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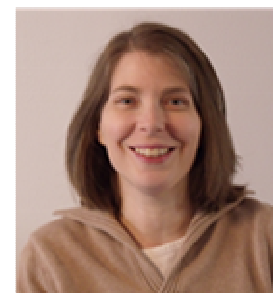
# Jefferson County Genealogical Society



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## A Letter From the President

The Family History Fair took place on October 20th, included were lectures for the beginner, intermediate and advanced researcher. Seventy individuals registered for door prizes on the day of the event. Clara Brouk, a High Ridge resident, won the grand prize. Betty Manson won the Missouri afghan raffle. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day. I heard praises regarding our guest speaker, Bryan McGraw, who is the Director of the National Archives at St. Louis. Numerous attendees commented on his lively and informative presentation.



The efforts of the 2012 Family History Fair Committee are to be commended. Many hours have been spent in preparation for the event. I personally would like to thank everyone involved for their time and effort to make the fair a success.

Officers were elected at the November meeting. Christine Merseal was elected President; Sue Luthle was elected Correspondence Secretary; & Marvin Hook was elected Treasurer. All were elected for a second term. A new board member, Betty Manson was also elected. Betty will replace Charles Nahlik as board member. Thanks to Charles Nahlik for his service as a past board member.

If you have an interesting story of an ancestor, you may want to share your information with the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. We are always looking for members or non-members to write an article and submit it to the organization for publication in the quarterly newsletter. Submit articles to [newsletter@jcgsmo.org](mailto:newsletter@jcgsmo.org). In this issue is wonderful information on the Sulphur Springs Train Wreck on 1922.

This quarter's JCGS extended e-newsletter includes newspaper transcriptions from 1911 about a cyclone in southern Jefferson County and a bank robbery. It also includes transcriptions from the Jefferson County Republican, DeSoto, Missouri from January 1907.

Sincerely,

*Chris Merseal, CG*  
*President, JCGS*  
[president@jcgsmo.org](mailto:president@jcgsmo.org)

Welcome New Members!



We wish you much success in your family research and offer our support in any way possible.

We are happy to welcome back two members this quarter!

Maleta Fox and Janet Roth

A special welcome to eight new members this quarter!

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Linda is married with three grown children and two granddaughters.  
She is a retired Nurse Practitioner and enjoys traveling, camping, biking, photography and gardening.

## Christmas Luncheon

Come join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 11:00 am. and eat at 11:30 am. This is pot luck. So bring a dish. You may also bring a guest, if you like. The luncheon will be at the Jefferson County Library, 5680 State Road PP, High Ridge, Mo 63049. Please bring any canned goods for donation to the area food bank. We will also be playing “rob your neighbor”, so please bring a wrapped “white elephant” gift for playing.



### 2012 Officers & Committee Chairs

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## Monthly Society Meetings

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Jefferson County Library, Northwest Branch in High Ridge. The only exception is in December when the organization has a pot luck luncheon; the years the organization has a Family History Fair in October.

### The Next Few JCGS Meetings:

Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 1 at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 16 at 9:30 a.m.

**Excerpt from *Sulphur Springs:  
Remembering Missouri's Worst Train Disaster*  
by John Abney  
jabney@hughes.net**

At approximately 7:18 PM on the evening of August 5<sup>th</sup>, 1922 the worst train disaster in Missouri's history occurred at Sulphur Springs, near the banks of the Mississippi River in Jefferson County approximately 23 miles south of St. Louis. Thirty-four people lost their lives and another 186 people were injured.

According to local historians, Sulphur Springs, then known as Sulphur Springs Landing, was the first mail stop in Jefferson County. As early as the late 1700s, boats would stop and drop mail here. The town's first postmaster was appointed in 1837. The railroad arrived in Sulphur Springs in 1850 and the town would have a station there until 1964.

In 1920, more workers were employed by the railroads than worked in construction, in mining, or in government jobs. Of the over two million railroad workers, over 400,000 of these were railroad shopmen, the men and women responsible for building and maintaining the railroads' rolling stock.

The strength of the shopmen's union would be tested when they went on strike on July the first 1922. Among these strikers were approximately 600 shopmen employed at the DeSoto car shops. An unintended consequence of the strike was a water shortage in the city of DeSoto.

To alleviate the shortage, the railroad agreed to have their engines take on water at either Bismarck or Sulphur Springs. Thus, the table was set for Missouri's worst train disaster.

*August 5, 1922*

By the time Local Train number 32 reached Poplar Bluff around 1 p.m. it was already almost two hours behind schedule. The local train began its run at Hoxie, Arkansas and was being hauled by Missouri Pacific engine number MP 5310. Besides the engine and tender, the train consisted of 2 baggage cars, 1 mail and baggage car, 2 chair cars, 3 coaches and one chair car, all in the order named. The first baggage car and the mail car were of steel construction. The second baggage car and one of the passenger coaches were of wooden construction with a steel center sill. All the remaining cars were of wooden construction.

Also at Poplar Bluff was the replacement crew for the northbound express train, the #4, which had started its journey northward from Texas the previous evening. Part of that crew was engineer, **Matthew "Ginger" Glenn**. Joking with the crew of the late arriving local train, Glenn told them to watch out or he would run them over. Glenn had been employed as an engineman for 32 years and was referring to the fact that the Express train was only about two hours behind the local train and would be making up time as both trains proceeded on their routes.

After leaving Poplar Bluff, the Local train made a stop at Hilliard before reaching Hendrickson. Awaiting the arrival of the train at Hendrickson was **Della Campbell** and her four children ranging in ages from 6 to 12. Della who grew up in the area was home visiting her family was waiting on the local train to get to St. Louis where she would connect to another train to take her to her home in Idaho where she lived with her husband.

After leaving Hendrickson, the local #32 makes six more stops before reaching Des Arc. Two of the passengers getting on at Des Arc were two salesmen, **Charles J. Hamilton** and **Robert Thomas**.

At about the time the local train was leaving Des Arc at around 3 p.m., the Express #4 train was nearing Poplar Bluff. The express train was being pulled by engine # MP 5312, and consisted of 3 baggage cars, 1 mail car, 1 coach, 1 chair car, 2 coaches, 1 Pullman sleeping car, and a dining car. The cars were of all-steel construction with the exception of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> cars which were constructed of wood. Unknown to the crew of the express train was that they would have a non-paying passenger hitching a ride. **John Crafton**, a soldier from Oran, Missouri was clandestinely riding between two of the express train's baggage cars.

After making another 6 stops, the local train reached Ironton about an hour and ten minutes after leaving Des Arc. Among the passengers waiting to get on the train here were a group of boy scouts returning to their homes in the metro east-side of St. Louis. Upon trying to board the train with their packs and other gear, the conductor of the #32, **J. A. Long**, told the Illinois scouts that the train was too crowded for all their gear and that they would have to wait for the express train. This simple twist of fate may have saved their lives.

The local train would make another 9 stops before reaching DeSoto a little after 6 p.m., still two hours behind schedule. Among those passengers getting on at these 9 stops were **Rudolph Eichenberger** and his granddaughter **Ruth Eichenberger** who were going to St. Louis to meet Mr Eichenberger's wife who was returning from a trip back east; 20 year-old **Walter Boyer** and his 18 year-old sister **Susan** who were returning to St. Louis after visiting their family; one-time Washington County Justice of the Peace **William Goff** and two of his young granddaughters, **Beulah and Pearl Goff**; 23 year old **Maude DeClue** and her 21 year old brother **Ben** who were returning to St. Louis; and **Mrs. Mattie DeGonia** and her five children who had been visiting Mattie's mother at Potosi.

Still more than two hours behind schedule when it reached DeSoto, the passenger's on the De Soto depot's platform anxiously awaited #32's arrival. Among these was the **Reverend Victor Owen Penley**, the rector at De Soto's Trinity Episcopal Church who was going to St. Louis for a speaking engagement.

Unknown, to #32's crew when their train pulled out of the De Soto station at 6:18 p.m., the #4 express train was now less than half an hour behind them.

After making another five stops the Local #32 train arrived at the Riverside station at 7:07 p.m. Riverside sat at the junction of the Missouri Pacific and Mississippi River and Bonne Terre Railroads. The MR & BT provided service between Doe Run and Riverside. Among the passengers transferring from the MR & BT to the local train were 18 year old **Irene Moon** of Crystal City, her next door neighbor, 17 year old **Miss Esther McDonald**, and 36 year-old Festus native **Miss Alice Cooper**. The three were on their way to St. Louis for a visit. Another passenger was **Irene Hise**, 23, an employee Nugent's Department Store in St. Louis who had been home visiting her parents in Desloge.

Also waiting at Riverside was **Mr. Thomas DeGonia** who had taken the train from St. Louis to surprise his wife his wife and children who were on the northbound local train. Before leaving Riverside at 7:08 p.m., the conductor of the local train, **J. L. Long**, asked station master though

about the progress of the #4 express train. He was told they should try and make Wickes, 4.2 miles north of Sulphur Springs, take the siding there and let both the north and south bound express trains pass them there. Unknown to all was that the northbound express was now only minutes behind them.

At 7:13 p.m. the express reaches Riverside, but does not stop. Reducing speed to 25 miles per hour, the fireman for the express train retrieved a waiting train order at Riverside telling it to take the siding at Wickes to allow the passage of the southbound express #1 train. The order made no mention of the northbound local #32 train just ahead.

Four minutes later at 7:17 p.m., #32 reached Sulphur Springs. The approach to the town from the south brings the train around three curves including a compound one immediately to the south of town. Stopping here to take on water, the rear cars of the local were on the bridge over Glaize Creek, to the south of the water tank. With the train stopped, young **Ruth Eichenberger** leaves the seat behind her grandfather **Rudolph Eichenberger** and goes across the aisle to get a cookie from a neighbor, **Mary Oberting**. It will be the last time she sees her grandfather alive. Less than a minute later, out of the evening's twilight, the #4 express train traveling at close to 40 miles per hour with engineman **Glenn** at the controls rounds the final curve before Sulphur Springs. Glenn seeing the stopped train ahead, sounds his whistle and throws on his brakes.

Seconds before the crash occurs, witnesses speak of a shouted warning of the approaching express. Lucky passengers like **W. E. Foster**, **Fred Spaulding**, **W. D. Morton**, and Des Arc salesman **Charles Hamilton** jump to safety through windows and doors.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch, dated 7 August 1922, stated, the monstrous Pacific-type locomotive of the limited had plowed through the other train for about 200 feet, pulling a part of its own cars with it. A pair of wheels and axle from one of the wooden coaches was caught between the drivers of the locomotive. The rear coaches of the local were telescoped and fell nearly 40 feet into the slough, being reduced to pieces. Wooden chair cars ahead were overturned on the east side of the embankment, while one such car escaped with no more serious damage than a splintered platform on one end.

The coaches of the No. 4 were of steel, and were not overturned. They were not drawn on to the trestle. There was a tremendous impact felt by those on the limited, so great as to bruise persons in the dining car, near the rear of the train.

19 year-old waitress **Lennie Walker** had been a passenger in the 3<sup>rd</sup> car from the rear of the local train. Of the 30 or more passengers in this her only her and two men escaped serious injury.

Others like Des Arc salesman, **Robert Thomas** would remain trapped in the overturned remains of the local train's smoker car, where it would take some 20 minutes to free him. **Maude DeClue** was taken from the wreckage and laid upon bank of the slough. She had suffered severe lacerations on her face and a broken thigh. She told her rescuers to find her brother **Ben**, who was sitting next to her in the same seat on the train. Ben would later be found alive, suffering less serious injuries than his sister.

Practically all of the 150 residents of the small town of Sulphur Springs rushed to the aid of the crash victims, as did the town's only doctor, **W. W. Hull**. Boy scouts, soldiers, and other uninjured passengers from the express train joined in their efforts.

According to the Post Dispatch article, rescue work began slowly and was done with great difficulty. It was hard to get to the wrecked coaches because of the narrow embankment and the mud of the slough. Several fires were kindled, and one big tree was set afire, but did not furnish much illumination.

Almost immediately word of the accident was sent to neighboring towns and St. Louis requesting help and medical aid. For at least an hour, **Dr. Hull** was the only doctor on site.

The members of the **DeGonia family** were all found and were laid upon the tracks. Three of the children, Ralph 6, Melvin 5, and Robert 14 months were dead. The mother and father were injured seriously, as was Mildred 7, who was heard audibly mumbling the words to the Lord's Prayer.

**Irene Moon's** lifeless body was recovered around 10 p.m. Of her two traveling companions, **Esther McDonald** was among the critically injured and **Alice Cooper** was dead. Alice's body was recovered from the waters of Glaize Creek by her brother **Wendell** who had rushed to the scene. Of the five members **Campbell family** who had boarded the train at Hendrickson only two of the children survived. **Susie Boyer** was dead, but her brother **Walter**, although severely injured, was still alive. Also among the dead were 23 year old **Irene Hise**, **William Goff** and his two granddaughters. **John Crafton**, the soldier, who was riding clandestinely between the baggage cars of #4 was pinioned in. He begged for help and rescuers put forth every human effort to get to him. He was between two steel cars and the metal successfully resisted the edge of the axes. An acetylene torch was finally brought into action, the steel penetrated and the victim dragged out. He died.

According to the Post Dispatch article, news of the accident could not have been more effectively spread, to judge from the large number of automobiles that were soon on the scene. Access to Sulphur Springs by road became most difficult for the highway is a rough and narrow connection from the old State road and hundreds of machines bringing spectators blocked it. It was necessary for some to abandon their cars and walk more than a mile. St. Louisans were coming by 9 a.m.

Eventually, the two trains would arrive in St. Louis. The local #32 first at about 2:20 a.m. on the morning of the 6<sup>th</sup> and the express #4 about an hour later. The injured were transferred to waiting ambulances and taken to hospitals around the city. The 26 bodies of the dead that had been brought to the city were taken to the morgue. One of the critically injured would later die, bring the body count in the morgue to 27, while the remaining seven bodies were taken to De Soto and Festus.

When the body of 18 year-old **Irene Moon** was returned to her home in Crystal City, her 29 year-old sister, **Gertrude LaRose** suffered a heart attack, she would die 6 hours later.

Within hours, people were looking for an explanation as to why the wreck had occurred. It was quickly confirmed that all the block signals between Riverside and Sulphur Springs had been working and if observed, would have prevented the wreck. **John Cannon**, assistant general manager of the Missouri Pacific, suggested that **Engineer Glenn** may have been reading the train order he had received at Riverside and missed the stop signal. Some pointed to the fact that when the body of Glenn was found he had no glove on his right hand, as supporting the theory that he was reading the order.

In the days following the wreck, the victims were laid to rest. Among these was the funeral of Engineer of the express train, **Matthew Glenn**.

Four days later on August 18<sup>th</sup>, the Missouri Pacific Railroad recommended the dismissal **J. A. Long**, conductor and **D. L. Boston**, brakeman, of #32 J. P. Gross, engineer of the #32, was recommended for a 30 day suspension.

If nothing else, the tragic wreck at Sulphur Springs reminds us of our own fragile mortality. We never know when that time will come. For 34 people ranging in age from 3 months to 78 years that time came on that fateful day in August 1922. For others, simple twists of fate spared their lives. Like the boy scouts who were forced to wait on the express train or little **Ruth Eichenberger** who left her seat behind her grandfather to get a cookie from a neighbor across the aisle.

Note: The above excerpt is a portion of the narrative from the slideshow entitled, *Sulphur Springs – Remembering Missouri's Worst Train Disaster*. The author, John Abney provided the Jefferson County Genealogical Society with a reproduction of his PowerPoint presentation. After being processed, it will be available to view at the Jefferson County Library, 5680 State Road PP, High Ridge, MO 63049 in the Genealogy Department.

### **New Series of Articles on Genealogical Resources in Jefferson County, Missouri**

Many of our out-of-town members or local members who are new to genealogy are unfamiliar with the vast wealth of information found in various libraries, archives and genealogical and historical societies throughout Jefferson County. We will begin this series of articles in 2013. The JCGS quarterly will highlight the resources throughout the county.

As a family researcher, we can certainly fall into a habit of spending the majority of our time researching online. However, less than 5 percent of the genealogical information is found online. This means an additional 95 percent are available onsite.

JCGS will highlight one group each newsletter. This will bring to the forefront additional resources you may have never considered in the past.

A point will be made to highlight the resources not only that can be found within these institutions but can be requested by mail or e-mail, for many of our members live out of state.

We will begin in 2013 with the Jefferson County Library, Special Collection in High Ridge, Missouri. The library has staff members who can perform limited searches and also the library website has some genealogical information online. Find out more in the February newsletter.



## HIDDEN TREASURES

A strange and wonderful story is told about an episode in connection with a famous bank robbery committed here about 89 years ago. According to the account given us there were two of the robber gang who carried the stolen money and when, to elude their pursuers, the sheriff's posse, they turned toward the plank-road, these two buried the gold, \$4400, in a place on the old **Frank Kiefer** place, 5 miles from town. One of the men subsequently died and his comrade fell sick in St. Louis, about 15 years ago. He was nursed by a man to whom he shortly before his death confided the secret, describing the place as being on the main road 5 miles from Ste. Genevieve, where there is a bridge; from this bridge count 65 yards east and then 40 yards south over the turn of the hill where a hole was dug 2 ½ feet deep between two trees. The man's nurse is said to have come down here three winters to look for the money by means of boring. He had confided the secret to **Gottlieb Rehm**. The search seems to have been unsuccessful. Some time ago when a troop showed at the Armory, a clairvoyant woman connected with it told such astonishing truths that Judge of Probate, Huck, wrote on a piece of paper the question whether money was buried at Cherry Springs and whether it had yet been found. The woman at once wrote on the back of the sheet: "My impression is that the money has not yet been found." Upon this **Messrs Rehm, Huck, Gust Burgert** and **Willie Kiefer** commenced to dig in the place indicated and worked like Trojans for three days, till the rain interfered and Mr. Huck's hand had become sore from the unwanted labor. They are still in hopes to find that treasure, and when it's found we'll have a frolic. -

Ste Genevieve Herald

## CYCLONE HAVOC

Last Thursday afternoon, Valle Mines, Cadet, Elvins, Esther and the vicinity of the lead belt were visited by a cyclone, which cost seven lives, \$1,000,000 worth of property and injured, more or less seriously, fifty people. The Federal Lead company's property was completely wrecked. The stricken country covered about 16 square miles or between Mineral Point and Valle Mines on the north, and as far south as Bismark and Elvins. While the wind was uprooting trees and wrecking buildings the rain and hail fell in torrents and the darkness was intense, although but three o'clock in the afternoon. Of the fifty injured in the Lead Belt, practically all received wounds and cuts about the head, chiefly from flying timber and broken glass, and the greater part of the number were women and children. This was probably due to the fact that the men were miners and were underground at work at the time. Creeks were swollen out of their banks, tracks overflowed and wires down. A landslide near Selma or Kennett's Castle delayed northbound Frisco trains. The cyclone cloud was the typical funnel-shaped destroyer, with the spiral end down, the whole mass intently black and fringed with white. The string end swept a path fifty yards wide and was accompanied by a deadening roar.

Jefferson County Record, Hillsboro, Missouri, 20 April 1911, page 1, column 3 & 4.

## Transcriptions from the Jefferson County Republican DeSoto, Missouri

### FLUCOM

[town in Southeast Jefferson County]

“Mr. **Louis Halter** visited in Elvins last week, returning Saturday.

**C. M. Bieser** spent Sunday in Festus.

**Mr. Arnold** and family have moved away from our burg.

**Mrs. Ed Graham** and little daughter **Ella** have gone to Elvins, where **Mr. Graham** is now stationed.

Thos. Washburn was in DeSoto Saturday.”

### SECKMAN

“Seckman rather dull at present owing to bad weather. We have plenty of rain, sleet and mud and no sunshine.

**Mrs. Joe Hook** is still absent from home on account of illness of her mother.

There was a quilting at the home of **Mrs. Carl Lynch** last week. A good time was reported.”

### HIGH RIDGE

“**Miss Delbregge**, who spent a fortnight with her aunt of this town, returned to St. Louis to fill her position. Miss Delbregge formerly resided here, and is a beautiful and accomplished young lady.

**Mr. Joseph Banks**, of House Springs, paid our town a visit this last Wednesday evening. It is hard to say whether Mr. Banks came on a business or pleasure trip.

**Mr. Geo. Scholl**, a prominent man of this vicinity, will serve on the Grand Jury this following week.

**Supt. R. B. Wilson** was over to visit our school this week. Mr. Wilson is well qualified for the position he holds, and will make us a good county superintendent.

**Mr. Elias Hilderbrand**, of Valley Park, was up at the Ridge the other day. He is spending a few weeks vacation with Mr. Scholl.

**Mr. Dan Dillion** will soon leave for Seattle, Washington. He has leased his farm out to **Mr. George Gibson**. Mr. Dillion has just returned from Seattle on an observation trip, being much pleased with the country.

The Automobile back line which ran from St. Louis to Morse’s Mill by way of High Ridge, has disbanded. The people of High Ridge are greatly disappointed over it.

**Miss Meta Wehrle** of this town was in Fenton visiting last Sunday.

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**Wm. Tomsick**, beloved son of **Thos. Tomsick**, died Friday, January 11, 1907 of consumption. His remains were laid away in the Rock Creek cemetery.

**Mrs. John Heller** was over to spend a few days with her daughter, **Mrs. Henry Weber**, of House Springs.

**Miss Minnie Hull**, daughter of **Dr. W. W. Hull**, a prominent man of that town, and **Mr. Koeble** of St. Louis were married at the bride's residence Saturday, January 12, 07. Mr. Koeble is a bookkeeper and stenographer at the Waters Pierce Oil Co. After the ceremony an elegant dinner was served during which many jokes and delightful experiences were related. In the evening Mr. Koeble and bride departed for the city to take up their residence there. The following members were presented: **Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Van Dover** of Valley Park, Mr. and **Mrs. Geo. Hull** of Moselle, Franklin Co., **Earl Hull** and fiancée of St. Louis, and several friends of the bridegroom. Everybody reported as having a pleasant time.

Eli has fallen in love with Louisa. Now he is singing. 'I've a longing in my heart for you, Louise.'"

Source: *Jefferson County Republican*, DeSoto, Missouri, 18 January 1907, p. 1, columns 2, 3 & 4.

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### VICTORIA

"**Mrs. Seats** of Hematite, is here helping her brother Levi take care of her father, Capt., Washburn.

**Capt. Washburn** has had the house formally owned by **Capt. Allen**, fixed up, and has moved into it.

There is some talk of incorporating Victoria. It will be done before long, and our first mayor will be **Chas. Knapp**.

Our school teacher **Miss Bettie Brown** has succeeded in getting **Madam Anna Mauereor**, who was born in Jerusalem of European parents who took up their residence there to study the conflicting dogmas and doctrines of Christian, Jewish and Mohamedan creeds, to give a lecture and educational entertainment at the church here Friday evening at 7:30. The admittance will be 10 cents, and all the money above actual expenses will go for the benefit of our school. Everybody is invited. She comes recommended by A. L. Harvey, D.D., Methodist Episcopal Church, **Rev. E. Duckworth**, Neidringhans Memorial, and many others. Citizens and children of DeSoto are especially invited to attend."

### OBITUARY

"**Mrs. Mary L. Carver**, age 81 years, died at her home on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, this city. Monday evening, Jan. 14, of general debility. Services were held at the house Wednesday morning by **Rev. Ward**. The funeral cortege left the home at 11 o'clock for Dripping Springs Cemetery, where they were interred.

### MRS. CLEMENTINE C. EDINGER

**Mrs. Clementine C. Edinger**, daughter of **Judge Clement B. Fletcher** and sister of the late **Gov. Thos. C. Fletcher**, died at Farmington Jan. 10, 1907. She was born at Herculaneum in this county March 18, 1825,

and was therefore about 81 years old. Mrs. Edinger was the fifth oldest in a family of nine children and the last one to pass into the next world.

She was married in 1855 to **John H. Edinger**, of Pennsylvania, and to this union one son was born, **William F. Edinger**, who until recently held a position in this county. Mrs. Edinger was Presbyterian in her faith, a humble, earnest Christian character. She lived through her long life in the county, her family having moved here at an early date. Her passing removes from our county one of its oldest and most respected citizens and the last member of the well known and honored Fletcher family. The funeral services were held at the home of **Dr. Deadrick** in this town on Sunday, January 13, and the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery, the Rev. W. J. Ward of the Baptist church officiating.”

Source: *Jefferson County Republican*, DeSoto, Missouri, 18 January 1907, p. 6, column 1 & 3.

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### OBITUARY NOTICE

“**Bro. George Sweet** was born September 13, 1848, and died Jan. 10, 1907, aged 58 years, 3 months and 28 days. He was born and raised at Plattin, Jefferson County, Mo. To mourn his sudden death he leaves a wife, **Mrs. Sarah Sweet**, six children, **Mrs. Geo. Frazier**, **Geo. B. Sweet**, **William B. Sweet**, **Mrs. Louis Kaler**, **Perry Sweet** and **Michael Sweet**; three brothers, **Rob’t R.**, **William H.** and **James F. Sweet**; four sisters, **Mrs. Ann McMullen**, **Mrs. John Holdman**, **Mrs. Rob’t Cunningham** and **Mrs. Isaac Cottner**. He also leaves fourteen grandchildren.

Brother Sweet was a member of the Baptist church and lived a consistent Christian life. He was a kind husband, loving father, a true brother and a good upright citizen, and a man who was always ready and willing to aid those who were sick or in distress, and he will be greatly missed in the community by his many friends and acquaintances, but our loss is his eternal gain.

Only sixteen hours before his death he was preceded by his son, **Amey**, who died at Bonne Terre, to a bright, better world, where there is no pain, no death, no sorrow. ..

The relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the people of the whole community in this sad bereavement.”

Source: *Jefferson County Republican*, DeSoto, Missouri, 25 January 1907, p. 3, column 2.

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### MRS. AGNES G. ROGERSON

“**Mrs. Agnes G. Roberson**, age 63 years, nine months, 11 days, died at DeSoto, Mo., her home, Wednesday morning, January 16, 1907, at 8:50, after a long and most patient suffering through her painful affliction of three years duration. While her suffering was most intense no one ever heard her complain, for she bore each painful ordeal more patient than the first, always anxious to regain her health and strength, though when the time came for her to give up this life, she did so quietly and peacefully. ... The funeral services were held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Saturday afternoon, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 o’clock, and her remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery, **Rev. Brittain** conducting the services at the home, church, and cemetery.

Mrs. Rogerson was born in Manchester, England, April 6, 1843, and was married to **Joseph Rogerson** in Manchester, England, Jan.1, 1864. To this union eight children were born, three of whom died in

childhood. Four sons and one daughter with their father are left to mourn the loss of a true and faithful wife, a kind and loving mother, whose place can never be filled until we meet her in the realms above.

During the last few days of her sufferings she had her family with her, all of her sons having been called to her bedside from their homes in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rogerson came to this country from Manchester, Eng., in 1870, and after various changes came to DeSoto, Mo., in 1880, and have since that time made this city their home..."

Source: *Jefferson County Republican*, DeSoto, Missouri, 25 January 1907, p. 4, column 2 & 3.

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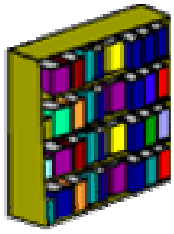
### MARRIED

"**Miss Martha Iahn** and **Mr. Robert Williams** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Christmas day, at 12:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, **Wm., Iahn** and wife, at Prospect, **Rev. J. P. Cape**, great uncle of the groom, officiating. The bride, who is a pretty brunette, looked lovely in a girlish costume of yahl silk, daintily trimmed in val lace, and wearing a wreath of bride's roses. She had for her attendants her sister, **Miss Nellie Iahn**, and cousin, **Mrs. Beer**, of St. Louis. The groom wore black, as did also his attendants, his brother, **Eugene**, and cousin **Mr. Beer** of St. Louis. The groom is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Williams**, and is an industrious young farmer. After the ceremony the guests who numbered 80 were invited into the dining room, where a delicious dinner was served. The evening was pleasantly spent with music and singing. Many handsome and useful presents were received."

### METZ-McMULLIN

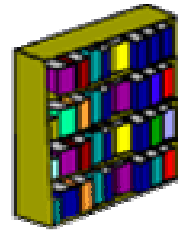
"**Miss Hattie Metz** and **Mr. Howard McMullin** surprised their many friends here by quietly going to St. Louis and being married Saturday, Jan. 12, at 3 o'clock, at the home of the bride's sister, **Mrs. H. C. Blair**. The bride is the youngest daughter of **Mrs. John Metz** of this city, and is well and favorably known, having lived here all her life. She was attired in a handsome grey traveling suit, and wore grey hat and gloves. The groom is the son of **Mr. John McMullin** of near this city, and is a well respected young man. He is at present employed in the shops here. The happy pair will be at home to their many friends at the home of the bride's mother, on south East Main Street."

Source: *Jefferson County Republican*, DeSoto, Missouri, 18 January 1907, p. 7, columns 1 & 5.



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**Pedigree Chart for  
Mary Cornelia Baker**

**Milton Baker**

b: 1800 in Warren Co., ? Kentucky  
m: 01 Mar 1846 in Washington Co., MO  
d: 1850 in Jefferson County, Missouri

**Jane A. Perkins**

b: 28 Oct 1816 in Virginia  
d: 02 Aug 1896 in Jefferson County, Missouri

**Thomas Milton Baker**

b: 01 Oct 1848 in Missouri  
m: 29 Feb 1872 in Jefferson County, Missouri  
d: 07 Aug 1926 in Jefferson County, Missouri

**Mary Caroline Maness**

b: 18 Jan 1855 in Missouri  
d: 04 Oct 1929 in DeSoto, Jefferson County, Missouri

**Elijah Maness**

b: Sep 1811 in Hawkins Co., Tennessee  
m: Abt. Jan 1841 in Jefferson Co., Mo ?  
d: 29 May 1892 in Jefferson Co., Mo

**Mary Ann Murrell**

b: 1816 in Kentucky  
d: Abt. 1856 in Jefferson Co., Mo

**George Milton Baker**

b: 29 Oct 1883 in Jefferson County, Missouri  
m: 23 Oct 1913 in Hillsboro, Jefferson Co., MO  
d: 28 Dec 1956 in Desoto, Jefferson Co., Mo

**Mary Cornelia Baker**

b: 29 Oct 1917 in Ware, Jefferson Co., Mo  
m: 28 Aug 1933 in DeSoto, Jefferson County, Missouri  
d: 03 Apr 2002 in Festus, Jefferson Co., MO

**Michael O'Hara**

b: Abt. Aug 1814 in Ireland  
d: 17 Jan 1904 in Jefferson County, MO

**Michael O'hara**

b: 04 Jul 1854 in New York, New York  
m: 15 Apr 1885 in DeSoto, Jefferson County, Mo  
d: 29 Jan 1933 in DeSoto, Jefferson County, Mo

**Catherine McLay**

b: Abt. 1821 in Ireland  
d: 26 May 1892 in Jefferson County, MO

**Mary Elizabeth "Lizzie" O'hara**

b: 04 May 1886 in Jefferson County, Missouri  
d: 14 Jun 1968 in Ware, Jefferson Co., Mo

**Bazile Hiney**

b: 04 Oct 1816 in Karlsruhe? Baden, Germany  
m: 09 May 1854 in Monroe Co., Missouri  
d: 02 Feb 1893 in Jefferson County, MO

**Annie Hiney**

b: 12 Oct 1855 in Victoria, Jefferson County, Mo  
d: 30 Aug 1939 in DeSoto, Jefferson County, Mo

**Eleanor "Ellen" Catherine Beall**

b: Bet. 18-29 May 1829 in Bardstown, Nelson Co., Ky  
d: 24 Feb 1877 in Victoria, Jefferson Co., Mo

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**FAMILY TREE**

I started out calmly, tracing my tree,  
 To see if I could find the makings of me.  
 And all that I had was Great Grandfather's name,  
 Not knowing his wife or from whence he came.  
 I chased him across a long line of states,  
 And came up with pages and pages of dates.  
 When all put together, it made me forlorn,  
 Poor old Great-Grandpa had never been born.  
 One day I was sure the truth I had found,  
 Determined to turn this whole thing upside down.  
 I looked up the record of one Uncle John,  
 But then found the old man to be younger than his son.  
 Then when my hopes were fast growing dim,  
 I came across records that must have been him.  
 The facts I collected made me quite sad,  
 Dear Old Great-Grandfather was never a Dad.  
 It seems that someone is pulling my leg,  
 I'm not at all sure I wasn't hatched from an egg.  
 After hundreds of dollars I've spent on my tree,  
 I can't help but wonder if I'm really me.

Author unk.

Source: Willis Research Center (<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~willis/index2.htm>: accessed on 14 November 2012).