

1865

The Vancouver Register
Vancouver, Washington Territory
Saturday, December 9, 1865

DISTRESSING FATAL ACCIDENT

MUMFORD LAWS, a youth about 17 years old and son of Mr. **PRESTON LAWS**, one of our most worthy citizens, was killed by the accidental discharge of a gun on Thursday, the 30th of November, 1865.

Young **LAWS** was some 12 or 14 miles from home at the time, and was out gunning in the company of a young man by the name of **SHUBERT** about his own age, and one or more other young men or boys.

Young **SHUBERT**, no doubt in a playful mood, but in a manner highly capable for one of his age, especially in view of the fact that he had done the same thing before and been warned that it was dangerous, punched the deceased, or punched at him, with the muzzle of his gun, at the same time holding the breech under the skirt of his coat to protect the lock from a sprinkle of rain. The lock becoming in some manner entangled with his coat, as is supposed, the contents of the gun, which as we are informed was something of a heavy ball, were discharged with fatal effect into the body of young **LAWS**. The ball entered near the center of the bowels and passed out above the point of the hip and near the backbone. The accident occurred about 3 o'clock PM. The young man was carried to the house of Mr. **D. R. FALES**, where he died the next morning at one o'clock.

May the deeply afflicted family, and especially the father and mother, be sustained in this hour of their sad bereavement, by a faith that knows no wavering, and a hope full of consolation.

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1879

Vancouver Independent
Vancouver, Clarke, WA Territory
Thursday, January 9, 1879

WEBSTER ABBOTT

Webster Abbot, one of the early settlers of Clarke County, died at his home on Mill Plain on December 31, 1878. He was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, in 1821. When quite a young man the western fever took possession of him, and he went to Chicago, and from there he went with the rush to California in 1850.

In 1853 he married Mary L. Coffey, his surviving widow, and in 1858 removed to Washington Territory, residing on Mill Plain until the day of his death.

The cause of death was consumption and final abscess of the lungs, from which he had suffered three years, passing away at the age of 57, honored by all for a life of the strictest integrity.

Early in his life he became a Presbyterian, believed strictly to the day of his death, almost his last words were the expression of his firm conviction that although his body would soon be gone his mind could never die. His public career was not extended, but he had served two terms in the Territorial legislature with honor to himself and credit to his constituents.

His memory will be revered by his acquaintances as that of a conscientious, upright man, who faithfully lived a Christian life. He leaves a wife and three children, all that is left of his family of ten.

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1880

Vancouver Independent
Vancouver, Clarke, WA Territory
Thursday, July 29, 1880

**MARY ALABAMA “MINNIE”
ABBOTT**

Minnie (Mary Alabama) Abbott died in Vancouver on Thursday last, aged 15 years and a half. Her death was caused by consumption, as was that of her father and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services were held in the Episcopal Church on Saturday, and she was that day laid to rest beside her father and other members of the family on Mill Plain (Fern Prairie Cemetery), the steamer Traveler making an extra trip to Fisher’s Landing for that purpose. At the early age of 11 Minnie joined the Episcopal Church, and lived her short but good life according to its teachings, looking upon the Church as her mother, and had a full belief in the last resurrection, her guileless life gave her a faith that made her proof against—and fear of death, thus she was gathered for the harvest.

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ARTY M. LIVINGSTON

At Fern Prairie, Nov. 10th, 1886, Mrs. Arty M. Livingston, aged 52. Deceased has been a sufferer for 28 years with consumption. She said she was willing to die, as she was sure of going to heaven, and all that saw that sweet smile on her face, could not doubt the same. She leaves a husband and 3 children, all grown, to mourn her loss.

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1900

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Vancouver, Clarke, Washington
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PRESTON LAWS

Preston Laws, who has been sick so long, died last Sunday night and was buried on Tuesday near Fern Prairie, and leaves behind many old and valued friends.

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Mr. Laws, one of Clarke county's old and most respected farmers, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Reed, last week of la grip.

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two brothers. Mach and T. M. Coffey, and an older sister, Mrs. Abbott.

Unknown newspaper
Thursday, April 20, 1905

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Burial of Elizabeth A. VanVleet

The funeral services of the late Elizabeth A. VanVleet, who died at her residence in Portland, April 12, 1905, were held yesterday, April 14, 1905, from her home in LaCamas. The remains were brought to LaCamas, accompanied by the sorrowing husband and two daughters, and taken to the old homestead, where simple but touching remarks were made by Rev. T. H. roach, of LaCamas. At the conclusion of the services, the body of this noble woman was laid to rest close by the farm, where the shifting shadows of both farm house and trees will face across her grave. The pall bearers were: Henry Christ, D. H. Gary, H. Sodawater (Sadewasser?), Peter Berggren, H. H. Carpenter and LeRoy Morgan.

Elizabeth Angeline VanVleet was born in Missouri, May 8, 1836, and came to Oregon in 11852. She married in 1856 in Oregon City to Louis VanVleet, and went as a bride to the old homestead at Fern Prairie, first occupying a log house in the orchard. Since 1862, Mr. and Mrs. VanVleet lived in the house, which still stands, until going to their residence in Portland.

Mrs. VanVleet has proven herself worthy as a pioneer, devoted in her home, faithful in her service to her children while also revealing in her nature a large interest for others.

She leaves her husband and five children to survive her. The long married life of Mr. and Mrs. VanVleet bespeaks much for their success and devotion in home and public life. The children are Mrs. Dr. Louise Wright, of LaCamas, Miss Edith and Miss Stella VanVleet of Portland, Mr. Felix and Louis Jr., of Fern Prairie. She also leaves

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Vancouver, Clarke, Washington

Saturday, March 3, 1906

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THOMAS DORMAN

Thomas Dorman died at Ashland, Oregon last Sunday, of asthma. The body was brought to this city last Tuesday and was buried last Wednesday in the cemetery at Fern Prairie, where Mr. Dorman had been a resident for the past 30 years or more, he having moved to Ashland a few years ago in the hopes of benefiting his health. Mr. Dorman was a veteran of the civil war and had a good record as a soldier. For several months during the war he was a prisoner at Libby prison. He leaves a wife and several grown children.

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(NOTE: The paper and death certificate do not agree on dates. Since the paper was issued 03 Mar 1906 he had to have died prior to the death date on the DC which was 04 Mar 1906. Also the birth date does not agree. Not sure which birth date is correct.)

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1908

Lacamas Post

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Saturday, November 7, 1908

CARRIE LAWS

Mrs. Carrie Laws died at the Laws home on Fern Prairie, Monday, after a long illness. She had lived in this section for many years. The funeral was held at the family home Wednesday, and interment took place in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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Vancouver Daily Columbian
Vancouver, Clarke, Washington
Friday, October 7, 1910

MARY FERRIN

Mary Adelia, the two-and-a-half-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Ferrin, was taken suddenly ill Friday evening and died Saturday forenoon. The funeral was conducted in the church Sunday afternoon by W. E. Rossman of Mill Plain, and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery. Adelia was a sweet little child and will be greatly missed. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the entire neighborhood in their affliction.

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(NOTE: The correct name is Mary Dellah "Dellia" not Mary Adelia.)

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1912

Unknown newspaper
Friday, August 9, 1912

**EDITH VAN VLEET DIES
PORTLAND TEACHER SUCCUMBS
TO ILLNESS.**

**Death of Efficient and Active Instructor,
Daughter of Pioneers, Shocks Many.**

Miss Edith VanVleet of 344 Gresham Avenue, for many years a teacher in the Portland and St. Johns public schools, died Wednesday morning at St. Vincent's hospital following an operation for acute pancreatitis.

Miss VanVleet was a daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth VanVleet pioneers of Oregon, and her sudden death came as a shock to her large circle of friends and acquaintances in Portland, where she had made her home for the last 37 years.

She was born March 14, 1865, at the old homestead of her parents, Oak Grove Farm, Camas, Clark County, Washington, and was 47 years old.

Miss VanVleet was educated in the Portland public schools. Her parents came here when she was 10 years old. She graduated from the Portland High School in 1885 and began teaching in the Couch school. She afterward taught in the Williams -avenue and Holladay schools.

In 1898 she was granted a state life diploma from the State Board of Education of Oregon, and for the last few years had taught in the St. Johns schools.

Miss VanVleet was an active worker in church and fraternal circles and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, serving as secretary and worthy matron of Camelia Chapter. She was a member Central Methodist Episcopal Church of Albina and had been active in Sunday school work in that church. The funeral services will be held in the family cemetery at Fern Prairie,

Clark County, Washington, Sunday August 11, at 11 a.m.

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Vancouver, Clarke, Washington
Thursday, November 28, 1912

ARTHUR F. NITSCHLEM

Archie Nitschelm was born in Portland, Oregon, Nov. 27, 1890, and died at 3:30 a.m. on November 18, 1912, aged 21 years, 11 months and 22 days.

His parents died during his early childhood and at the age of seven years he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Eddings of Fern Prairie, who did all in their power to minister to his earthly needs up to the time of his departure from this life.

He has been a regular attendant of the Sunday school since eight years of age and ably served as its secretary for several years.

Five years ago he sought and found Christ as his personal Savior under the pastorate of Rev. W. E. Rossman and joined the M. E. church at Fern Prairie.

His constant aim was to glorify God and to lead others to grasp the better things in life.

He has served as a president of the Camas, Chehalis and Fern Prairie Epworth Leagues and was always busy in different branches of active church work.

He graduated from the Chehalis high school in June, 1911, and won a scholarship to the University of Puget Sound, of which he was a student when he was stricken about a year ago with typhoid fever from which he never fully recovered and for several months has suffered with tuberculosis.

All through his last illness he was patient and cheerful and talked of the end that he knew was coming and of the triumph beyond.

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His memory will long be cherished by all whose privilege it has been to know him. We will miss him from our earthly circle, but he will be waiting to welcome us to our home beyond.

The funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 29th, in the Fern Prairie M. E. church. Rev. Geo. Wood preaching the sermon from Psa. 19:14, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in they sight. O Lord, my strength and my redeemer; which text had been repeated several times by the deceased the evening before his death.

Rev. W. E. Rossman also made some appropriate remarks and a double quartet furnished the music.

A large number attended the funeral and the floral offerings were many and beautiful, bespeaking the high esteem in which our brother was held. He was said to rest in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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Lacamas Post
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, May 30, 1913

DR. LOUISA V. WRIGHT

Dr. Wright's Untimely Death Last Friday.

The saddest news that has been received in Camas since the incorporation of the town reached here last Friday morning, when it was learned that Dr. Louisa V. Wright had been kicked by a horse and almost instantly killed.

A deep gloom which time alone can mitigate, was cast over the community when the news was confirmed.

With her husband, Dr. Wright was engaged in harnessing a horse preparatory to driving out to the cemetery, when a white apron worn by the deceased lady caused the animal to become frightened and lash out its heels furiously.

The steel-shod hoof caught Mrs. Wright on the chin and broke her neck, death ensued in a very few minutes.

Dr. Wright was the daughter of Lewis and Elizabeth Van Vleet, and was born October 30, 1862, at Oak Grove Farm, this county.

She was graduated from the Portland Medical College and from the Michigan Medical College at Ann Arbor.

After returning from the East she practiced medicine in Missoula, coming a short time later to Portland, where she was engaged in the practice of her profession for several years before coming to Camas.

Here she practiced for many years, and her capabilities as a physician were recognized by all who ever had occasion to call upon her professionally.

Mrs. Wright, who was a member of the board of education here for several years,

was the first to advocate a new high school building, and was always prominently in the lead in all movements for the betterment of the community.

Her funeral took place Sunday morning from her late residence at Parker's Landing, and the interment was at the Fern Prairie Cemetery, within sight of her birthplace.

There was a large attendance, friends coming from all parts of the county and from points in Oregon to pay the last tribute of respect to one whom all respected.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful and an eloquent and deserved tribute was paid to the memory of deceased by Rev. Rossman, who officiated at the cemetery.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband.

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Vancouver, Clarke, Washington
Thursday, August 14, 1913

PIONEER VETERAN SUCCUMBS

Alexander Lewis Coffey, Indian War veteran, pioneer resident of the county for 61 years, died at St. Joseph's hospital yesterday afternoon after an illness of two weeks duration. Mr. Coffey crossed the plains with his parents in 1852 and located that year in Clarke County. He was born in Cooper County, Missouri, Mar. 18, 1831.

His life is closely related with the early history of Clarke county. He was an Indian War veteran and took active part in many battles of frontier days. In 1872 he was elected sheriff of Clarke county. He was a civil engineer and spent much of his life in the pursuit of this profession. For a number of years he has made his home at Camas.

Mr. Coffey is survived by one brother, T. M. Coffey of Washougal and one sister, Mrs. M. L. Abbott of Mill Plain.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at 11 o'clock at Oak Grove farm near Fern Prairie. Interment will be made in Oak Grove cemetery.

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August 1913

REBECCA McALLISTER
Called By Death
Sudden Death of Well Known Resident of
Fern Prairie.

Mrs. J. S. McAllister of Fern Prairie died Sunday morning at 4:30, after being confined to her bed for only a few hours. She had been a sufferer from diabetes for over a year, but not until 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon was she considered seriously ill, having attended to her household duties until that time. She was born at Lake River, Dec. 20, 1857, and was a sister of I. S. Laws. Besides her husband, she is survived by three daughters and one son. Two of the daughters are Mrs. Ella Higdon, of Orchards, and Mrs. Ailie Johnson, of Proebstel. The other children are Joseph McAllister, aged 15 and Goldie, aged 13. The funeral was held Monday at 1:30 from the family residence, and the interment was at Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. McAllister's sudden taking away was a great shock to the community in which she resided, and the sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved husband and children.

Deceased was married to J. S. McAllister at Fern Prairie December 8, 1878.

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Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, April 30, 1915

**Sarah E. Benbow Dorman
Joined The Majority.**

Death Calls

Mrs. Dorman of Mill Plain

Mrs. Sarah E. Dorman, a resident of Fern Prairie for about forty years, died on Tuesday evening after being confined to her bed for nine days. She had been a victim of "creeping paralysis" for more than three years, and for three months had been almost helpless.

Sarah Ellen Benbow was born July 3, 1815, in Warren Co., Ind. She was married to Thomas Dorman May 18, 1865, in Iowa. She died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. G. Eddings.

Deceased moved from Iowa in the spring of 1875 to this county, and settled on a farm at Fern Prairie, where they lived most of the time since Mr. Dorman died March 4, 1904, at Ashland, Or where they had gone for his health. Twelve children were born to them, ten of whom survive. A son, Lester M., died on September 29, 1876, at the age of five, and a daughter, Clara C., died Sept. 29, 1883, at the age of 16 years.

The surviving children are Minnie C. Eddings and Raymond H. Dorman of Fern Prairie. Marian E. Lee and Bertram L. Dorman of Vancouver. Grace M. Anderson and Evelyn L. Fanning of LaCenter, WA; Lena M. Ball and Addie L. Dorman of Portland, Sherman S. Dorman of Bar View, OR, and Fannie L. Scott, of Washougal. Mrs. Dorman leaves thirteen grandchildren, besides a large number of other relatives and friends. Among the relatives surviving is Mrs. Felix Van Vleet, a niece.

Mrs. Dorman was converted early in life, and was an exemplary Christian. She united with the M. E. Church, of which she remained a faithful member until the end. She took an active part for many years in the church work of Fern Prairie, being Sunday school superintendent and also holding other offices. She was a good friend and neighbor, ever ready to help others in time of need. Her children have all been with her at different times during her last illness.

The funeral services were held in the Fern Prairie church yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock and were largely attended. Rev. E. L. Hughes of LaCenter, a friend and former pastor, preached the sermon, and Rev. W. E. Rossman of Washougal had charge of the music. The remains were interred in the family lot in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, May 21, 1915

**LYDIA CAVITT
ANSWERS LAST SUMMONS**

**Mrs. Lydia Cavitt Dies at
Her Home in Paradise.**

Mrs. Lydia Cavitt, one of the early settlers in this part of the county, died at her home in Paradise on Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. She was born July 7, 1818, in Cooley county, Illinois, and crossed the plains with her parents at the age of five years, settling in California. Forty years ago she came to this county and has resided here ever since.

Eleven children, six of whom are alive, were born to the deceased. Those who survive are: Mrs. Hulda Wilson, Mrs. Hazel

Odoms, J. H., Arthur, Ben and Richard Cavitt.

Mrs. Cavitt's death causes a void in the community that will not soon be filled and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved ones in their affliction.

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Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, June 4, 1915

MILO TEMPLER

Mrs. Strock of Anacortes, Washington, arrived Monday to be at the bedside of her brother, Milo Templer, but was too late to see him alive, as he had passed away a few hours before her arrival.

Milo Templer, who died at his home on Fern Prairie Monday morning, May 24, was born at Maryville, Wisconsin, on April 14, 1862, and was married to Miss Louise Day at Pipestone, Minnesota, on April 14, 1892. To this union were born nine children, five girls and four boys, who, with the widow, survive him. They moved to this place about five years ago from North Dakota, where they had lived for three years.

Mr. Templer was converted a number of years ago and joined the Christian church. He was a kind and loving husband and father, and will be sadly missed in the home and also in the community.

He had been a sufferer for several years from cancers, having had several removed, the last operation being performed in March, but he grew worse until death relieved his sufferings. He was patient and cheerful all through his sickness.

The children are: Mrs Willa Krohn, of Washougal; Mrs. Florence Cramer, of Astoria, Oregon; Vern, Dewey, Ruby, Cecil, Daisy, Earl and Nellie at home. He also leaves three sisters and three brothers,

besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon at the church by Rev. J. F. Mobley, and the body was laid to rest in the Fern Prairie cemetery. The grave was covered with beautiful flowers. The sorrowing family have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

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Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, October 15, 1915

**ANNALISA PIISPANEN
At a Ripe Old Age.**

Mrs. Annalusa Pusjrannen, (Anna Lisa Piispanen) whose son, John, is one of the lessees of the Thos. Doud place, died at the home of her son in Ireland, this county, on Saturday last at the age of 82 years, death being due to old age.

The funeral was held Sunday and the interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery. Rev. D. E. Storey of the Methodist church of this city preached the funeral sermon.

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Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, November 19, 1915

**BERTIE WILLIAM FERRIN
Died From Burns.**

On Sunday morning last, Mrs. Fannie Ferrin's little son Bert, aged about 13, was badly burned by an explosion of powder and died from the effects of his injuries a few hours later. It appears that the boy,

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accompanied by another lad, went to the barn where they discovered some black powder.

Securing a couple of empty cans, they returned to the house and were soon amusing themselves by watching the powder explode as they threw it into the cans in handfuls.

The flame from an extra sized charge eventually set the Ferrin boy's clothing on fire, and his cries attracted the attention of George Macomber, who hastily enveloped the lad in a blanket and quenched the blaze.

The boy was badly burned, however, and died Sunday evening.

The funeral was held Tuesday from the residence, and the remains were laid to rest in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, January 28, 1916

MRS. FRANK (HANNAH) WELCH

Sudden Death

After an illness of only a few hours' duration, Mrs. Frank Welch of Fern Prairie died Wednesday evening about six o'clock. Death was caused by an abcess (abscess). Mrs. Welch and her husband were in this city Saturday last, and she was evidently in the best of health at that time, and her sudden taking away came as a great surprise and shock to many friends and acquaintances here.

Deceased was a sister of Mrs. Asa Blair, and was Mr. Welch's second wife. They were married about a year ago. Her relatives, including several children by a former husband, reside at Bellingham. The funeral was held yesterday from the residence and the interment was in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, February 4, 1916

**JOSEPH ORNDUFF
of Fern Prairie
Asleep in Death**

After making a determined fight against the dread disease, pneumonia, Joseph Ornduff of Fern Prairie, who was taken sick about two weeks ago, died at his home yesterday morning. Friday last he had a change for the better, and strong hopes were entertained for his recovery, but in the early

part of the week he became weaker and slowly sank until the end. He was about forty years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

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Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, February 11, 1916

THOMAS E. BROWN

**The Grim Reaper
Carries off
Resident of Fern Prairie.**

After a lingering illness from a complication of diseased among which was heart trouble, Thomas E. Brown of Fern Prairie passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital, Vancouver, on Monday. He was taken to the hospital about two weeks ago, when his condition first became alarming, but gradually sank until the end. He left a wife and four children, three of whom were by a former wife. The widow is a daughter of John Brunner of Fern Prairie. Deceased was forty-nine years of age.

The funeral was to be held today at Fern Prairie.

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Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, November 17, 1916

**MRS. RUFUS BLAIR
(LOUISA WATSON BLAIR)**

**THE PASSING OF
MRS. R. BLAIR**

Death of Esteemed Woman Occurred Sunday Night

The death of Mrs. Rufus Blair whose critical illness was mentioned in The Post last week, occurred Sunday night at the family home, corner of Fifth, and Clara streets.

Teresa (Louisa) Watson was born in Polk county, Missouri, Feb. 14, 1846. She was united in marriage with Rufus Blair Dec. 12, 1866, and had she lived just one month more, would have rounded out fifty years of wedded life and brought the golden wedding anniversary date.

She confessed her faith in Christ at the age of twelve years and has ever since lived the consistent and devoted life of the Christian. Funeral services were conducted at the home Tuesday morning, Nov. 14. Rev. M. Noble giving the funeral sermon from the text found in Rev. 14:13. A fitting tribute to her memory was the large gathering of sympathizing friends. She was universally esteemed and the influence of her Christian life and example leaves a deep impression for good upon the community where she had lived so long. In her passing from earth a bereaved husband and niece deeply mourn their loss. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful.

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Straub's Funeral Home records
Camas, Clarke, Washington
February 1917

BARNETT, Martha Ann Brown

The death of Mrs. Barnett, wife of G. W. Barnett who resides in the Woodburn district, occurred Wednesday night and followed a long period of illness extending back to last October. Deceased was the mother of Braz Barnett of this city. Funeral services were conducted yesterday followed by interment in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, June 1, 1917

WASHOUGAL RIVER IS SCENE OF DROWNING Harold Petrain, 11, is the First River Victim for the Present Season

BODY AN HOUR IN WATER

Strenuous Efforts Put Forth to Resuscitate Victim by Means of Balmeter Failed to Bring Desired Results.

Funeral Held Monday Afternoon.

Harold Petrain, aged about 11 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrain of Second and Oneonta streets, was drowned in the Washougal river shortly after 5 o'clock on last Saturday afternoon.

The Petrain boy, with Alfred Paris, a lad about the same age, had been sporting about the river south of the Washougal wagon road bridge, and were veering towards the bank and it was perhaps about 20 feet off

shore that the drowning occurred.

The statement of the Paris boy is that his companion playfully rocked the boat. The vessel was overturned and both boys were thrown into the stream. The Paris lad could swim sufficiently well to reach the shore from which he witnessed the drowning of his companion who knew but little of the art of swimming. Almost frantic with terror the Paris boy gave the alarm and a crowd soon congregated at the scene. Several attempts were made by individuals to locate the body by diving, but these efforts proved futile. A grappling hook was tried out and the body was brought to the surface by that method. It had been in the water at least 45 minutes, some say for a little longer period.

Methods usually employed in restoring animation to a drowned person were immediately resorted to with Dr. Armstrong, city health officer, in charge. A pulmotor belonging to the paper mill company was tried out, but without avail. The most vigorous efforts used in resuscitation failed to show any sign of returning life and the efforts were given up. The water was extremely cold and the body had been in the stream long enough to become thoroughly chilled and filled with water.

The unfortunate boy was a prime favorite among his playmates of the same age by whom he was generally termed "Freckles." He was active and full of vigor, and was one of the best known of the juvenile carriers on one of the Portland daily paper deliveries in this city.

Funeral services were conducted at the parents home on Monday afternoon. Rev. D. A. Storey of the Methodist church officiating.

Harold belonged in the Fifth grade in the city schools, Miss Knoll's division, and he was an attendant at the Methodist church Sunday school. The class to which he belonged in the latter attended the funeral in a body and during the funeral hour there was

suspension of sessions of his grade in the day school, the teacher and pupils attending the services in body. Six of his schoolmates acted as pallbearers.

Interment was made in the cemetery at Fern Prairie where the family formerly resided. Public school sessions was suspended there also during the services at the graveside. Song service was rendered by a choir from the church at Fern Prairie.

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Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, September 28, 1917

Bertha Louise Stebbins
LITTLE GIRL MEETS
ACCIDENTAL DEATH

Five Year Old Daughter of Mr. And Mrs. A. W. Stebbins Is Fatally Injured

A most distressing accident occurred Tuesday evening resulting in the almost instant death of Bertha Louise, the five year old daughter of Mr. And Mrs. A. W. Stebbins of Fern Prairie.

It appears from report that Mrs. Stebbins was spending the day in Vancouver and during the interval the little girl who became the accident victim, had spent the hours with an older sister at the public school. After school hours they were playing about the timber where their father was sawing cord wood.

Mr. Stebbins had fallen a tree, the end of which was elevated several feet. He had sawed into the body of the tree leaving the several lengths still attached by what he considered sufficient fibre to hold them intact. As a precaution he had tested them but a few moments before the accident occurred, but when he resumed sawing the end section broke loose and fell upon the little girl.

It was seen at a glance that she was seriously hurt. Dr. Urie was summoned at once to the home, but the child passed away within a short time after the accident. The heavy timber had fallen across the child's neck and base of the skull. Dr. Urie found a displacement of the vertebrae and gave it as his opinion that death was due to the rupture of a blood vessel at the base of the brain.

The little girl, whose funeral was held yesterday at 10:30 from the church in Fern Prairie, was on of amiable disposition, bright and cheery, a prime favorite with all about her, and the tragedy that has resulted in her death is deeply deplored.

Mr. Stebbins and family are among the most highly esteemed residents of this community, and the sympathy of their friends is extended in this hour of sorrow and bereavement.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, December 14, 1917

Lorette Blair Cook
Mrs. Laurette Cook
Passes Away

Last Friday evening at St. Joseph's hospital in Vancouver, occurred the death of Mrs. Laurette Cook, after a lingering illness of many months from carcinoma of the liver. She had been at the hospital the last time for about three weeks.

Deceased was born in Missouri and passed her 65th anniversary date last February. For many years, however she had resided in Clarke county, and for some time past made her home with her brother, Pinkney Blair of this city.

She is survived by four sons, Oliver Cook of Missouri; Isom Cook of Vancouver; George Cook, of Kansas, and Walter Cook

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of Ridgefield; a daughter, Mrs Lela Eaton, lives near Vancouver. Besides Pinkney Blair of this city, there are two other brothers, Joseph Blair of Portland and Dr. H. Blair of Tacoma, and a sister, Mrs. Ruphina Davis of Vancouver.

The funeral services were held on Sunday front Knapp's chapel in Vancouver. Rev. D. A. Storey of this city, pastor of the M. E. church of which the deceased was a devoted member, officiating. Interment was in Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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1919

Unknown Paper
Unknown Date

FELIX F. VANVLEET

The youngest child of Lewis Van Fleet and Elizabeth Coffey, Felix F. Van Fleet was born in Washington on January 11, 1878. In 1919 he was murdered on the streets of Newman, California, where he had been working as a butter maker for the past nine months for the Globe Dairy Products Company.

An argument between Officer Ed Newson of the Newman Police Department and Felix and his friend Joe Swenson ended where they stopped in at Charles Kilburn's Saloon. Swenson was rather boisterous and, when the policeman approached, a friend tried to get him to be quiet, but he shouted "the hell with Newson." Officer Newson demanded to know who made the derogatory remark and then clubbed Swenson. He was about to arrest him and then decided to let him go home.

Felix followed Joe home and persuaded him to go back to town and apologize to Newson. They met him on "O" Street and another argument took place. Newson suddenly began to beat Felix over the head and starting to fall, he called his friend to help him; but before he could come to his assistance, Newson drew his gun and fired three shots into Felix.

Evidence brought out at the coroner's hearing concluded that the murder of Felix VanVleet was wholly unwarranted and cold blooded. Newson was arrested and placed in the jail at Modesto. Felix was survived by a wife and eight children. He was buried in the family plot at Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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1923

The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Thursday, January 4, 1923

CARL KRAMER
Mourns Death of Son

Carl Kramer, aged 6 years, 2 months, 11 days, son of Mrs. Florence Kramer of this city, died on December 27 at Medical Lake hospital, near Spokane, where he had been for treatment some time past. The Boy's body arrived here Saturday morning when short funeral services were held. Rev. G.W. Cooper, of the Methodist church officiating, followed by interment in Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, February 23, 1923

ANNA LOIS BURDEN ATKINS

DEATH TAKES TOLL OF TWO
CAMAS HOMES

Two Camas home are shrouded in the mantle of sorrow by the visitation of death during the last week.

One is that of the wife of W. E. Atkins, street supervisor, who passed away suddenly Friday morning last week. Mrs. Atkins was in her usual degree of health up to the afternoon of Thursday when she collapsed from heart failure and passed away during the night.

Mrs. Atkins, whose maiden name was Lois Burden, was a native of the state of Michigan and was united in marriage to W. E. Atkins on March 12, 1876. Two years later they located in Nebraska and for three

years Mr. Atkins was employed by the Q Railway Company.

Following that date they came west and settled in Oregon, later coming to this vicinity where they developed a home in Fern Prairie and for 48 years traveled life's pathway together. Mrs. Atkins, was a woman of noble characteristics, domestic in her aspirations and beloved by neighbors and friends who knew her personally.

She is survived by her widower, W. E. Atkins, and two sons, Charles and George W., and two daughters, Mrs. Olive Neal and Mrs. Alden Warren.

Funeral services were held from Swank's chapel, the Rev. Mr. Johnson of the Seventh Day Adventist church officiating, followed by interment in Fern Prairie cemetery.

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Addendum
The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, March 2, 1923

ANNA LOIS BURDEN ATKINS

Data in connection with the obituary notice last week of the late Mrs. W. E. Atkins was not fully complete.

Another daughter, Mrs. Pearl Kays, resides at Walton, Oregon, and with her husband, was here to attend the funeral services.

Another son also, Bert Atkins, lives in California and it was not possible for him to be at the obsequies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Atkins, briefly reported last week as having traveled the pathway of life together for the unusual period of 48 years, resided first in Michigan, later in Nebraska, then came to Oregon and Washington to round out a life cycle and a record of living untarnished by an reproach

in the communities in which they have resided, and their family of children, grown to maturity and making homes of their own, have reflected in their lives the records written by their parents. What more satisfying contemplation is there in right living than you find in this family history?

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, April 6, 1923

EARL VERNON PETRAIN

MORE SORROW FOR PETRAINS

**Earl Petrain's Death
Occurred on April First**

Earl Vernon Petrain, son of Mr. And Mrs. John Petrain former residents of this city and vicinity, died at Vancouver last Sunday. His death was due to gangrene of the cerebellum which developed after and operation, it is reported. Earl Petrain was born June 3, 1899, and was aged 23 years, 9 months and 23 days. The body was taken in charge by Swank and brought to this city, interment taking place on last Tuesday in Fern Prairie cemetery.

This is the third son Mr. And Mrs. Petrain have been called upon to mourn in death within a few years. One, a lad of about ten years, was drowned in the Washougal river here a short time before the family moved to Vancouver.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, July 27, 1923

CARL NELSON

The body of Carl Nelson, who was killed while at work for the Hart Construction company at Longview on Saturday last, was interred in the Fern Prairie Cemetery on Monday, burial being in charge of W. Swank.

Decedent was at work on a pile driver when injured. A guy rope holding a pile broke and in swinging struck Nelson on the head, dazing him and before he could get away the pile fell, striking him on the head. He was taken to the Kelso hospital and died a few hours after admittance there.

Undertaker Swank was phoned for and he went over and brought the body to Camas, then took it to Fern Prairie for interment. Rev. Rusert of the Lutherean church of this city delivered the funeral sermon. Nelson was 39 years of age and was a relative of O. C. Nyberg of Fern Prairie.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, August 3, 1923

ROSETTA FOSTER WYLIE

Fern Prairie Matron Dies

Mrs. Charles Wylie, who with her husband and family had resided on Fern Prairie a matter of seven years, passed from this life on Thursday lst. Her remains were interred in the Fern Prairie cemetery Sunday, July 29, B. H. Elsey, of the Camas Baptist church, officiating.

Rosetta Foster was born in Nodaway county, Missouri, January 14, 1959 departed

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this life Thursday morning, July 27th, 1923, age 64 years, 6 months and 13 days. She moved with her parents to Nebraska, thence to Fremont county, Iowa, where she was united in marriage to Charles Wylie, August 9, 1885, and they spent most of their lives on the farm.

Four children were born to this union: Mary, Mable, David and Edward. About seven years ago she came to this state with her husband and they bought the Armstrong homestead, seven miles northeast of Camas, where she resided until her death.

Mrs. Wylie is survived by her husband, Charles Wylie, four children, Mary E. Maxwell of Iowa, now on her way to this place; Mable E. Maxwell of this place, David Ephram Wylie and Charles Edward Wylie, who live with their parents. Eleven grandchildren, two half sisters and one half brother are left.

A brother and half sister had gone on before to await her coming. She has been of the Baptist faith since childhood and was a devoted companion and loving mother, kind, patient and industrious, and her loss will be mourned by all who knew her.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, April 18, 1924

MARY F. WAKEFIELD

Aged Lady Passes

Mary Wakefield, aged 70, died Thursday at the home of her son on the old Cavitt and Watzig ranch, nine miles north of Camas.

Suffering from dilatation of the heart, she was brought from Idaho to Portland last summer for rest and treatment.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her husband, Byron J. Wakefield, four sons and two daughters, A. B. Wakefield, Boise; L. B. Wakefield, Emmet, Idaho; C. Albert Wakefield, near Camas; Mrs. John Campbell, Spencer, Idaho; Mrs. F. O. Robbins, Humphrey, Idaho.

Funeral service will be conducted by Rev. George W. Coioper, at the Fern Prairie church today, Friday, 2:00 p.m. Interment will be made in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, August 1, 1924

PATRICK DUNN

**PASSES JULY 29TH
Settled on Railroad Land in 1877
and Received Patent Later**

Patrick Dunn, a pioneer of the Paradise district and Clarke county, passed away at his home Tuesday afternoon, July 29, 1924, at the age of 78 years, the cause of death is given as Bright's disease coupled with old age.

Funeral services will be held in the Swank chapel this afternoon at two o'clock and interment will be made in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

All of the older settlers in this part of Clarke county knew Mr. Dunn. He came to this community and settled on the place where he resided forty-seven years ago. His father and mother, both dead now for many years and one brother, John, a resident of Camas, and a sister, now Mrs. Maggie Bessett, of Portland, first came from New Glasgow, Quebecc, Canada, and settled at Cascades in November, 1869.

In 1877 Patrick and John came to this community and took up 160-acre claim on railroad land in the Paradise district and afterward received patents from the government on the land. His brother, John, moved into Camas two years ago, but Patrick remained a resident of the old home up to the time of his death. Besides his brother, John, of Camas, and sister Margaret Bessett, of East Portland, his wife and six children survive him, five sons and one daughter. They are Thomas, of Gresham, Oregon; Joe, now in the hotel business in Marshfield, Oregon; Paul, The Dalles, Oregon; Frank and Peter, who with their mother, reside on the old home place, and Margaret now of Alberta Canada.

Mr. Dunn was a thrifty, honest, clean living and good citizen and his passing away is another reminder that those who came to this community in the early days and hewed out the trails and roadways, cleared a patch of ground and made their living from the products of their lands when markets were few and hard to reach in the favorable seasons of the years—making it possible for those who follow to keep pace with a new age, are becoming, scarce in our community. Peace be to their ashes.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, September 26, 1924

JOHN MAXWELL

Body Brought Here

Death of John Maxwell, husband of Mabel Maxwell, occurred in Vancouver on Thursday last week after a prolonged illness due to tuberculosis.

The body was brought to Swank's mortuary in this city pending funeral arrangements. Services were held at the grave side in Fern Prairie on Sunday, at 11 o'clock a. m., Captain Mitchell of the Salvation Army barracks in Vancouver officiating.

The family formerly lived in the vicinity of Fern Prairie. Deceased was a native of Indiana, born in the year 1879.

A brother, Lansford L. Maxwell of Yakima, once an operator at the Camas railway depot, was here to attend the funeral.

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The Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Wednesday, June 2, 1926

JOHN MICHAEL DUNN

Again the grim messenger has taken toll from the depleting ranks of local pioneers whose hands have done much to develop this section. After a period of several months of more or less impaired health, John Dunn, whose friends were limited only by the extent of his acquaintances, died at his home east of the Lackamas last Monday morning, aged 69 years, 10 months and 25 days. He was one of the sturdiest of our pioneers, having spent 50 years of his life in and near Camas.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10 o'clock at the Catholic church. He was laid to rest in the Fern Prairie cemetery, near the old farm home where he had spent so many of the active years of his life in developing.

John Michael Dunn was born in Montreal, Canada, August 15, 1856. He came to Portland, arriving July 31, 1874, and settled at Powell Valley. Two years later, in 1876, he came to Camas where he took up a homestead near Fern Prairie and where he continued to reside until a few years ago. March 31, 1883 he was married to Lillian Wolfe, who preceded him in death a year or so ago.

Nine children survive, James Dunn, of LaCenter; Edna and Jessie Adams of North Portland; Wesley E. Dunn of Gearhart, Ore., Lila Levens of Long Beach, Cal., Lillian Schultz of Vancouver; John, Roy and Harold Dunn of Camas; one sister, Mrs. Margaret Bessett of Portland, ten grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

1927

The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, January 28, 1927

NELSON P. ANDERSON

After and illness of several weeks, Nelson P. Anderson, substantial and highly respected resident of Fern Prairie, died at his home last Monday, Jan. 24th, at the age of 65 years, 7 months and 8 days.

The funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Swank's chapel, the Rev. H. J. Lane of the Presbyterian church officiating, followed by interment in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

Mr. Anderson was a native of Sweden and during his earlier life years, it is said, he was a sailor on the high seas. He located here more than thirty years ago when he purchased a ranch property in Fern Prairie. The intervening years had been continuously devoted to that home development, alternating with other vocations. Formerly he was employed at a sawmill operated in that vicinity, but for many years he had been employed, working nights, at the local paper mill, seldom taking a vacation period until his health began to break about two years ago.

Surviving family members are his widow, Hannah, two sons and two daughters, to whom is extended the sympathy of their extensive circle of friends.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, April, 29, 1927

PETER BERGGREN

Funeral service for the late Peter Berggren, whose death on Thursday morning last week at his home in Fern Prairie, was chronicled in *The Post*, was held Saturday from Swank's chapel in this city, Rev. H. J. Lane of St. John's Presbyterian church officiating. Commitment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

For more than 40 years Mr. Berggren had resided on his homestead in that district, toiling unremittingly in the building of his farm home and contributing his portion to the development of the whole community.

For his unswerving purposes and personal integrity of character, he was universally held in the highest of esteem throughout the community where his life labors were devoted. Witness to this respect was borne out in the attendance of Fern Prairie people at the funeral service.

Possibly in striking contrast to these prosaic years on the farm, were Mr. Berggren's earlier years. Born in Sweden July 27, 1839, he is said to have gone to sea at an early age and sailed the briney waves to about all trade marts of the world open to the sailors of those days. Eventually he left the ship at Astoria, came here and secured a homestead. His age was 87 years, 8 months and 27 days. His wife died a few years ago, and there are surviving, the son, Robert, one daughter, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, and a number of grand children.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, May 6, 1927

CHARLES DAY

The death of Charles Day, following a recent severe illness, occurred at his late home in Fern Prairie on April 28, he being at the time a little less than 85 years of age. The funeral service was held from Swank's chapel Sunday, Rev. Jones of the Nazarene church officiating.

Mr. Day was born in England, July 3, 1842, and came to the U. S. A. at the age of nine years. In 1868 he was united in marriage to Mary C. Hymes at Rochester, Minn. He is survived by two sons, Arthur and Henry Delbert Day of Fern Prairie; two daughters, Mrs. Louise Templer and Mrs. Daisy Ramsey, both of this city, 13 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. His wife died 38 years ago.

For the past several years Mr. Day had enjoyed reading the great Book of books, and talking with the author of it. To his pastor he recently expressed that he was ready to meet the God of the universe. He lived to ripe old age.

“There is a land where beauty cannot fade,
Nor sorrow dim the eye;
Where true love shall not droop, not be
dismayed,
And none shall ever die.”

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1928

The Oregonian

Portland, Multnomah, Oregon

Saturday, March 31, 1928

LORENZO C. STEPHENSON

March 29, Park Rose District, Portland,
Lorenzo C. Stephenson husband of Debora
Stephenson. Funeral services will be held
Sunday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m., at the Fern
Prairie church in Camas. Body at W. Swank
Funeral Parlors, Camas, Wash.

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1929

The Post Record

Camas, Clarke, Washington
Friday, November 8, 1929

ALFRED VAN VLEET

**AVIATOR BURIED
AT FERN PRAIRIE**

**ALFRED VAN VLEET
KILLED IN WRECK OF
BREMERTON PLANE**

Fern Prairie November 6.

Many old friends of the Van Vleet family gathered at the local cemetery Monday afternoon for the burial service of Alfred C. Van Vleet, of Seattle. Alfred, son of Mr. And Mrs. Van Vleet of Portland, who was killed last Thursday, in an airoplane accident at Bremerton. A large number of Portland relatives and friends were also present and the floral offerings were most profuse and beautiful of any ever seen in this place.

The Young man's grandparents Mr. And Mrs. Lewis Van Vleet, Sr., were among the earliest settlers in the neighborhood and donated the land for the cemetery where they and all deceased members of the family have been laid to rest.

The old homestead is now owned by the Langford family. Some of the boyhood days of the Alfred Van Vleet were spent on a part of the old farm with his parents, sisters and brothers.

Heartfelt sympathy of many friends is extended to the following, parents, sisters and brothers, the young widow who was a bride of two months and many other relatives, among them Mrs. Stella Freeman, of Portland who was well known here.

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1930

The Camas Post
Camas, Clark, Washington
and the
Washougal Record
Washougal, Clark, Washington
Friday, August 29, 1930

**DEBORAH S. STEPHENSON
Is Buried in Fern Prairie**

Funeral services for Deborah S. Stephenson, 77, who died on Wednesday last week were held in the Fern Prairie Methodist church last Saturday.

The deceased was born in Ohio on October 30, 1853, and on July 4, 1877, was married to Lorenzo S. Stephenson. In 1890 the family came to Clark county and resided many years in Fern Prairie.

Reverend C. H. Cowdy officiated assisted by Rev. W. E. Rossman of Mill Plain. She is survived by two sons, Langley and Stanley.

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Unknown Newspaper
Monday, September 1, 1930

VAN VLEET—Aug 30, Lewis Jr., aged 30 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Van Vleet, 83 NE Holman Street, brother of Clarke and Mrs. Stella Riekman. Services Tuesday, 1 p.m. at Wilson Chambers Mortuary on Killingsworth. Interment Fern Prairie cemetery, Camas, Wash.

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1931

The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, January 9, 1931

**CHRIS RASMUSSEN, SR., PIONEER,
DIES**

Services Held Monday for Paradise
Resident of More than 37 Years; Was
Native of Denmark.

Funeral services for Chris Rasmussen,
Sr., for more than 37 years a resident of this
district, were held from the Swank chapel
Monday afternoon. George Lee Jefferson
officiated and interment was in the Fern
Prairie cemetery.

Mr. Rasmussen was born in
Skanderberg, Denmark, May 28, 1857,
where he was educated. He was married to
Miss Annie Sorensen in 1883. Three years
later the young couple came to the United
States and settled in Wisconsin.

Was Among Pioneers

In 1889 they were among the pioneers
who came west and settled in Portland.
After five years' residence in the Oregon
city they took up a homestead in the
Paradise district where for the past 37 years,
Mr. Rasmussen had made his home.

During the latter part of December, Mr.
Rasmussen suffered a severe stroke from
which he never completely rallied. He died
peacefully in his sleep on the morning of
January 2.

Many Survivors

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs.
Gertrude Watzig, who with her husband
lives on a ranch adjoining that of her
father's; three sons, Soren, who resided with
his father; Roland R., of Salem Oregon; and
Chris, Jr., of Fern Prairie, and a sister, Mrs.
Marian Larson, and a brother, Christian
Rasmussen of Denmark. His wife, Mrs.
Rasmussen, died 12 years ago.

He was affiliated with the Danish
Lutheran church from boyhood and was a
member of the Washougal grange for 32
years.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, April 17, 1931

Mrs. B. Barton is Called by Death

Word was received here Tuesday
morning of the death of Mrs. Bertha Barton
at the St. Joseph's hospital in Vancouver.

She had been ill a few days with
influenza when double pneumonia set in and
she died Tuesday morning at 6 a.m.

Mrs. Barton has lived a number of years
at Fern Prairie but spent the last year in
Washougal. She is a cousin of Mr.
Theodore Dale.

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Unknown Newspaper
July 1931

SUSAN FREI RICHI

MRS. GEORGE RICHI

CAMAS — Funeral services were held
Sunday afternoon from the Camas Nazarene
church for Mrs. George Richi, well known
resident of the Fern Prairie community.
Burial was in the Fern Prairie Cemetery.

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The Camas Post, Washougal Record
Camas-Washougal, Clark, Washington
Friday, November 6, 1931

OLIVE NEAL

Funeral services for Mrs. Olive Neal, who died Thursday, October 29, at the St. Francis hospital in San Francisco, California, were held Monday afternoon from the Swank chapel in Camas.

Elder Dustan of the Portland Seventh Day Adventist church officiated at the services and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. Neal was born April 26, 1888, at Portland, Oregon. Later she moved with her family to Fern Prairie where she spent the earlier part of her life. One June 8, 1909, she was married to W. H. Neal. During the rest of her life she lived in various parts of Western Washington and Oregon with her family.

She had been ill for sometime before she went to San Francisco in June of this year for special medical attention.

She is survived by her widower, W. H. Neal; by two children, Warren and LaNora, former Camas students; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Kays of Battle Ground and Mrs. Bina Warren of Gaston, Oregon and three brothers, Charles Atkins of Camas, Bert Atkins of Trout Lake and George Atkins of Turner, Oregon.

She had a host of friends in Camas and was a member of the Florence Rebekah lodge No. 19 of Camas.

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1932

The Camas Post
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, March 4, 1932

**ESTHER FRANSETH
RASMUSSEN**

&

OTTO EUGENE RASMUSSEN

Influenza-pneumonia claimed two more persons here Monday when Mrs. Esther Franseth Rasmussen, 31, and her four-month-old son, Otto Eugene Rasmussen died within three hours of each other after short illnesses.

Services were held Thursday afternoon with interment in the Fern Prairie cemetery. Rev. Fessenden officiated. Swank's mortuary handled the arrangements.

Mrs. Rasmussen was born in Indiana March 12, 1900. Her youngest child, who died with her, was born here October 17, 1931.

Surviving are her widower, Christ Rasmussen, three daughters and another son.

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The Vancouver Evening Post
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Friday, March 11, 1932

H. M. HASKELL

H. M. Haskell died Sunday night at his home at Fern Prairie of a severe attack of flu. He had been sick for several weeks. No arrangements of the funeral have been made as yet.

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The Camas Post, Washougal Record
Camas-Washougal, Clark, Washington
Friday, March 11, 1932

H. M. HASKELL

FERN PRAIRIE: H. M. Haskell a highly honored and respected citizen of this place passed away Sunday at 9:20 p.m. after a short illness of flu. Mrs. Haskell has also been bedfast for the past ten days.

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Camas Post
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, April 29, 1932

AMANDA WOLFE
Mrs. Amanda Wolfe Dies
Wednesday at St. Helens

Mrs. Amanda Wolfe, mother of Edward Wolfe of Camas, died at the home of her son, Charles, at St. Helens, Oregon, Wednesday. Funeral services will be Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Swank Funeral Home, Camas. Interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. Wolfe was the widow of Meeker Wolfe, who died several years ago. Besides the two sons she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Lucille McLean of Vancouver, Mrs. Corey Butts of Raymond, and Mrs. Hattie Carrick of Portland, Oregon.

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The Camas Post
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, May 20, 1932

MABEL ATKINS

Mrs. Atkins Dies

Services were to have been held yesterday (Thursday) at 1 p.m. from the Swank Funeral home for Mrs. Mabel Atkins, 54, of the Battle Ground district, who died Tuesday at her home. Burial was to have been in the Fern Prairie cemetery. She is survived by her husband, Bert, five sons, John, Arthur, Luther, Vernon and Frances, and two daughters, Marian and Vera. C. W. Atkins of Camas is a brother-in-law.

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The Camas Post
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, May 27, 1932

MARY ALICE RANKIN

Eight Months Old Baby Dies at Fern Prairie

FERN PRAIRIE – Death ended the brief life of Mary Alice Rankin, eight months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rankin, Thursday, May 19. A severe attack of pneumonia caused the death.

Services were held at the Fern Prairie church Saturday at 2 p.m. with Rev. B. G. Clemans officiating. Burial was in the Fern Prairie cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of the Stoller Funeral chapel. Besides her parents, the little girl was survived by two brothers, Glenn and James, and two sisters, Margery and Judith.

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The Vancouver Evening Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, May 31, 1932

RUTH ARMSTRONG

Mrs. Ruth Armstrong

CAMAS, May 31. – (Special)—Mrs. Armstrong, 22, wife of Jack Armstrong, Camas, died yesterday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wolfe, following an extended illness.

The body was taken to the Swank Mortuary where funeral arrangements will be announced tomorrow. Mrs. Armstrong is survived here by her husband and parents.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, October 28, 1932

Mary L. Browning
Death Takes Mrs. Mary L. Browning

Mrs. Mary L. Browning, 40, of Ireland-Paradise, died suddenly Wednesday morning. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at the Swank Funeral chapel, with Rev. Earl Baker officiating. Burial will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mrs. Browning is survived by her widower, Walter L., four children, Bernice, 20, Charles, 16, Mary, 15, and Hazel, 13, six brothers,, including Fred McKinney of Proebstel, two sisters and her mother, Mrs. I. E. McKinney of Roseville, California.

Mrs. Browning was the Ireland-Paradise correspondent for the Post-Record.

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1934

The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Wednesday, June 29, 1934

Old Timer Dies **Robert Bergreen (Berggren) Found Dead** **Wednesday Morning.**

Robert Bergreen (Berggren), 67, for 49 years a resident of the Fern Prairie district, was found dead in his bed Wednesday morning. The body was taken to Swank's Funeral home where services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. with Rev. Carroll H. Pederson officiating. Burial will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

Mr. Bergreen (Berggren) died at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, his only survivor. He was a native of Sweden, migrating direct to Fern Prairie 49 years ago. He leaves a host of friends in this district.

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Unknown newspaper
Wednesday, November 16, 1934

Funeral Services Held For Miss Cleo **Sherrel**

East Mill Plain – Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the East Mill Plain church for Miss Cleo Sherrell, 23, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sherrell, who died Friday evening. The Rev. C. H. Cowdy officiated at the services. Interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her parents and three brothers, Carl, Sylvan and Alvin Max, all at home. She was born in Montana and was graduated from Union High school with the class of 1930.

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1935

The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, February 15, 1935

SENELLA TAYLOR

Funeral Held for Young Woodburn Girl Thursday

WOODBURN - Funeral services for Senella Taylor, 12 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Taylor, were held from the Stoller Chapel Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

She died Monday evening after a short illness. She was a seventh grade student at the Woodburn school and was an active member of the 4-H club.

Besides her parents, she is survived by two brothers, Raymond and Arthur; and two sisters, Ethel Mae and Elizabeth.

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1936

The Columbian
Vancouver, Clark, Washington
June 1936

**EVELYN KATHERINE
BRIDGEFARMER**

Following a five months' illness, Mrs. Evelyn Katherine Bridgefarmer, 23, of Vancouver, died Sunday at the Matson sanitarium in Portland. Born in Camas, Mrs. Bridgefarmer had lived all of her life in Clark county and was a member of the Anchor council and of the Woodland Christian church. She is survived by her husband, Harvey Bridgefarmer of Vancouver; one infant daughter; and her father, John Petrain, also of Vancouver.

Funeral services will be held in Kirch's chapel Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock with Rev. R. W. Warner of Ellensburg officiating. Interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Friday, August 7, 1936

JOHN ROBERT McQUEEN

John Robert McQueen was born February 7, 1925, at Fern Prairie and went to be with Jesus July 30, 1936, aged 11 years, five months and 23 days.

With the exception of about 18 months of his boyhood his whole life has been spent on the same farm, where he was born. He was a member of a boys class in the Fern Prairie Sunday school and loved to sing the church hymns and hear Bible stories. Exceptionally bright in his studies, Bobby would have entered the seventh grade at the beginning of the fall term of school. His

cheerful, loving disposition endeared him to all and he will be sorely missed, especially in the home, where all hearts are crushed and bleeding by his sudden and tragic passing.

Funeral services were conducted at Stoller's chapel Sunday at 2 p. m. by the Rev. B. G. Clemens, who was assisted by Rev. T. L. Blaisdell. The songs sung were among Bobby's favorites, "Love Lifted Me," "When We All Go to Heaven," and "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bertram McQueen; two sisters, Margery Ellen and Dorothy Ann; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. McQueen and Mr. and Mrs. Severt Ostenson and a host of other relatives.

The many beautiful floral tributes and the large attendance at the funeral all speak of the love and esteem in which Bobby was held.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Tuesday, October 20, 1936

CLAIR S. HENDRYX

Funeral Services Held For Clair S. Hendryx

Funeral services were held at Swank's Funeral chapel Sunday afternoon, October 18, for Clair S. Hendryx, 40, who committed suicide last week near St. Helens, Ore. Rev. R. E. Smith officiated and Bruce Thurber sang. Interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery. The firing squad from the Vancouver barracks participated at the graveyard services.

Mr. Hendryx was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and has lived in this vicinity for the

Obituaries for burials in the Fern Prairie Cemetery, Clark County, WA

past several months. He was a member of an Iowa American Legion post.

He is survived by his widow and a 13 months old son.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, October 28, 1937

WILLIAM ALBERT WEBBERLEY

Fern Prairie Man Passes

William Albert Webberley, 84, long time Fern Prairie resident, died in a Vancouver hospital Thursday after an illness of more than a year. He was a native of England and came to this country 26 years ago.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Docia Theodora Webberley (Mrs. Theodocia Webberley), seven children, Clarence, Alma Lee, Edward, Edgar, Ernest, Louis and Mrs. Mary Williams, all of Camas.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 2 p.m. at Swank's chapel, and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, November 4, 1937

BARBARA JEAN MAKI

BABY DIES HERE TODAY

Barbara Jean, 5 months old daughter of Mr. And Mrs. Samuel E. Maki, died this morning at the Beltz sanitarium. In addition to her parents, she was survived by a sister, Betty, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bush of Fern Prairie. Services will be held Friday at 2:30 p. m. at Swank's with burial in the Camas (Fern Prairie) cemetery.

The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, December 16, 1937

**DELPHIA STEELE, 71,
Dies at St. Joseph's**

Mrs. Delphia Steele, 71, died Tuesday at St. Joseph's hospital in Vancouver after a short illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lou Christopherson of Forks, Mont., a son, Leonard Hormon of Shelby, Ind.; a granddaughter, Mrs. Morton Dalhmon of Sacro, Mont.; and a grandson, Joe Nevitt of Camas, with whom she had been living.

Funeral services will be held at Swank's Funeral home Sunday at 2 p. m. and interment will be in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

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The Columbian

Vancouver, Clark, Washington
Thursday, December 29, 1938

J. S. McALLISTER

Word was received here today of the death yesterday in Seattle of J. S. McAllister, 89, who, with the exception of about six years, had spent his entire life in Clark county. He moved to Seattle about a year ago.

Among the survivors are one son, J. B. McAllister of Portland, two daughters, Mrs. Alice Johnston of Portland and Mrs. Golda Campbell of Washougal; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in Swank's Mortuary, Camas.

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The Post Record
Camas, Clark, Washington
Thursday, August 10, 1939

WILLIAM E. HALL

**Funeral Today for
Fern Prairie Man**

William E. Hall, 62, of Fern Prairie died Tuesday at St. Joseph's hospital after a short illness. Funeral services were held this afternoon at Swank's chapel and interment was in the Fern Prairie cemetery.

He is survived by the widow Mrs. Clara Hall, two sons Willard of Wyoming and Chester of Camas, a sister May Elvig of Portland, a stepson Carson Ornduff of Camas, and a stepdaughter Mrs. Kenneth Hopkins of White Salmon.

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