their father; Mrs. Wyatt Stoneham of Stoneham and Mrs. Norwood Dedman of Grimes Prairie. He is also survived by a large number of grand children.

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J.T. McGinty, cont.

Deceased was a member of the Harmony Baptist Church and was by occupation a farmer, but his chief purpose in life seemed to have been to serve others. He appeared not to think of his own welfare as much as that of his neighbors. He possessed considerable knowledge of medicine and in the days before drug stores and doctors were so numerous he spent a large part of his time administering to the bodily ills of friends, giving drugs and service without remuneration and in later years his life was much the same, looking to his Maker for his reward in the next world.

Funeral services were held at the Harmony Church this Thursday afternoon at 4:00, conducted by Rev. W.N. Purcell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of this city. There was a large crowd present and many beautiful floral offerings bespoke the esteem in which he was held by a host of friends. (Tombstone in the Harmony Cemetery gives dates as March 1, 1851--Dec. 28, 1927)

Examiner: Thurs., Dec. 29, 1927

C.A. Dunavant went to Anderson today to take charge of the interment of T.B. McKay who died there about 9:30 Thursday evening. Interment was in the Anderson I.O.O.F. Cemetery this afternoon about 4:00 with appropriate ceremonies.

Deceased was said to have lived in Houston. At the time of his death he was visiting in the home of his sister, Mrs. Fannie Dickson, about one mile east of Anderson. He was about 50 years old and was a brother to the late John McKay of this city.

Heart trouble is said to have been the cause of death, he dying suddenly.

Deceased formerly lived in Navasota, leaving here some 12 or 15 years ago when he went to Galveston.

Examiner: Fri., Dec. 30, 1927

D.E. Norris received a telegram last night that his father died in Cincinnati, Ohio yesterday.

Mr. Norris is unable to go to his father's funeral owing to two of his children being confined to bed.

Mr. Norris has been connected with the Navasota Auto Paint Company for more than three years.

Examiner: Sat., Dec. 31, 1927