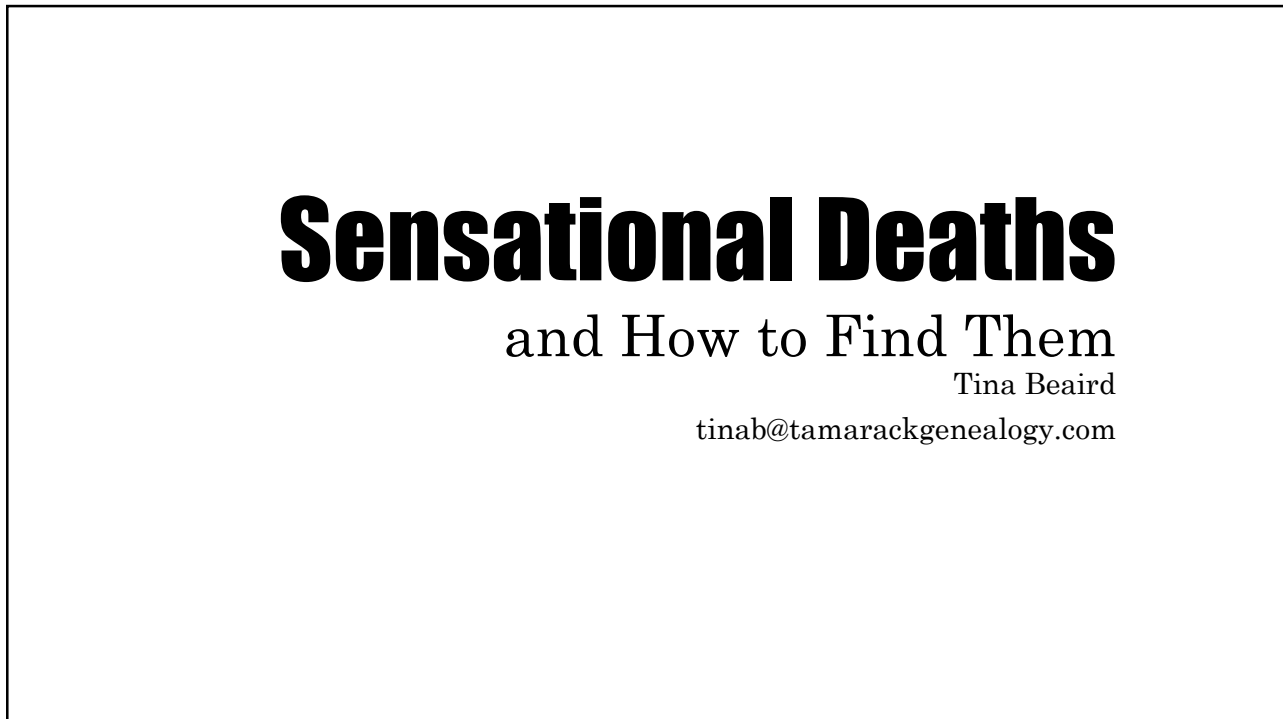


# Sensational Deaths

## and How to Find Them

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## EASTLAND KNOWN TO BE IN TROUBLE

### WITNESS DECLARES—CAPTAIN SPENT 15 MINUTES TRYING TO REIGN IN THEM.

### CORNER TO FIX THE BLAME

Secretary Redford Present at Meeting of Board of Directors.

Chicago, July 25.—(Specialized.)—An declaration was made at a meeting of the board of directors of the Eastland Lumber Co. today that the company's business in this section was being held up by the action of the lumbermen.

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## AUSTRIANS BEGIN TO EVACUATE GORIZIA

### ITALIAN CAMPAIGN IS WEETING WITH DEGREE OF URGENT.

### GERMAN ADVANCE IS HALTED

President Defers Action Until July 26.

London, July 25.—(Specialized.)—The Austrians began to evacuate Gorizia today, as the Italian campaign was meeting with a degree of urgency.

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## BRUTAL MASSACRE BY HAITIAN CHIEF

### PUTS 100 POLITICAL PRISONERS TO DEATH—50 SHOT 'WITLESS'.

### REBELS HOLD PORT AND PRISON

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## STEEL CO. DOUBLES PROFITS

### Report Shows \$2,500,000 Increase

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## TO CERTIFY KANSAS BARRISTERS

### By Vote of 10-9

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## ON THE BASEBALL DIAMOND

### Baseball News

Baseball News

## SUMMERINE HOLDS 2 AT ONCE

### General Ben Cool Stays in Camp

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## QUITS MAKING WAR SADDLES

### Bank Under End of Factory Finances

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## 6 DIE IN MINE EXPLOSION

### KENT OTHERS ARE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

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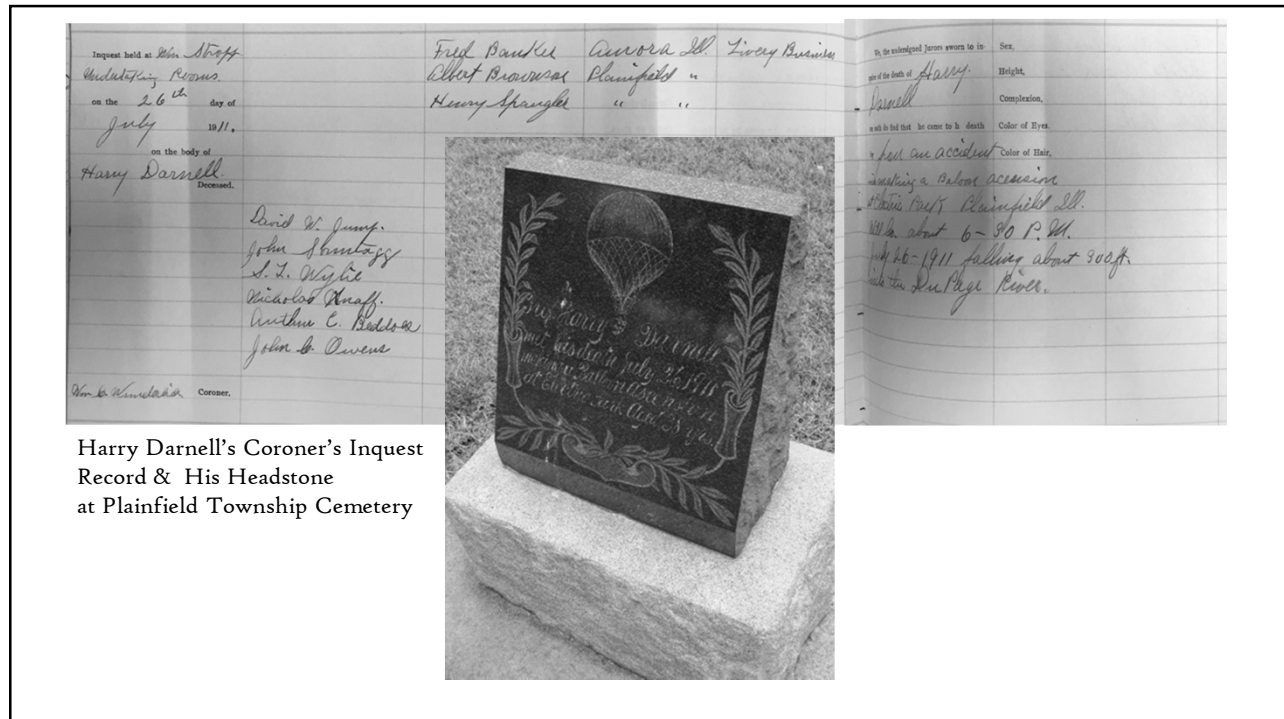
- Family scrapbook includes memorial card for someone who died young. Couple that with family lore passed down through generations.
- “Died Suddenly” in an obituary is a huge red flag alerting you to look for more information.
- The same date of death or sequential date of death for multiple people in a family plot or cemetery section.
- Is the box for Coroner’s inquest check-marked on the death certificate?

Professor  
Harry Darnel  
Performing  
His Aerial Act  
Minutes  
Before  
Falling to  
His Death



Due public respect was shown the re-  
mains of Harry Darnell, the air man, who  
met death at Electric park last week Wed-  
nesday evening. No friends or relatives  
were located and the aeronaut died without  
means with which to care for his remains.  
The remains were taken from Stopp's  
undertaking rooms to the park auditorium  
Friday morning where public services were  
held, at which all the local pastors spoke,  
and appropriate singing was furnished by  
Miss Georgia McMasters, of Joliet. The  
belongings of the deceased were disposed  
of, such as the balloon and appertainences,  
and the other money necessary with which  
to purchase a lot, pay burial expenses and  
erect a suitable head stone, was raised by  
subscription. The offerings of flowers  
were quite profuse and the funeral was  
largely attended.

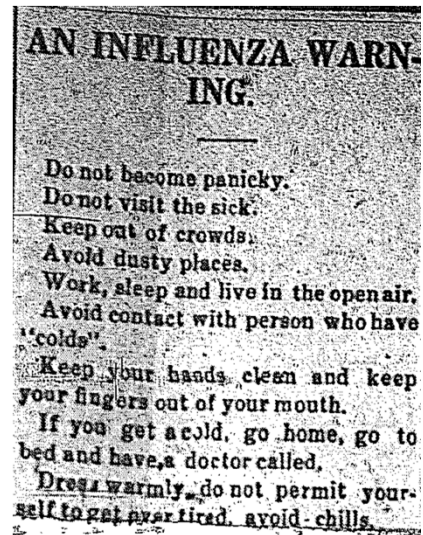
Photo from the Miles V. Hartong Glass Plate Negative Collection Plainfield Historical Society




Harry Darnell's Coroner's Inquest Record & His Headstone at Plainfield Township Cemetery

## Epidemics/Pandemics

- In 1863-1865, During the Civil War, repeated Variola (Smallpox) outbreaks brought the largest burial years in Plainfield Township Cemetery history with a total of 222 burials; mostly children.
- The Spanish Influenza killed millions worldwide, but don't just look for Spanish Flu as the cause of death, many died from respiratory complications and pneumonia.
- Diphtheria outbreaks happened several times during the 1870s and 1920s killing many children.





**Gave Life for His Country**

Private Vernie Fouts, Company I, 119th Infantry, formerly the 34 Illinois, whose body will arrive in Aurora Monday. He died in the base hospital at Camp Logan Wednesday night of pneumonia. The funeral will be held Tuesday but arrangements have not been completed.

<p>5 <i>Yellow</i></p> <p>1 <i>Bronch pneumonia</i></p> <p>2 years months 6 days</p> <p>3 <i>Influenza</i></p> <p>4 years months 4 days</p> <p>5 <i>Lack of care</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Sept</i></p> <p>1 <i>Ed. Kingdon MD</i></p> <p>2 <i>Lack of care</i></p> <p>3 <i>Feb 22 - 1919</i></p> <p>4 <i>Hospital low</i></p> <p>5 <i>Lack of care</i></p>	<p>5 <i>Phil Paul</i></p> <p>1 <i>Feb 23 - 1919</i></p> <p>2 <i>Edward Anderson</i></p> <p>3 <i>Lack of care</i></p> <p>4 <i>Feb 22 - 1919</i></p> <p>5 <i>Phil Paul</i></p>
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Quarantine has been removed from the John Bills and Frank Rausch homes.

Mrs. Edw. Catchpole, of Frankfort, was the guest of Mrs. Helen Gascoigne Friday.

Miss Florence Brown is confined to her home with inflammatory rheumatism.

The Kentner, Marshall and McDonald families have been released from quarantine.

**DIES AT CAMP GRANT**

Rockford, April 5.—Peter Hagey private in Company C, 344th infantry died at the Camp Grant base hospital this morning of pneumonia. His home was in Polo, Ill. Thomas Lynch, of Pardeeville, Wis., a private in the 31st field artillery, succumbed to pneumonia yesterday afternoon. Henry Christianson, private in Company A 32nd engineers, died at the camp hospital this forenoon. His home was in Carlisle, Ill.

## Epidemics/Pandemics

- List of worldwide epidemics: [www.eogen.com/Epidemics](http://www.eogen.com/Epidemics)
- Historic Deaths and illnesses: [www.ldpierce.com/forms3pdf/illnessdisease.pdf](http://www.ldpierce.com/forms3pdf/illnessdisease.pdf)
- Cholera Epidemic Timeline: [www.timetoast.com/timelines/cholera-epidemic](http://www.timetoast.com/timelines/cholera-epidemic)
- Wills, Simon. *How Our Ancestors Died: A Guide for family historians*. Pen & Sword Publishers. Barnsley, U.K. 2013.



## Disasters/Tragedies



Our Lady of Angels Fire Memorial, Queen of Heaven Cemetery, I.L.

- Search newspaper accounts and obituaries for names of undertakers who were responsible for handling the remains to see if records still exist.
- Contact the Coroner's office or Medical Examiner for copies of inquest records.
- Look for Federal or local court records pertaining to subsequent hearings or investigations.

## Disasters/Tragedies

### U. S. INSPECTORS ARE DECLARED TO BLAME INEASTLAND HORROR

Coroner's Jury Also Holds  
General Managers of the  
Companies Owning and  
Leasing Responsible

GRAND JURY AWAITS  
RESULT OF INQUIRY

Secretary of Commerce and  
Head of Inspection Service  
Before Probers

CHICAGO, July 28.—A coroner's jury returned a verdict, placing the blame for the loss of hundreds of lives by the capsizing of the steamer Eastland in the Chicago River Saturday on six men.

William H. Hull, General Manager of the Chicago-St. Joseph Southern Steamship Company, owner of the Eastland.

Captain Harry Pedersen, of the Eastland.

J. M. Erickson, engineer.

Robert Reid, federal inspector of

- Glance around the cemetery. Are there other deaths that occurred on the same date?
- If more than 1 family member dies within a short time, that should be a hint that something bigger was happening locally.
- Contact the cemetery to see if they have a designated burial section for the deceased or a file of names of those who perished in the incident.

## Disasters/Tragedies

### Suicide at Plainfield.

The quiet village of Plainfield had a ripple of excitement last Friday in the way of a tragedy, the fatal result of which caused more than one family to draw a breath of relief. An old resident of the township, Charles Harriman, proclaimed a truce with his neighbors and ended his own somewhat disagreeable existence by shooting himself through the heart while sitting on the sidewalk in front of Childenden's store about four o'clock in the afternoon. He was a man of somewhat eccentric notions and quarrelsome disposition, always having trouble with those with whom he came in contact. Shooting and otherwise injuring domestic animals that came in his way seemed to be a pastime with the old gent, an indictment having been found by the grand jury in session last week against him for malicious mischief, on the charge of severely cutting a horse belonging to a neighbor.

The shot from the revolver caused instant death, and an inquest was held by Coroner Werner Saturday.

- Several places may have social history related to the disaster or accident:
  - Libraries
  - Historical Societies
  - Museums
  - University Archives/Special Collections
- Are there still survivors or descendants who could be interviewed?
- What books or articles exist on the subject?

## Funeral Home Records

Records pertaining to the care and burial of the dead:

- Funeral costs
    - Embalming
    - Casket
    - Hearse
    - Livery carriages
  - Date of death
  - Cause of death
  - Place of burial
  - Person requesting services (paying funeral bill)
- Records do not always include genealogical data.

No. 8	Funeral of <u>Arthur Ullich</u>	13
Ordered by	<u>Adolph Markus &amp; Ulrich Bros</u>	
Late Residence	<u>Reston</u>	
Cause of Death	<u>Phthisis</u>	
Date of Death	<u>Apr 12th 1897</u>	
Date of Burial	<u>18th 1897</u>	
Place of Burial	<u>Reston Cemetery</u>	
Aged	<u>64</u> Years <u>8</u> Months <u>26</u> Days	
ITEMS OF BILL		
Casket or Coffin	Size <u>6 ft. 0 in</u>	
No. <u>698</u>	Made by <u>Kalamazoo</u>	<u>88.00</u>
No. <u>3070</u>	Handles <u>Walrus</u>	
No. <u>240</u>	Name Plate <u>Horn</u>	
Box	<u>of pine wood</u>	
No. <u>203</u>	Robe or Wrapper <u>fur</u>	<u>8.00</u>
Embalming and attendance	<u>See Receipt</u>	<u>7.00</u>
Grave		
Vault	<u>invaluable</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Hearse	<u>of Dick</u>	<u>1.50</u>
Carriages	<u>of Dick</u>	<u>1.50</u>
Coats	<u>of Dick</u>	<u>1.50</u>
Flowers		
Use of	<u>of Dick</u>	<u>6.50</u>
Chairs		
Amount of Bill		<u>103.65</u>
Paid	<u>Apr 17 1898</u>	<u>103.65</u>
Remarks	<u>1</u>	

## County/State Records

**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH** Nebraska State Department of Health  
Bureau of Vital Statistics

1 PLACE OF DEATH  
County Madison State Nebraska Registered No. 7967  
Township \_\_\_\_\_ or Village \_\_\_\_\_  
City Norfolk - Hospital for the Insane of Nebr. St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give terrace instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME Farr, Edward A.  
(a) Residence No. Omaha, Nebraska St. \_\_\_\_\_ Ward \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode) (If non-resident give city or town and state)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred: 1 yrs. 11 mos. 26 ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

**PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS**

3 SEX Male 4 COLOR OR RACE White 5 Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (Write the word) Married

6 DATE OF BIRTH (Month, day, year) October 12 1878  
7 AGE 42 Years Months \_\_\_\_\_ Days \_\_\_\_\_ If LESS than 1 day, \_\_\_\_\_ hrs. or \_\_\_\_\_ min.

8 OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Employer - ARMOUR & Co.  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
(c) Name of employer \_\_\_\_\_

9 BIRTHPLACE (City or town) Chicago, Ill.  
(State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

10 NAME OF FATHER No information  
(1) BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (City or town) England  
(State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

12 MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER No information  
(1) BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (City or town) England  
(State or country) \_\_\_\_\_

14 Informant Hospital Records  
(Address) Norfolk, Nebr.

15 Filed 7/27 1920 Cartha Cooper Registrar

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

16 DATE OF DEATH (Month, day, year) July 27 1920  
17 I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from March 1, 1918 to July 27 1920  
that I last saw him alive on July 26, 1920 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 8:30 A.M.  
The CAUSE OF DEATH was as follows:  
Paresis

CONTRIBUTORY (Secondary) \_\_\_\_\_ (duration) \_\_\_\_\_ yrs. mos. ds.  
18 Where Was Disease Contracted If Not at Place of Death? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did an Operation Precede Death? \_\_\_\_\_ Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
Was There an Autopsy? \_\_\_\_\_  
What Test Confirmed Diagnosis? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) C. W. Brady M. D.

19 Place of Burial-Cremation, or Removal Omaha Neb. Date of Burial July 27 1920  
Address Frank D. Wolf Registrar Norfolk Neb.

- Death Certificates
  - Death certificate information varies by state and time period.
  - Illinois did not start recording deaths until November 1877.
  - Coroner's records often predate death certificates.
  - Certificate numbers are based on the order in which the death was recorded in the death register.

## County/State Records

**RECORD OF DEATHS**

1. Number	2. Full Name of Deceased	3. Date and Time of Death	4. Sex	5. Occupation of Deceased	6. Birthplace of Deceased
1245	1. Mary Ann Auld	1. 2/1	2. F	3. M	4. Denmark
1246	2. Fredrick	2. 2/1	3. M	4. M	5. Denmark
1247	3. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. M	5. Denmark	6. Denmark
1248	4. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. M	6. Denmark	7. Denmark
1249	5. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. M	7. Denmark	8. Denmark
1250	6. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. M	8. Denmark	9. Denmark
1251	7. 2/1	7. 2/1	8. M	9. Denmark	10. Denmark
1252	8. 2/1	8. 2/1	9. M	10. Denmark	11. Denmark
1253	9. 2/1	9. 2/1	10. M	11. Denmark	12. Denmark
1254	10. 2/1	10. 2/1	11. M	12. Denmark	13. Denmark
1255	11. 2/1	11. 2/1	12. M	13. Denmark	14. Denmark
1256	12. 2/1	12. 2/1	13. M	14. Denmark	15. Denmark

**WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

1. Name of Deceased	2. Date of Death	3. Name of Physician or Coroner	4. Date of Certificate of Death	5. Name of Undertaker	6. Date of Burial	7. Name of Burial Place
1. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1
2. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1
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12. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1
13. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1
14. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1
15. 2/1	2. 2/1	3. 2/1	4. 2/1	5. 2/1	6. 2/1	7. 2/1

- Death Registers
  - Will include date of death, cause of death/ length of illness, age, sex, burial location, undertaker and attending physician.
  - Deaths are registered chronologically not by date of death.
  - Be sure to check ahead to the next quarter as many doctors only filed their records with the county once a quarter. Some only filed one or twice per year!

1	John Coppel ✓	1 Year 5 Month 1 Days	Dec 26 1877 2520m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Male Color: White	2		2 Wokona
1	Juba Coppel ✓	1 Year 8 Month 6 Days	Dec 19 1877 600m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Female Color: White	2		2 Wokona
1	William Coppel ✓	1 Year 7 Month 10 Days	Dec 27 1877 460m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Male Color: White	2		2 Wokona
1	George Coppel ✓	1 Year 3 Month 8 Days	Dec 25 1877 1300m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Male Color: White	2		2 Wokona
1	F.O. Williams ✓	1 Year 1 Month 8 Days	Dec 12 1877 1270m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Male Color: White	2		2 Petrus etc
1	Charles Wether ✓	1 Year 1 Month 5 Days	Dec 10 1877 100m Single	1 German
2	Sex: Male Color: White	2		2 Sunday

## County/State Records

### Burial/Transfer Permits

- Certificates vary widely and probably will not have genealogical data.
- Bodies were shipped to undertakers who signed off on the delivery and either conducted the funeral or contacted the cemetery for immediate burial.
- Paperwork should be filed in the County Clerk's offices in both the county where the death occurred and the county receiving the remains.

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**TRANSPORTATION CERTIFICATE.**

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

City of San Antonio, Texas, Nov 12 1900

Permission is hereby granted to transport the body of Frank

W. Willman Sex: Male

Age 31 yrs Race White Nativity U.S. Mass.

Cause of Death Cerebral fever

Died at San Antonio on the 12 day of Nov. 1900

Destination Chicago, Ill. Joliet, Ill.

Shipped by Chas. W. Miller In air-tight Casket.

I hereby certify that F. W. Willman died from the  
contagious disease.

J. Brannage M. D.,  
Health Officer.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of  
the DEATH RECORD for the decedent named therein, and that this record  
was established and filed in my office in accordance with the provisions  
of the Illinois Statutes.

County Clerk of Will County, Illinois

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

### Burial/Transfer Permits

- Some counties filed all transfer permits at the beginning or end of each quarter instead of filing them chronologically as they were received.
- Be sure to check ahead to the next quarter. If still not located, check June/July and December/January.

## Coroner's Inquest Records

- Some coroner's filed separate death certificates that are not always filed with county death certificates
- Coroner's records will include:
  - Personal affects found on the body
  - Cause of death
  - List of jurors/place of residence
  - Verdict
- Coroner's Inquest juries are appointed by the county court. Juries can be appointed to serve one inquest or quarterly. Often times the local newspaper would list the appointed jurors
- Modern inquests may have eyewitness testimony attached



Kendall County Inquest 1925

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 COUNTY OF KANE

AN INQUISITION held on the body of  
THOMAS F. BROWN  
 before L. VICTOR PETERSON, Coroner Kane County  
 at the Healy Chapel, Aurora, Kane County, Illinois on Dec. 6, 1946.

Present: William C. O'Brien, Attorney  
 representing Clyde Miller  
 John S. Petersen, Assistant States Attorney  
 representing the People

WITNESS: JANET MILLER, being first duly sworn, testified  
 as follows:

Q: State your name?  
 A: Janet Miller.

Q: What is your residence address?  
 A: 407 Garnsey, Joliet, Illinois.

Q: What is your occupation?  
 A: Housewife.

Q: What is your relationship to the decedent?  
 A: Sister.

Q: What is your brother's full name?  
 A: Thomas F. Brown.

Q: What was his residence address?  
 A: Plainfield, Illinois Route No 1.

Kane County inquest transcript 1946

DuPage County inquest 1922

State of Illinois, in  
 DU PAGE COUNTY, AN INQUISITION

was taken for the People of the State of Illinois at Frankfort in the  
 township of Frankfort in said County of DuPage on the  
16 day of Feb. A. D. 1922  
 before me, W. V. Hoff, Coroner in and for said County, upon view  
 of the body of Edward Harold Trent then and there lying dead,  
 upon the oath of six good and lawful men of the said County, who, being duly sworn to inquire on the  
 part of the People of the State of Illinois, into all the circumstances attending the death of the said  
Edward Harold Trent, do say upon their oaths, as  
 affirmed that the said Edward Harold Trent was lying dead  
 at Frankfort in said Twp. of Frankfort  
 County of DuPage, State of Illinois, came to his death on the 16 day  
 of Feb. A. D. 1922, from a fractured  
 skull, as a result of having had  
 his coat caught in the fly wheel  
 of the engine in the Plainfield  
 grain Co's elevator, where he had  
 gone to get warm.  
 Having got cold while in the  
 performance of his duties as  
 section hand for the E. & G. O. Co.

# Select Online Resources

[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)

- Digitized records from the National Archives Washington D.C.
  - Military Records including Courts Martial Records
  - Southern Claims Commission Records
  - Military Headstone Applications
  - War Diaries
- Newspapers
- Orphan's Home Records
- Facebook for the Dead??  
Create your own ancestor pages.

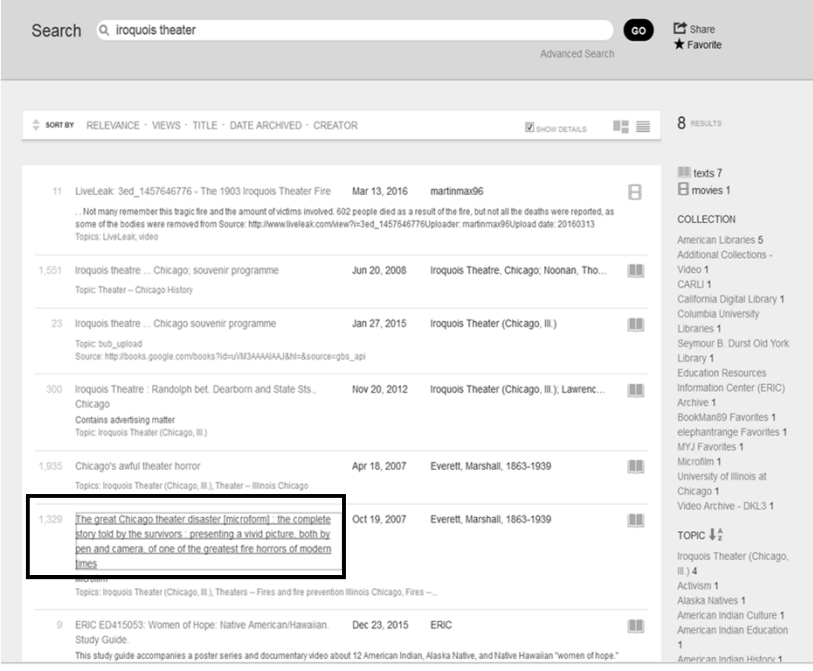
The screenshot shows a 'Person Page' for Loring M Jr Bailey. It includes a photo of a man in military uniform, a timeline showing his birth and death, and a table of facts.

Fact Group	Fact Name	Fact Details	Source	Added by
Person	Full name	Loring M Jr Bailey		JoanStein, 11
Person	Religion	Episcopal (Anglican)		JoanStein, 11
Person	Race or Et.	Caucasian		JoanStein, 11
Birth	Date	1945-10-24		JoanStein, 11
Birth	Gender	Male		JoanStein, 11
Death	Date	1970-03-15		JoanStein, 11
Death	Cause	Other Explosive Device		JoanStein, 11
Death	Causality	1970-03-15		JoanStein, 11
Death	Age at De.	24		JoanStein, 11
Death	Bury Meth.	Recovered		JoanStein, 11
Death	Causality	Hostile, Died		JoanStein, 11
Marriage	Marital Sta.	Married		JoanStein, 11
Residence	Residence	Hartford, Scotland, CT		JoanStein, 11

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## Newspapers

- There are several online subscription newspaper services on the market:
 

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<a href="http://Archives.com">Archives.com</a>	<a href="http://Newspapearchive.com">Newspapearchive.com</a>	<a href="http://World Vital Records">World Vital Records</a>
- Each is searchable by name, date and event
- Mortuary or death notices typically ran weekly announcing deaths from the previous week. Name, date of death and address only
- *Cards of Thanks* from families to thank the community for their support
- Year-in-review columns save you the hassle of finding which issue ran the death notice

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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 1918. OGDEN CITY, UTAH, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1918.

## GREAT LINER LUSITANIA TORPEDOED AND SENT TO BOTTOM BY GERMANS

### Nineteen Hundred People On Board The Big Ship When The Fatal Blow Is Struck



**BATTLES RAGING**  
Masters in Fleets and in Gallies Still Engaged.

**FAITH IN RUSSIA**  
Hopes That Italy Will Settle Peaceably With Austria-Poland.

**MAIDEN TRIP OF LUSITANIA**  
Word of Sinking of London's Great Flag of Jolly Brought.

**STOCKS DROP ON WALL STREET**  
Cause of Panic Not Clear.

**Police Heroes Killed in Battles with Thugs**

Name	Age	Address	Occupation	How Killed
ROBERT BARRETT	28	1012 N. 1st St.	Police	Shot by thugs
FRANK CROOK	35	1234 N. 2nd St.	Police	Shot by thugs
ADAM W. PETER	32	567 N. 3rd St.	Police	Shot by thugs
EDWARD J. WALLACE	29	890 N. 4th St.	Police	Shot by thugs
WILLIAM F. WHELAN	31	1123 N. 5th St.	Police	Shot by thugs

## SHOOTS SELF WITH SHOTGUN AND PISTOL

### Edgar A. Tullis, Whose Wife Lives in Omaha, Takes Life at Father's Home.

Special Dispatch to the World-Herald, Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 16.—Edgar A. Tullis, whose wife resides in Omaha, committed suicide at his father's home, 181 North Twenty-eighth street, today, by shooting himself with both a shotgun and an automatic pistol.

Tullis suffered optical paralysis seven years ago and has been blind ever since. He borrowed a shotgun from his brother, who runs a grocery store in northeast Lincoln, and going into the alley back of his father's home stood the butt of the gun on the ground and pressed his chin to the muzzle. The accidental position caused the charge to tear away only his chin and the lower part of his face. With the blood streaming from his face he groped his way down the alley and killed himself with an automatic pistol which he was carrying in his pocket.

His mother saw the son, who is 33 years old, as he staggered down the alley, and called to her husband that her boy was injured. The father ran toward the injured man, but before he reached him the pistol shot through the heart.

The corpse will probably hold no inquest, as he regards it as a plain case of suicide, resulting from despondency. Tullis had many friends in Lincoln who had been solicitous of his welfare since he became blind. His father is a retired traveling man.

### PRESENTING HIS TREATMENT OF HER DOG, SHE SHOT AND KILLED HER SWEETHEART.



Miss Hazel Blaketer, known to the police as "Bubbles," with the Pekinese "Snooker" at police headquarters where she was held today for the murder of Milton Smith with whom she said she had been living at the Paul Revere apartments, 1115 Troski avenue.

Miss Blaketer said Smith accused her of loving "Snooker" more than she did him, and was carrying the dog away to "take him for a ride" when she fired the fatal shot. Smith was shot at the entrance of the apartment building, the dog in his arms.

## OFFICIAL DEATH RECORD.

THE FOLLOWING BURIAL PERMITS WERE ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

Anderson, Gustav, 43; 1145 Oakley-av., July 12.  
 Brafsky, Jacob, 2; Michael Reese hospital, July 15.  
 Burnell, Nellie R., 18; 6347 Vincennes-av., July 10.  
 Benkl, Jakup, 9 months; 857 N. Carpenter-st., July 10.  
 Burns, baby, 8 days; Cook County hospital, July 9.  
 Brudnisk, Valentine, 32; 4542 Hermitage-av., July 15.  
 Baxter, Merrill, 8 hours; 721 Olive-st., July 18.  
 Bogg, Wm. B., 74; 7221 Princeton-av., July 16.  
 Beyer, Mary, 55; 454 W. Adams-st., July 17.  
 Babiar, Annie, 14; 110 W. 15th-st., July 17.  
 Cannon, Ed, 40; 1707 State-st., July 13.  
 Hill, Jisie, 21 days; 35 Milton-av., July 10.  
 Crooks, Mary, 4 days; White City incubator, July 15.  
 Cook, 15; 45; 918 Grand-av., July 15.

## Deaths In '62

Jan. 5. Mrs. Robert C. Langley of San Antonio, Tex. She was the former Ara Langley, a teacher in the local High School.

Jan. 5. Charles B. Goodson.

Jan. 10. Joseph R. Jackson of Joliet, father of the late Edwin R. Hamilton.

Jan. 16. Fred Lauterbach.

## COWARDLY MURDER

### FARMER SHOT DOWN BY A STRANGE BICYCLIST.

CHRIS. HENNE LOSES HIS LIFE WHILE DRIVING TOWARD HIS HOME.

TESTIMONY BEFORE CORONER AND VERDICT OF JURY

No Clue to the Villain Who Committed the Crime—Officers of the Law Trying to Solve the Mystery.

In Memoriam 4

SCHMITZ—In sad and loving remembrance of Mrs. Clarence Schmitz, who passed away one year ago, November 15. No one knows the silent heartaches, Only those who have lost can tell Of the grief that is borne in silence For our Abbie, whom we loved so well. More and more each day we miss you, Friends may think the wound is healed But they little know the sorrow That lies within our hearts concealed. Sadly missed and silently mourned by Mrs. Carrie Cullman, Brother Algot, Sisters Mamie and Lillie.

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- Elephind: [www.elephind.com](http://www.elephind.com)
- Fulton History (New York): [www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html](http://www.fultonhistory.com/Fulton.html)
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## Case Studies

# Harbaugh Sisters & The Iroquois Theatre Fire

- Mary and Harriet Harbaugh, both school teachers, attended the play at the Iroquois Theatre in December 1903.
- When the fire broke out Harriet perished by jumping to her death from the gallery.
- Mary lingered on for a couple more days before succumbing to her burns and smoke inhalation.
- The sisters had a large funeral with dozens of mourners.
- They were buried at the Plainfield Township cemetery. There is no headstone marking the sisters tragic demise.

**The Inter Ocean**  
**HALF A THOUSAND PERISH IN MAD PANIC AT IROQUOIS THEATER; HUNDREDS INJURED**  
 Pleasure Seekers, Mostly Women and Children, Pursued by Waves of Flame, Struggle Desperately to Escape from Blazing Playhouse, and Are Trampled and Burned to Death During Terrible Rush for Life.

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 WARDMAN, S., 280 Milwaukee avenue; Rolston's.  
 WARDMAN, EDWARD W., agent Wagner Electric Manufacturing company, St. Louis; Rolston's.  
 NEWBY, —, 185 Oakwood boulevard; Rolston's.  
 KOCKERS, J. A., 213 East Van Buren street.  
 LAKE, MRS. A., 278 Belden avenue; county morgue.  
 STERN, MRS., address unknown; county morgue.  
 DONALDSON, H., address unknown; county morgue.  
 STUDLEY, REV. GEORGE HOWARD, 3039 Parnell avenue, pastor of St. Stephen's Episcopal church; Gavien's.  
 DODD, MISS J. H., Delaware, Ohio.  
 DELLEE, MISS V., daughter of late lieutenant of the police department, 712 Union avenue.  
 NORTON, MISS EDITH, aged 15 years; visiting sister at Evanston.  
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 BOY, 13 years old, red hair, blue eyes, white collar, blue shirt with black stripes inside of white stripes.  
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 BOY, 6 years old; light hair, blue eyes; wore brown velvet suit.  
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 BOY, about 8 years old; brown hair, blue velvet suit with red anchor on sleeve; black huggings.  
 BOY, about 14 years old, curly light brown hair, black short pants and white shirtwaist.  
 BOY, 12 years old; morgue at 14 Madison street.  
 BOY, killed by falling from window; body at Rolston's.  
 GIRL, 10 years old, light hair, blue eyes, white dress, with blue bands on sleeves and waist; shoes bought from Siegerweil, Philadelphia.  
 GIRL, 10 years old, dark brown hair, brown eyes, "Hester Brown" dress, patent leather belt, black lights, red knit postcoat, anchor and two bars in white on breast, eagle and three bars on right sleeve.  
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 GIRL, 10 years old, big blue head necktie, gold necklace with locket with monogram, "T. C. W."  
 GIRL, 10 years old, dark hair, blue eyes; wore blue sweater, white skirt.  
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 GIRL, 7 years old, dark hair, blue eyes; purple dress.  
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**HARBALGH, MRS., address not known; jumped from gallery to parqu岸 side.**

**LANE, HORTENSE, 18 Forty-seventh street; 21 years old.**  
 WILLS, DONALD.  
 SCOTT, BURR; body at Jordan's.  
 BOGUE, N. W.; body at Buffum's.  
 PETERSON, FORNETTA; body at Buffum's.  
 KILBY, HARVEY, 348 Lafayette av., St. Louis; body at Buffum's.  
 CONTELL, Thomas, 429 Woodlawn avenue; body at Buffum's.  
 HALL, EMPELRY, 371 Fifty-first street; body at Buffum's.  
 BALLEW, BERENICE, 12 years old, 428 Sawyer street.  
 HANDEL, A. T., body of woman wearing a ring so inscribed.  
 WINSLOW, C. A., traveling man, Thiel River Falls, Minn.  
 HORTON, EDITH, Oostagan, Mich.  
 LAKE, MRS. ALBERT, 60 years old, 278 Belden avenue.  
 HOOPER, W. W., Kenosha, Wis.  
 VAN ENMAN, JOHN A., Madison, Wis.  
 HONNING, boy, 18 years old, supposed address 4723 Lake avenue.  
 ZEMSER, WALTER E., body at Gavien's.  
 NLR, —, member Traveling Agents' Association, Check No. 12322; body at Gavien's.  
 WALTMAN, OTIS, address unknown; body at Jordan's.  
 ALEXANDER, —, —, —, —, —, identification not certain; body at Gavien's.

restaurant. But at the word she collapsed, and, though three physicians worked over her for ten minutes, she never breathed again.

#### ONE LIFE BROUGHT BACK FROM DEATH.

Of a sudden Dr. E. E. Vaughan saw a finger move in a mass of the dead against the far wall of the restaurant.

"Men, there's a live one in there," he cried, and, while others came running, the physician flung aside the bodies till he had uncovered a woman of middle age, terribly burned about the face, and with her outer garments a mass of charred shreds.

In a second the woman was undergoing resuscitative treatment on a table, while the oxygen streamed into her lungs. Two doctors worked her arms like pumps, while a nurse manipulated the region of the heart. At length there was a flutter of a respiration, while a doctor bending over with his stethoscope announced a heart beat just perceptible. Another minute passed and the eyelids moved, while a groan escaped the lips.

"She lives!" simply said Dr. Vaughan, as he ordered the oxygen tube removed and brandy forced between the lips. In five minutes the woman was saved from immediate death, at least, though suffering terribly from burns. She was just able to murmur that her name was Mrs. Harbaugh, but that was all that could be learned of her identity before she was taken away to a hospital.

#### ONE HUNDRED FEET IN AIR, POLICE CARRY INJURED ACROSS ALLEY.

Over a narrow, ice covered bridge made of scaffold planks, more than 100 feet above the ground the police carried more

**HARBAUGH**, MARY E., 30 years old, 6653 Harvard avenue.  
**HOFFFEIN**, MISS ADELINE J. C., 24 years old, 292 Haddon avenue.  
**HARTMAN**, JOHN, 5705 South Halsted street.  
**HENNING**, CHARLES, 6 years old, 5743 Prairie avenue.  
**HENNING**, WILLIAM, 14 years old.  
**HENNESSY**, WILLIAM, 14 years old, 4411 Calumet avenue.  
**HICKMAN**, MRS. CHARLES, 24 years old, 4743 Calumet avenue.  
**HIGGINSON**, JANITHE B., 2 years old, Winnetka, Ill.; identified by P. D. Sexton, 418 East Huron street.  
**HIPPACH**, ROBERT A., 14 years old, 2928 Kenmore avenue.  
**HIVE**, ENA M., 15 years old, 613 West Sixty-first place.  
**HOLLAND**, JOHN H., 60 years old, 6429 Evans avenue.  
**HOLST**, MRS. MARY W., 36 years old, 2088 Van Buren street.  
**HOLST**, AMY, 7 years old, 2088 Van Buren street.  
**HOWARD**, MRS. MARY E., 54 years old, Jonesville, Mich.; identified by son, Frank Howard, 3812 Prairie avenue.  
**HOLM**, HULDA, 176 North Western avenue.  
**HULL**, MARIANNE K., 32 years old, 244 Oakwood boulevard.  
**HULL**, HELEN, 12 years old, 244 Oakwood boulevard.  
**HULL**, DWIGHT, 6 years old, 244 Oakwood boulevard.  
**HULL**, DONALD, 8 years old, 244 Oakwood boulevard.  
**HAYES**, FRANK, 22 years old, son of Police Sergeant

"LEST WE FORGET"

## Chicago's Awful Theater Horror

By THE SURVIVORS AND RESCUERS

WITH INTRODUCTION BY  
 BISHOP FALLOWS

Presenting a Vivid Picture, both by Pen and Camera, of One of the Greatest Fire Horrors of Modern Times.

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PROFUSELY ILLUSTRATED WITH VIEWS OF THE SCENE OF DEATH BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE FIRE

## PLAINFIELD MOURNS

Two of Our Bright Girls Laid Away in the Cemetery as a Result of the Awful Iroquois Fire.—  
 The Third Sister May Survive.

Sad, appropriate, and impressive were the services held at the Methodist church last Saturday morning in memory of Harriet E. and Mary E. Harbaugh, both cultured and successful teachers, who died from injuries received at the Iroquois theatre disaster in Chicago. About seventy-five people from Joliet attended the services in token of their high esteem for the dead, and deep sympathy for the bereaved living. The floral contributions were numerous, varied, handsome and expressive of love and admiration, and especially beautiful was the floral piece from the Savanna High School. The music was impressively rendered, and the pieces used were selections from the favorite hymns of the deceased sisters. The funeral discourse was upon the theme of "Life's Drama." It was short,

## THE BLAME FIXED.


Eight Men Held Responsible for Iroquois Theatre Horror.

Chicago's Mayor and Fire Chief are Among the Number Held to Await the Action of the Grand Jury — The Findings of the Coroner's Jury.

Plainfield Enterprise Obituary January 1904

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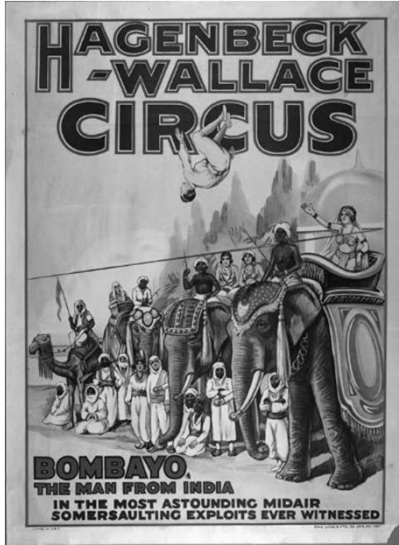
## Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Train Accident 1918



Showmen's Rest Memorial Woodlawn Cemetery, Park Forest, IL

- Conductor Alonso Sargent falls asleep at the helm of an empty troop train near dawn on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. The train plows into the stopped Hagenbeck-Walalce circus train which was parked on a siding.
- An estimated 86 people perished in the wreck. 62 were identified, the rest were assumed to be so badly burned that their ashes were all that was left.
- The Lake Co. Coroner held Inquests into the tragic event. An Inquiry was held by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

# Hagenbeck-Wallace Circus Train Accident 1918



## HORROR VICTIMS TO REST CIRCUS DEAD TO BE BURIED WITH HONORS IN SHOWMEN'S PLOT

By International News Service.  
CHICAGO, June 25.—Funeral services for fifty-three of the Hagenbeck-Wallace train wreck tragedy dead will be held here tomorrow when they will be buried in the "Showmen's League Rest," a plot of ground in a local cemetery. The bodies will be brought from Gary and Hammond, Ind., tonight, and funeral services will be conducted under the auspices of the "Showmen's League," with a Catholic priest and a Protestant clergyman officiating jointly.

Edward M. Ballard, owner of the circus, will place fitting monuments and headstones at the graves. Five of the fifty-three bodies that have been identified will be buried separately; the remaining forty-eight will share a common resting place with a monument, upon which the names of the dead as they are identified will be given.

Testimony at the inquest yesterday showing that signals had been set to warn the empty troop train that brought the leaves, and that fuses had been lighted and placed in the face of the cab, tended to place responsibility for the horror upon "Lon" Sargent, engineer of the empty, who is to be brought from Robinson, Mich., to tell his version of the wreck.

While the state and county officials of Indiana were busy yesterday at Hammond fixing responsibility for the deaths of their fellow showmen, the circus troop who had escaped death or injury in the catastrophe "carried on" in preparation for the show at Detroit, Wis., today.

Their grief as best they could, they put on the show last night under the "big top," from under whose laugh-shielding folds so many funerals were missing. Ringling's and Barnum & Bailey's had contributed augmenting performers, and somehow they put it over—these circus folk, whose duty it is, in spite of their own sorrows, to make the rest of the world forget its woes.

### Engineer Dozing Report at Inquest

By United Press.  
HAMMOND, Ind., June 25.—Testifying before a coroner's jury, Conductor Lewis Johnson of the Michigan Central train that ran down the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus train at 10:30 Saturday, swore today that Engineer Lon Sargent told him he was dozing when the wreck occurred.

"After the crash I ran forward," Johnson testified. "I ran to Sargent and said, 'My God, this is awful; how did it happen?'"

"Sargent answered: 'I was dozing.' Sargent was brought here today and is in custody of Gary, Ind., police under a charge of manslaughter. He refused to testify today on advice of his attorney, who claimed right to refuse on the ground that Sargent is formally charged with manslaughter and his testimony might be used against him. District Attorney Clyde Hunter of Lake county advised the coroner that Sargent's claim was valid."

The death toll of the wreck stood at fifty-eight today, and it was said that all the injured now in hospitals here and at Gary will live.



<http://digitalcollections.nypl.org/items/510d47de-e917-a3d9-e040-e00a18064a99>

Burying the Dead, Woodlawn Cemetery, Park Forest June 26



Clearing the Wreckage near Hammond

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## Earl Rockenbach and the U.S.S. Indianapolis


- Earl Rockenbach was the only boy in a household with six sisters.
- Had joined the Navy in WWII as a way of seeing the world. As a young farm boy in Plainfield, he didn't have much experience with boats. He enlisted in October 1942 and was assigned to the U.S.S. Indianapolis in early 1943.
- The ship was attacked by Japanese submarines 450 miles from Leyte Gulf. Nearly 1200 men were onboard. The ship sank in twelve minutes.
- About 800 men went into the water. For five days these men floated in the water until rescued by the USS Cecil Doyle. Just over 300 men survived.



### PLAINFIELD MAN LISTED AS DEAD

**Earl Rockenbach, 24, Lost In Sinking of Cruiser Indianapolis**

Previously reported missing in action in the Southwest Pacific since July 30, Ship's Cook 1/c Earl Rockenbach, 24, only son of Mr. and Mrs. William Rockenbach, Route 1, Plainfield, was killed on that date as a re-



**EARL ROCKENBACH**

sult of enemy action, it has been revealed by the navy department.

The Plainfield sailor was serving aboard the heavy cruiser, Indianapolis, which was lost July 30 in the Philippine sea. The Indianapolis made a record run from the States to Guam with special equipment for the atomic bomb. The cargo was delivered safely and the ship was en route back to the U. S. when it was torpedoed and sunk about 450 miles off Leyte.

**ROCKENBACH** enlisted in the navy in October, 1942, and received his boot training at Great Lakes. Later he attended cook's school at Farragut, Idaho, after which he was sent to sea. He served 2½ years in the American and Asiatic-Pacific theaters of war aboard Admiral Spruance's Fifth fleet flagship, the Indianapolis. During that time he participated in 11 major battles, including Tarawa, Tinian, Saipan, Gilberts, Marshalls, Pelelieu, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Last April his ship was struck by a suicide plane at Okinawa and had to return to the west coast for repairs. While the ship was being repaired, the sailor was home on a 21-day leave last June.

**ON JULY 16**, Earl's 24th birthday anniversary, the ship left San Francisco for Guam on its fatal run.

Born in Seward township near Minooka, he moved to Plainfield township with his family when he was eight years old and had lived there until his enlistment in the service. A graduate of both the Plainfield grade and high schools, he was

### Memorial Card For Earl Rockenbach From A Personal Scrapbook

**EARL A. ROCKENBACH**

Petty Officer First Class on U.S.S. Indianapolis  
Sunk by enemy action  
July 30, 1945

Born July 16, 1921  
Seward, Kendall Co., Ill.

Served in American and Asiatic zones of war

Declared Officially Dead by the Navy Department as of July 30, 1945

Memorial services held at the Evangelical Church, Plainfield, Ill. September 30, 1945, at 2:30 p.m.

**Plainfield Enterprise August 1945**

**Fold3 Entry for Earl**

**Personal Details**

Full Name: Earl A Rockenbach

Death: Buried: Missing in Action or Buried at Sea--Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery--Manila, Philippines

Death: 30-Jul-45

Death Date: 30 Jul 1945

Memorial Cemetery: Tablets of the Missing at Manila American Cemetery

Memorial Country: Manila, Philippines

Memorial Location: Missing in Action or Buried at Sea

Residence: State: Illinois

**World War II**

Rank: Ship's Cook, Second Class, U.S. Navy

Service Number: 3010562

Awards: Purple Heart

Regiment: United States Navy

## Earl Rockenbach and the U.S.S. Indianapolis

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- Internet Archives:  
<https://archive.org/details/SwimmingWithSharksNavyPhysicianRemembersTheIndianapolisDisaster>
- Veterans Oral History Project:  
<http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/vhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.70532>
- Find A Grave Memorial for Earl Rockenbach:  
[www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=56771401](http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=56771401)

## Ada Smith the Jilted Lover


- Ada Smith was a beautiful 19 year old woman who was a recent graduate of Plainfield High School. Her love snubbed her and started stepping out with other women. Jilted, Ada wrote her parents a note and snuck down the stairs in the middle of the night, walked out to the barnyard and took her own life by drowning herself in her farm's horse troth filled with 18 inches of water.
- A Coroner's inquest was held. Ralph Mather testified they were never engaged and he had stopped calling on her the previous month. Her death was ruled a suicide.
- Ada's sad demise was picked up by the Associated Press and ran in newspapers from Texas to South Dakota.



**MISS ADA SMITH,**  
Whose Tragic Suicide at Her Home  
Near Plainfield Tuesday shocked  
the Community.

The suicide of Miss Ada Smith of Plainfield last week in eighteen inches of water is one of the saddest news stories that has been published in the columns of the press for many months. She was a bright, popular young lady, one of a family of eight, and her death is the first link in the family chain to be broken. Rev. B. A. Dickens of the Plainfield Methodist church, who conducted the funeral, in an editorial in The Enterprise says: "An honorable person should feel honored by the purity of the love of such a girl, and base beyond the power of expression is the person who would knowingly trifle with such affections and betray such confidence. Such an one, in our judgment should be disdained by society, and held by them in contempt, for such 'mashers need to be smashed.'" In a note left by Miss Smith, she stated that her love for a young man of that community had been lightly passed by, the engagement broken, and that she could live no longer in the face of the disappointment.

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**TAKES LIFE WHEN LOVE GROWS COLD**

Miss Ada Smith, Plainfield Girl Drowns Self in Horse Tank.

**LEAVES NOTE CHOOSING HER SIX PALL BEARERS**

Ralph Mather, Man in Case—Coroner Holds Inquest.

Fearing she had lost the love of the one she had promised to marry Ada Smith, 19 years old, of Plainfield township, committed suicide early this morning by drowning herself in the horse trough.

Her body was found by her father, Wilkes Smith, a tenant on the Sprague farm, one mile south of Plainfield, when he went to water the horses.

**Girl Chooses Pall Bearers.**

The dead girl left a note in which she told that life was not worth living since the man she expected to wed had changed his mind and had quit calling on her. Her brother, two cousins and two brothers-in-law were requested to act as pall bearers by the girl in her letter. They are: Lloyd Smith, brother; Clark, John and Allie Mottinger, cousins, and Dumison and Mark Green, brothers-in-law. Lloyd Smith, the brother, is superintendent of schools at Savanna, Ill.

The young man in question is Ralph Mather, son of a prominent Wheeland farmer. The romance, which ended in the tragedy, began about a year ago. It was at this time that young Mather began to call upon Miss Smith.

**Quits Calling.**

The friendship which had sprung up grew, and finally it was whispered that the young couple were to be married, and that the wedding would take place in the spring of 1908. All went well until about a month ago when Mather suddenly quit calling on Miss Smith. Later he began to pay marked attention to other girls, and the forsaken girl brooded over the matter. However, she concealed her true feelings from her parents, and they had no thought that she contemplated killing herself.

The family heard her moving about the room early this morning, but thought nothing of it. It was not until later in the morning that her body was discovered in the horse tank in two feet of water. In order to drown herself the girl had to enter the trough and lie under the covering, which was partly open.

When interviewed by a representative of the Herald this morning, Ralph Mather denied that there had been any quarrel between him and the girl. He said that he had quit going to see her about a month ago.

**Sympathy With Family.**

Sympathy for the bereaved family is everywhere expressed in Plainfield. Miss Smith was a talented and beautiful girl. She was a graduate of the Plainfield high school, and a soprano in the church choir.

**Holds Inquest.**

Coroner Noel was notified, and in company with Ralph Mather, left Joliet to hold the inquest. The verdict returned was to the effect that the young girl committed suicide.

## Christian Henne and the Crazy Bicyclist

- Christian Henne's tale is one of unfortunate misunderstandings
- Henne accidentally nudges a bicyclist off the road. The enraged man turns around and peddles after him and shoots Henne in the stomach.
- Henne rides his carriage to the nearest farm ½ mile away. The mistress of the house assumes he is drunk because of his slurred words and sends him away.
- He rides to the next house 1 mile away and collapses on the porch. Having lost much blood, he retells his tale the owner of the home as best he can and then dies.

## Christian Henne and the Crazy Bicyclist

- The Kendall County Record Newspaper reports on the incident in a full column article giving tremendous detail on October 5, 1896.
- Kendall County Coroner's inquest register includes the list of witnesses and verdict as well as a copy of the Kendall Co. Record news article.
- Little White School Museum in Oswego has a file on the Henne Family.
- [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com) has headstone photo and listing of other family members buried nearby.
- Ancestry and FamilySearch also provided other genealogical information.

Headstone Photo Courtesy of Jim Seidelman

Questions??

Survivors of the USS Indianapolis Aboard the USS Doyle