

## **The Landmark, 6 June 1912**

### BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Tom Reeves**, December 19, 199, a little girl. Dr. Hampton in attendance.

### MARRIAGES

Among the holiday marriages were those of **Mr. Adloph Sperling** to **Miss Lee** and **Mr. Grayson** to **Miss Combs**. It is hoped that these holiday matches will result in happiness to each.

Among the Christmas happenings was the marriage of **H. H. Sperling** to **Mrs. Harrison**, who resides some four miles southwest of Rush. **Mr. Sperling**, the groom, is well known to all our people, being an old residenter. The Landmark extends its good wishes to both.

### DEATHS

**S. A. Ogles** of Naples, a farmer aged 40 years, having a wife and eight children, was adjudged insane Tuesday by the Grady County insanity board. It is thought that the man lost his reason brooding over the death of his oldest son, who died about four months ago. He will be sent to Norman for treatment.

## **The Landmark, 20 June 1912**

### BIRTH

Born to the wife of **J. W. Montgomery** on Wednesday, January 17, a boy.

The Rush Springs stork is indifferent to blizzards and continues to swoop down at certain times on Rush. Last Wednesday week he visited the home of **Howard Murphy** and left a ten pound boy. Boy, parents and grandparents doing well.

### MARRIAGES

Married at Chickasha on January 16, 1912, **Mr. Enos Penn** to Miss **Mabel Pursely**. The groom is a son of **N. J. Penn**, a well known citizen while the bride is a daughter of **Rufus Pursely**, farmer and stock raiser. Miss Mabel has spent several years in Rush attending the I. I. & C. Institute at Chickasha. Both are quite popular. **Miss Mayme Dawkins** accompanied the bride, acting as maid of honor. The Landmark hopes that the young people will realize all their rose-colored dreams and be happy ever afterwards.

## **The Landmark, 27 January 1912**

### DEATHS

Died on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> inst., **Wylie Williams**, aged 25 years, one month and twenty one days. He was buried in the Ireton Cemetery at Alex on Monday. Mr. Williams leaves both parents and brothers and sisters, with whom The Landmark sympathizes.

Death of **S. C. Caywood**. After a week's illness with pneumonia the death of Mr. Caywood occurred on Friday, January 25, at 9:15 a.m. He was one of our old and enterprising citizens. A fuller notice will appear in next issue.

**Mrs. McMilian**, wife of **Rev. J. F. McMillen** died at Hillsboro, Texas, on January 21. Including her husband, she left 103 descendants, eight sons, three daughters, two sons-in-law, six daughters-in-law, fifty grand children and seventeen great-grandchildren and two brothers.

## **The Landmark, 3 February 1912**

### DEATHS

**Samuel C. Caywood** Resolutions Passed by I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 49

Whereas, the great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has in his infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, Samuel C. Caywood, and whereas, the long and intimate relation held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this society make it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him, therefore.

Resolved, that the wisdom and ability which he has exercised in aid of our lodge by service, contributions and counsel will be held in grateful remembrance.

Resolved, that the sudden removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and will prove a serious loss to the community and public.

Resolved, that with deep sympathy with bereaved relatives of the deceased we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all may be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this lodge, a copy printed in The Landmark and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

R. S. Cox, A. N. Murphy, A.D. Smith, Committee

Died, on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> inst., the **infant child** of **Charles Myers**. This is the third time that a similar misfortune has occurred in the family.

### **The Landmark, 10 February 1912**

#### BIRTHS

It's A **Girl**. Born to the wife of **C.W. Harper**, on Tuesday, February 6, a fine girl .

#### DEATHS

It was the I.O.O.F. and not the Woodmen who had charge of the funeral services of **S. C. Caywood** as erroneously reported last week

### **The Landmark, 24 February 1912**

Workman Drops Dead – Pauls Valley, Oklahoma – **Walter J. Kinney**, employed in the construction of an ice plant here, suddenly dropped dead while at work Wednesday. His death is attributed to heart failure.

### **The Landmark, 2 March 1912**

#### DEATHS

The 10 year old son of **Charles Pettitt** of Ardmore, was accidentally shot and fatally wounded by **Jennings Berryhill**, aged 15, while the two lads were playing with a shotgun in a pasture near Ardmore. The wounded boy lived about three hours after the accident.

The little baby boy of **Mr. and Mrs. James Lee** died last Sunday morning and was buried in Marlow on Monday. It had been an invalid all its life. **Mabel**, a daughter, is quite sick.

### **The Landmark, 9 March 1912**

#### DEATHS

**Mrs. Odell**, who has been afflicted with cancer, died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday. Death was sweet relief from suffering.

### **The Landmark, 16 March 1912**

#### DEATHS

Death of **Peter Camp**. Died on Sunday, March 10, 1912, Peter Camp, aged 55 years. Mr. Camp was what may be termed a pioneer, as he had lived in the Old Indian Territory

about twenty-five years. He was a good citizen and is a serious loss to his aged father and children. His death was sudden, as he had been confined to his bed only about four days.

**Mrs. Mary Stinnett** died recently at Ardmore, aged 84. She and her husband were among the first settlers of Fannin County, Texas.

The **3 year old child** of **Mrs. Winn** of Taneha was so badly burned that it is not expected to live. While the mother, a laundress, was away from home the child's clothes caught fire from an open grate and the little girl's body was almost cremated.

### **The Landmark, 23 March 1912**

#### DEATHS

**Mrs. Sarah Capps** died at the hospital in El Reno last week from tetanus, caused from slight wounds received in a fall on the ice at her farm home three miles east of town several days ago. The wounds were not thought to be serious, but lockjaw set in and the doctors were unable to cope with it.

### **The Landmark, 30 March 1912**

#### DEATHS

**James Walker**, Shawnee Indian, died near Tulsa recently of pneumonia at the age of 109. He was born at Sabine, Texas, and fought in both the Mexican and Civil Wars. He was a chief medicine man for the Shawnees. He suffered a thigh amputation this fall.

### **The Landmark, 13 April 1912**

#### DEATHS

Fatal Accident – While working on the iron-clad building at the cement beds near Rush on Tuesday morning the ladder slipped and let two men fall to the ground. One of them **Arch Winslow**, was so badly injured that he died in a few hours. The other escaped injury, though receiving a bad shake up.

At McAlester **James Poteet**, weigh-master at a mine, was killed while repairing machinery when a lever flew back, breaking his neck.

### **The Landmark, 20 April 1912**

#### DEATHS

**Miss Clara Barton**, founder of the American Red Cross, died at her home, Red Cross, Glen Echo, Maryland, Friday morning, April 12, 1912, aged 90 years. Miss Barton was

born in Oxford, Massachusetts , December 25, 1821. Death was caused from pneumonia. She will be buried at her birthplace, Oxford, Massachusetts.

The **7 year old daughter** of **Dr. M. Schlieson** of Scipio, who was run over by a wagon, died of her injuries in a McAlester hospital.

**The Landmark, 27 April 1912**

DEATHS

**Mrs. Lillie Ballew**, 22 years old, committed suicide at the home of her father, **Herbert Crowley**, seven miles northwest of Fayette, Missouri by shooting herself in the mouth with a revolver. Mrs. Ballew was the wife of **Elmo Ballew**, from whom she had been separated for about two months because the husband would not permit her to visit her parents.

BIRTHS

The stork paid a visit to the homes of **Mac Leverett** and **Emil Wegner** since our last issue, leaving at the home of the former a ten pound **boy** and the latter's a nine pounder.

**The Landmark, 18 May 1912**

BIRTHS

The stork paid a visit to the home of **Edgar Bernard** on Monday night. It was a **boy**.

**The Landmark, 25 May 1912**

DEATHS

A little daughter of **J. Frost** living near Lamont, died from the effects of burns received while playing with matches.

**The Landmark, 1 June 1912**

DEATHS

**M. D. Losey**, who was the first superintendent of Logan County, died at the old soldiers home at Marion, Indian, May 7.

Card of Thanks. To our fiends and acquaintances who where so kind to us during the illness and burial of our mother, **Mrs. A. M. LeFlore**, we desire to express our gratitude and hearty thanks. **Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Bentley, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Perry and Mr. F. F. LeFlore**

## BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Montgomery** a **boy** (the future governor of Oklahoma).  
Mother doing find and father breathing.

Dr. Finley reports that the stork has paid a visit to the following families in and around Rush since our last issue: **Charles Polk**, a **boy**; **Rev. McLaughlin**, a **girl**; **P. R. Montgomery**, a **boy** and **Will Clayton**, a **boy**.

### The Landmark, 8 June 1912

## ANNIVERSARY

**Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lloyd** of Alva have just celebrated the fifty-fifth anniversary of their wedding.

### The Landmark, 15 June 1912

## BIRTHS

**Mrs. J. L. Blanton**, of Norman, gave birth last week to **triplets**. This makes fifteen children in the family.

Dr. Finley reports the appearance of a **baby girl** at the home of **D. T. Hood**, West if town.

## DEATHS

The death of **J.C. B. Lindsay**, of the Wagener Sayings, is announced. He was a good man in every sense of the word and his death is regretted by all who enjoyed his acquaintance.

The death of **Mr. James Peck** occurred on Sunday, June 9. He was a new comer to Rush, hoping that its altitude and good water would be beneficial.

Card of Thanks – We wish to thank our many friends who were so kind and generous during the sickness and death of our husband and father, **James Peck**. Mrs. James Peck and Family

## WEDDINGS

Married on Wednesday, June 12, by Rev. W. P. McMinken, at the home of the bride's father, **Miss May Whybark** to **Mr. Ed Maggard**, of Melrose, New Mexico. The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of **T. P. Whybark**, one of our well known westside farmers. The groom is a resident of New Mexico and is a young man of sterling character.

### **The Landmark, 22 June 1912**

#### DEATHS

“**Uncle Bill**” **Vanbibber**, jailer at Arapaho and for years city marshal at Weatherford, is dead. He was well known in western Oklahoma and had a wide circle of friends,

On Tuesday, June 11, by Rev. W. P. McMicken, **Mr. A. D. Martin** and **Miss Lela Wright**, both of Rush. Many friends wish both couples all manner of good luck as they journey through life.

Being despondent over being unable to work **Ben Ireton**, a former citizen of Grady County, committed suicide at Oklahoma City last week.

### **The Landmark, 6 July 1912**

#### MARRIAGES

He Is Married – On June 25 **T. P. Whybark** stole a march on his friends and hied to Duncan and brought back a bride. He is a faithful Sunday school and church worker at Little Rush and has many friends both there and at Big Rush who will join The Landmark in good wishes for health, wealth and happiness.

Rev. McMicken, in the early part of the week, performed the marriage ceremony for **Mr. Kolf** of Oklahoma City and **Miss Maud Wood** of Little Rush.

### **The Landmark, 13 July 1912**

#### DEATHS

Death’s Angel – Entered the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mullican**, at Chickasha, last Friday and bore away their little **baby girl** to a land where there is no more sorrow or death. The body was met at the depot and buried in our cemetery. Elder Spencer preached the funeral sermon. Six young girls dressed in white – Misses Mayme Dawkins, Ethel Harper, Carmen Hampton, Ida Worsham, Myrtle Haynes and Pearl Smith – acted as pallbearers, bearing beautiful flowers and singing sweet songs. Many friends here in Rush extend their sympathy to the sorrowing parents.

Card of Thanks – We desire to thank our many friends for extending to us their sympathies and for the many kind words of consolation in the loss of our dear baby and for their assistance in carrying her to the last resting place. **Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mullican**.

## **The Landmark, 8 August 1912**

### DEATHS

**Miss Ethel Gamble**, who shot and killed her father, at her home in Kansas City, when Gamble forcibly entered the house, was discharged at her preliminary hearing. The evidence showed Miss Gamble and her mother had been brutally treated by Gamble for fifteen years.

**Mrs. Sarah Bushong** of Van Buren, Arkansas, has filed suit in the United States Court against the Fort Smith & Western Railway for the death of her son, **Arthur**, a fireman who was killed in a wreck on the road at McCurtain, Oklahoma, a month ago. Bushong was buried under his engine and scalded to death.

**Iva V. Hicks**, aged 9 years, daughter of a well known resident of Spiro, Oklahoma, died in a local hospital at Fort Smith, Arkansas, from a bullet wound inflicted by her 6 year old brother. The children were playing with a small caliber rifle which was thought to be unloaded. It contained one cartridge which exploded, the bullet ploughing through the little girl's abdomen.

Died on Monday, July 29, **Samuel Sparks**. Mr. Sparks had been ill with typhoid fever for two weeks and was on the improve when a relapse occurred. He had been a resident of Rush for several years. Mr. Sparks let a wife and three children.

### MARRAGES

Out at Altus the marriage ceremony was performed between **J. W. Richardson** and **Mrs. Lulu McCay**, a dashing young widow of 27 summers. At the conclusion, the bride was seized by her mother and two sisters and dragged to a small tank filled with about two feet of water and mud and there, after a struggle in which she lost most of her wedding finery, she was adroitly and thoroughly ducked in the slime. The same process followed for the groom at the hands of his brothers.

The marriage of **Mr. John Cox** and **Miss Jessie English** is announced. Both are Rush Springs raised young people and have many friends and relatives here who, with The Landmark, extend good wishes.

## **The Landmark, 10 August 1912**

### DEATHS

Death of **William J. Hunter** – The Landmark received notice last week of the death of William J. Hunter of Santa Anna, Texas. Mr. Hunter visited The Landmark family a few weeks ago, went from here to Mineral Wells, improved in health, went home and died the next day. He was a prominent and progressive merchant and belonged to an old Texas



family, his grandfather, Dr. Hunter, was the first child born in Texas after it became a State. Mr. Hunter leaves a wife, four children and many friends to mourn his loss.

**T. McKee**, a merchant, was instantly killed in alighting from a moving train near Franklin, Tennessee. He collided with a telephone pole as he jumped from the train and broke his neck.

While a party of young people were bathing in the Cimarron River near Jennings, Oklahoma, **Mary Townsend**, one of the young ladies, got into a deep hole of water and was drowned before she could be rescued.

**John Hertling** and **Guido Shubert**, the men hanged at Montevista, east of Cananea, Sonora, about a week ago, but whose bodies were not found until Tuesday, were natives of Germany and subjects of that country, though Hertling had taken out his original papers for American citizenship. Hertling was the watchman at the Montevista mine and Shubert was his guest.

The little daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Gilbreath** died on Thursday night from typhoid fever.

**Mr. Ed Dawkins** received news last Sunday of the death of his sister, **Mrs. Lamb**, at Normangee, Texas.

#### BIRTHS

**Mrs. Connie Blue** received a present from the stock last Thursday, August 1.

#### The Landmark, 17 August 1912

#### MARRIAGES

**Jim Henden**, living near Okney, eloped with a young woman. He hitched up a pair of mules belonging to his uncle, was arrested and is now in jail at Anadarko. Blood relation cuts not figure with some people.

#### The Landmark, 24 August 1912

#### DEATHS

**Heck Thomas**, a noted United States Deputy Marshal in the early days of Oklahoma, died at Lawton on August 15.

**Oscar Burbridge**, of Kansas City. Loved and courted two women, and when one of them insisted he should choose between them and be quick about it he went to his room and suicided by drinking carbolic acid.

## BIRTHS

Dr. Finley reports the appearance of a new **girl** at **Mr. Hatter's**, seven miles west of town.

### **The Landmark, 28 September 1912**

## DEATHS

**Pat Rich**, who shot and killed **Hiram Thompson** last week near Purdy, has an ungovernable temper. A year or two ago he shot one of his sons who displeased him, but the wound was not fatal.

**Emmett Michael**, son-in-law of **Thomas Reeves**, died on Wednesday at Duncan.

A little **babe**, grandson of **P. A. Ireland**, died last Saturday after several weeks illness.

### **The Landmark, 5 October 1912**

## DEATHS

**Otto McKnelley**, of Wellington, Kansas, murdered his father, mother and sister, while they slept, in order to get their life insurance.

## BIRTHS

Born to the wife of **E. Brightwell** on September 28 a boy. As this is the first baby Mr. Brightwell is much elated over the event.

Dr. Finley reports the following births on Wednesday, October 2, which is doing pretty well for one day: **Mrs. Ford Jones**, a **girl**; **Mrs. Will Seymore**, **girl**; **Mrs. Ben Coleman**, **boy**.

### **The Landmark, 12 October 1912**

## MARRIAGES

Married on Sunday, October 6, 1912, by Rev. W. P. McMicken, at the residence of the bride's parents, four miles southeast of Marlow, **Dr. H. M. Evans** to **Miss Glenn Hammond**. The wedding was a private nature, only a few couples being present. Marvin is a Rush Springs raised boy, well known to all our people, while the bride is highly spoken of by those who have enjoyed her acquaintance. The Landmark wishes that their brightest hopes of the future may be realized.

The marriage of **Miss Joi May**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. John H. Williams**, and **Mr. August Sizmore**, of Chickasha, took place at the beautiful home of the bride's parents,

Little Rush, on Sunday, October 6. The Rev. McMicken, of the Rush Springs Methodist Church, performed the ceremony at 9 o'clock. The bride was very prettily gowned in white. The home was beautifully decorated with vines and foliage. After the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served. Only the immediate members of the family were present. Mr. and Mrs. Sizmore will make their future home near Chickasha.

#### BIRTHS

We omitted mentioning the arrival of a **girl** in the family of **Ed Bailey** last week, Dr. Bentley officiating.

#### DEATHS

The little **child** of **V. Simpson** was buried last Saturday. As he had been suffering for a long time with tuberculosis death brought sweet relief.

#### **The Landmark, 19 October 1912**

#### DEATHS

The infant **son** of **John Hart** died on Sunday and was buried in the cemetery here in Rush on Monday.

**One of the twin children** of **F. E. Sperling** was buried at the cemetery last Sunday. This makes four children that have been gathered to a heavenly home within the past three weeks.

#### **The Landmark, 26 October 1912**

#### DEATHS

Death of **J. E. Ridgway** – a private letter announces the death of **J. E. Ridgway** at Columbia, Missouri, on October 8, of tuberculosis. His last days were spent with his old friends, relatives and children. He was 59 years of age. His home was the well known farm two and one half miles west of Rush Springs.

Homicide at Chickasha – A street duel occurred in Chickasha on Wednesday night resulting in the killing of two men. **J. Cordelle** was killed by **Jess Lockett**, who was shot and immediately killed by **W. G. Rathbone**, who is now in jail.

#### **The Landmark, 2 November 1912**

#### MARRIAGES

Married on Sunday, October 27, 1912, by Justice A. L. Evans at his residence, **Samuel Evans Brightwell** to **Miss Myrtle Brunner**. The Landmark is unacquainted with either

of the contracting parties, but learns that the groom is a young brother of Prof. Brightwell, the well known teacher in the Washington school neighborhood, while the bride is the intelligent and handsome daughter of one of our Westside farmers. Usual congratulations are extended.

### **The Landmark, 9 November 1912**

#### MARRIAGES

Married last week at Chickasha, by Judge Williams, **G. N. Wright** and **Miss Ella Davis**, both of Rush Springs. Both are well known parties, the bride being a daughter of J. R. Davis, an old settler.

Justice Evans performed the ceremony for **James Fitzpatrick** and **Miss Effie Cook**.

At Star schoolhouse **Mr. Tugling** and **Miss Wallace** were made one.

#### DEATHS

A load of buckshot was fired into the stomach of **John Jefferies** on the Daingerfield plantation, twelve miles south of Hugo. A quarrel had arisen between two other men and Jefferies was acting as peacemaker. Jefferies is not expected to recover from the wounds.

#### BIRTHS

Born on Tuesday, October 29, to **Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Reed** a **girl**. Mother and baby doing nicely.

### **The Landmark, 16 November 1912**

#### DEATHS

**Bobbie Johnson**, aged 14 months died at a local hospital today. She was the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Johnson** of Headrick, Oklahoma. About a week ago, while she was eating watermelon, she swallowed a seed that lodged in her throat. The babe was brought to Fort Worth, Texas for treatment. She died under an operation for her relief. The body was sent to Hendrick by L. P. Robertson, undertaker.

**Sarah Perry**, aged 18, recently of Cement, Oklahoma, was found dead in her hotel room at Oklahoma City. The girl had a desire to become an actress but had failed to secure employment.

The Death Angel – **William Brooks**, an old settler, died this week. Cancer was the cause.

**Farrell Youree**, aged six years, son of **J. E. Youree** who resides on the farm of J. A. Slaton, died from congestion of the brain on Thursday night.

## **The Landmark, 23 November 1912**

### DEATHS

Resolutions of Respect – Whereas, God in his infinite mercy and wisdom has seen fit to remove from the walks of men on November 14, 1912, our friend and brother, **William H. Brooks**, an honored and consistent member of Rush Springs Lodge No. 7, A. F. & A. M., and

Whereas, he has lived among us the life of an upright citizen, and a man of highest ideals, therefore be it

Resolved, that in the death of brother **William H. Brooks** this lodge has sustained an irreparable loss, the family an affectionate father and the community one of its best and most trusted citizens.

Resolved further, that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this lodge, a copy furnished the press of the city, and a copy sent the family of the deceased brother. G. M. McCown, H. M. Evans, Ed Coyle, Committee

Although his relatives did not know exactly what his age, it is believed that **R. P. Haws**, who died at McLoud last week, was 108 years old. It is believed he was the oldest white man in Oklahoma.

**H. O Jeffries** of the Nowata Advertiser, tried for the murder of **Mrs. Coheen**, has been acquitted.

### MARRIAGES

**Miss Mary Troy** and **H. B. McAlester** were married at McAlester at the home of the bride's parents, **Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Troy**. Mr. McAlester is the youngest son of **Lieutenant Govenor and Mrs. J. J. McAlester**.

## **The Landmark, 30 November 1912**

### DEATHS

**Captain W. G. Watkins**, who served under General George Shelby in the civil war, died at Clinton, Missouri on November 23, 1912, aged 79 years. While recruiting a company for the confederate army Captain Wilkins was discovered within the union lines and was captured, court-martialed and ordered shot. President Lincoln approved the order but Watkins escaped, rejoined his regiment and served through the remainder of the war. A

copy of his death warrant signed by Lincoln given his after the war was highly prized by Captain Watkins.

Unable to endure the restraints of civilization, **Blanche Clifton**, 17, a wealthy high school Indian girl, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at Perry.

## MARRIAGES

**Charles Coyle**, well and favorably known to the citizens of Rush Springs and adjacent country, hied to Chickasha on last Wednesday and took unto himself a pretty bride, **Miss Eva Moore**. She is the daughter of one of our Little Rush farmers and is well known in her immediate neighborhood for her many accomplishments. Many will join The Landmark in good wishes for health, wealth and happiness.

There was also another wedding at the country home of S. M. Jolly, west of Rush, on Tuesday last, when the marriage ceremony was performed between **Mr. Jesse E. Dye**, of Oklahoma City, and **Miss Alla Holland**, Elder Spencer officiating. May good luck attend them.

### The Landmark, 7 December 1912

## MARRIAGES

Chickasha is getting to be a "Gretna Green" for Rush's young people. More or less surprise was manifested last Saturday when it was learned that **Mr. Otto Caywood** and **Miss Volena Rice** and **Mr. Joseph Wigham** and **Miss Belle Caywood** were married at the residence of F. P. Bradley in that city. All of the contracting parties are well known here, having grown from childhood to manhood and womanhood in Rush. Licenses were also issued to **B. Grissom** and **Miss Tina Vaughn** and **G. W. Gillett** and **Miss Edna Payne**. When the young people left Chickasha they boarded a matrimonial car, which it is hoped will carry them safely to their journey's end without layovers, snow bounds or wrecks.

### The Landmark, 14 December 1912

## DEATHS

Notice to Creditors – To the Creditors of **E. E. Stephenson**, Deceased: The Creditors of the above named decedent are hereby notified that the undersigned was, by the County Court of Grady County, Oklahoma, appointed administrator of the estate of said decedent, and that all persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are required to exhibit them to said undersigned administrator, with the necessary vouchers, at Bailey, Oklahoma, within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit; from the thirtieth day of November, 1912. A. M. Howard, Administrator

## BIRTHS

The stork visited the home of **Mrs. J. P. Beck** last Monday and left an Xmas present – a live doll baby – a **pretty girl**.

Born to the wife of **Dan Jackson**, on Friday, December 6, a **boy**. Dan says he has to work two hours a day more than formerly since the increase.

### The Landmark, 21 December 1912

## DEATHS

**Mrs. J. A. Slaton** received a phone calling her to see her sick sister, **Mrs. Margaret Anderson**, near Chickasha. She arrived in time to see her before the final end. Ms. Anderson had been afflicted for some time past with that dread disease consumption. Many friends sympathize with Mrs. Slaton and her aged mother, **Mrs. Moncrief**.

### The Landmark, 28 December 1912

## MARRIAGES

Married at Chickasha, on Thursday, December 26, 1912, **Mr. Roy Smith** to **Miss Ethel Patrick**. Mr. Smith is a prosperous young farmer near Oak Grove, who is highly spoken of. Miss Ethel is a Rush Springs girl, a graduate of our school who is teaching at Oak Grove. She is an admirable young lady, loved and respected by every one. The Landmark extends congratulations and hopes that the sunshine of their wedding day will be an index of their married life.

## DEATHS

**Tom Walker**, of Wichita Falls, Texas, is the name of the young man killed in the railroad wreck at Ninnekah. His father has identified the body.

### The Landmark, 4 January 1913

## DEATHS

A phone message on Sunday announced the death of **Miss Myrtle Bailey**, at Lawton, Oklahoma, daughter of **Rev. J. J. Bailey**, who is now stationed at Duke. That dread disease consumption was the cause of her early demise.

### **The Landmark, 11 January 1913**

#### MARRAGES

Married in Dallas this week, at the residence of Robert McKinley, **Mr. Newton Freeland** to **Miss Emma Cox**. The groom is a well known young business man of Dallas, Texas, while the bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of J. B. Cox, one of our westside farmers.

#### BIRTHS

Born to the wife of **J. J. Mayfield** a **boy**. The father is doing as well as could be expected.

#### DEATHS

**Grandma Sperling**, mother of **H. H.** and **F. E. Sperling** died on Wednesday night, January 8. Mrs. Sperling ranked among the old settlers. Her death was sudden.

### **The Landmark, 18 January 1913**

#### BIRTHS

Born to the wife of **O. O. Cowan** on Tuesday, January 14, a **boy**, Dr. Finley officiated.

#### DEATHS

Death of **Ed Rice** – After a lingering illness of many months duration Mr. Rice departed this life on Thursday night, January 16. Mr. Rice was a native of Texas but had resided in Rush Springs for many years past. He leaves a wife, one daughter and two sons.

### **The Landmark, 25 January 1913**

#### MARRAGES

**Henry Hovis** came in Sunday with his bride. The boys entertained him with firearms and tinpans.

### **The Landmark, 1 February 1913**

#### DEATHS

The death of his brother, **John Hill**, who was buried at Pauls Valley this week, has cast a gloom over the family of **G. W. Hill**.



Death of **Albert Bumpers** – After a prolonged illness from catarrhal fever Albert Bumpers departed this life on Thursday, January 30. The Landmark extends sympathy to his bereaved relatives.

**The Landmark, 8 February 1913**

BIRTHS

Born to the wives of **Philo Thompson** and **Joe Willard** last Sunday a **boy** each. Dr. Finley in attendance.

DEATHS

The **infant child** of **Elder Spencer**, living west of town, was buried in the cemetery here on Sunday.

**The Landmark, 22 February 1913**

DEATHS

Death of **John A. Williams** – His many friends in Rush and surrounding country will regret to hear of his demise at Flora Vista, New Mexico. He had been a sufferer from tuberculosis for years past and went to New Mexico in search of health. He was an all-around good man, free from those petty faults with which so many are afflicted. John was a Mason in good standing and the fraternity will see to it that his orphan children are provided for.

Burial of the **infant child** of **Ed McDaniel**, aged about fourteen months, took place at the cemetery here on Tuesday.

The **little child** of **Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Mayfield** was buried last Saturday. It suffered for many days. All the doctors and kind friends could do could not save. It was hard for the parents being their first born.

**The Landmark, 1 March 1913**

BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Fields** a fine **boy**. Mother and baby doing fine.

**The Landmark, 8 March 1913**

DEATHS

**Infant child** of **R. D. Elliott**, who resides south of town, was buried in the cemetery of Sunday.

**The Landmark, 22 March 1913**

MARRIAGES

Married on Sunday, March 16, 1913, by Justice of the Peace Turner, **Mr. Clifford Williams** to **Miss Mabel Wheeler**. If they inherit the cleverness of their parents their journey through life will be smooth sailing.

**The Landmark, 29 March 1913**

DEATHS

Tribute to **Mrs. Florence B. Crofford** – Mrs. Crofford died in Tucumcari, New Mexico, March 14, 1913, where she spent several years for her health. Previous to that she had lived at Ninnekah, Little Rush and lastly at Chickasha. She was born in Mississippi, her father being a wealthy planter – a descendant of the Huegonots; was a faithful wife and mother and leaves a husband, was well educated, a woman of talent and culture, which she used for the highest good; and untiring church and club worker, a regular contributor to several magazines, and won quite a name writing of Indian affairs. Mrs. Crofford won a prize offered by a New York paper for a short story, the scenes of which were laid at Ninnekah. Two years ago she published a booklet of poems called “Songs of the Southwest.” She was an energetic and ambitious woman. The days were short and her strength too weak for all that she wished to accomplish. While she dreamed dreams she was not an idle dreamer, but worked to make her dreams a reality. If, as some hold, that we progress from one world to another, we believe that she will reach the seventh Heaven, for her wagon was always hitched to a star. We love to think that her lofty ideals are realized, that her ship is safe in port, and that she is free from the storms and trials of life where, with angels and archangels, she will have an eternity of joy. The annexed verse is from her poem “Ship of Dreams”:

“And with you close beside  
We will drift out with the tide  
From that beach where wraiths abide,  
We will live the dreams that died,  
Live it on the sunlit slopes  
Of the land of Phantom Hopes.  
Bear us thither, Ship of Dreams.”

**Mrs. L. N. Barbee** was called by telegram to Wortham, Texas, on March 17 to attend the sick bed of her father, **Rev. J. S. Bays**, who died on the 25<sup>th</sup> inst.

### The Landmark, 5 April 1913

#### DEATHS

In memory of our dear **Albert**. He lay and suffered sixty-three days with typhoid fever. Nothing was left undone to relieve him of his sufferings. He bore it with patience to the end. It was hard to give him up, to think he had to be taken from us when in the prime of life, leaving his young loving wife and little boy; but we weep not as those who have no hope, for he was converted when only thirteen years of age and remained steadfast until death came and released him of his suffering on January 30, 1913. He is gone, our precious darling. Never more will we see his face on earth, but, by the grace of God we expect to see him in the "sweet by-and-by" where all is joy and peace forevermore. His Father

#### BIRTHS

Born to **Jim Haigwood** and wife on Thursday night April 3, a ten pound **boy**. Mother and child doing well and Jim may recover.

### The Landmark, 12 April 1913

#### DEATHS

**Mrs. Woodward**, of Chickasha, has been arrested charged with poisoning her husband by putting arsenic in a box of sardines. She declares her accomplices, **John Tremont**, an Italian shoemaker and a **Mrs. Rivers**, incited her to crime. Object was to obtain Woodward's life insurance of \$1000, form a partnership to be known as the "holy trinity," open a rooming house in some big city, and the remainder of their lives would be "one grand sweet song."

Assassination – **A. Blumhoff**, a liveryman at Marlow, was assassinated last Wednesday night. He was on the eve of retiring for the night when the fatal shots were fired. He had numerous enemies, it is said, and inclined to be a quarrelsome man. His life was insured for \$3000.

### The Landmark, 26 April 1913

#### BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hall** a fine **boy** last week. Mother and baby doing fine.

#### DEATHS

**H. M. Riggs**, living near Rush was buried in the cemetery here on Thursday. Age, aided by disease, was the cause of death.

Death of **Prof. McCord** – The Landmark regrets to hear of the death of Prof. McCord, which occurred on April 5 at his home in Illinois. He was a Christian, always ready to take a part in prayer meeting or Sunday school. He taught school at College Mound and other points around Rush, and had many friends who will regret to hear of his death.

**The Landmark, 3 May 1913**

BIRTHS

**Mr. and Mrs. Jonce Cox** are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine **boy**. Their grandparents, **Mr. and Mrs. A. H. English**, are jubilant it being their first grandchild.

**The Landmark, 10 May 1913**

BIRTHS

Dr. Hampton, aided by the stork, has brought another **boy** to **W. M. Huntley** and wife. This is the sixth son; he also has two daughters.

**The Landmark, 17 May 1913**

DEATHS

Died, on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> inst., the infant **son** of **W. F. Clayton**. He was buried in the cemetery at Rush Springs.

**The Landmark, 7 June 1913**

MARRIAGES

Pre-Nuptial Party – Mrs. Hampton entertained a number of young people Thursday night in honor of the bide and groom elect, **Miss Rhoda Hall** and **Mr. Ernest Crittenden**. Games and refreshments of punch, cake and sherbet was the program.

**The Landmark, 14 June 1913**

MARRIAGES

A wedding of unusual interest to the people of Rush Springs occurred at Marlow on Wednesday, June 11, 1913, when **Miss Rhoda Hall** was married to **Mr. Ernest Crittenden** of this town. Miss Hall has been a teacher of primary class at Rush for the past five years and is much beloved by her pupils, the patrons and a host of friends. Ernest is a Rush Springs boy, long and favorably known by all. **G. H. Crittenden**, his father, and family attended the wedding and accompanied the bridal party home. As the 6:40 train pulled in there was a number of friends of the young people waiting to shower both congratulations and rice over the happy pair. Young, handsome and amiable their

future beckons on to a pathway bright with sunshine and fragrant with flowers. Should clouds of adversity overtake them, The Landmark believes they will have the courage to overcome them.

#### DEATHS

Death of **James Sanders** – Mr. Sanders, at one time proprietor of the Evans Hotel in Rush, was killed last Saturday at Minco, by the “Firefly,” a fast train on the Rock Island Railway. He had been to town and was en route home, walking on the track, when overtaken by the train and suddenly killed. His death was instantaneous as his neck was broken.

#### The Landmark, 28 June 1913

#### BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Perceval** a fine **boy**. Mother and baby doing fine.

#### DEATHS

The **infant child** of **Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson**, who resided one mile south of town, died last Saturday and was buried Sunday in the cemetery.

#### The Landmark, 12 July 1913

#### DEATHS

The killing of **A. J. Goodnight**, near Dutton, Grady County, by his brother-in-law **James Ballard**, is almost as bad a case as the rat poison one in Chickasha.

#### The Landmark, 19 July 1913

#### DEATH

Death of **J. W. Bailey** – A dispatch announcing the death of **J. Wesley Bailey**, on this farm near Chickasha, was received in Rush Springs Wednesday morning. Notwithstanding he had been a sufferer from general debility for many years past he continued in business until a short time previous to his death. He was well known in North Texas and in Rush Springs and its surroundings. For years he was a member in good standing in the Baptist church. Mr. Bailey leaves a number of relatives here in Rush. “Peace to his ashes.”

#### BIRTHS

Born to **C. S. Huntley** and wife a 11 pound **boy**. Mother and baby doing well.

### **The Landmark, 26 July 1913**

#### DEATHS

**Billy Thomas**, of near Alex, age 24, is in jail at Chickasha, charged with the murder of **his father**, as the result of a family quarrel. In addition to his arrest two hired hands are charged with being accomplices.

### **The Landmark, 2 August 1913**

A negress at Stillwater named **Mary Hall** poisoned her husband with strychnine. She first tried to kill him with powdered glass in his food. Mary reported him as “the hardest negro to kill she ever saw.”

**Cad Allard**, veteran newspaper man, died suddenly early Wednesday morning at his home in Chickasha. His death was attributed to abscess of the lungs. Allard was one of the best known newspaper men in Oklahoma. Until recently he was editor of the El Reno American.

Almost Decapitated – Garfield County Farmer Meets Horrible Death When Wheel Breaks. – Enid – **A. L. Reim** was instantly killed when the wheel of an ensilage cutter flew to pieces, while revolving at a high rate of speed, one of the long knives striking him in the head and another in the abdomen.

The cutter had just been set in motion and **Mr. Reim** was oiling the machine, and it is estimated that the wheel was making 1,200 revolutions per minute when the accident occurred. One knife cut the entire top of his head off, and the second knife cut the body almost in two, making a rightful wound in the abdomen. Another knife which struck a tree nearby, cut it off as cleanly as if it had been sawed down.

**Mr. Reim** is one of five brothers all of whom are prosperous farmers of the community. He leaves a wife and eight children.

**Wesley Graham** Exonerated for Shooting **Sol Kelley** – Ada – **Wesley Graham** shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, **Sol Kelley**, at the former's home near here. Kelley and his wife had separated more than a year ago, and it is said Kelley has tried unsuccessfully to induce her to come back to him. Kelley went to the Graham home and demanded that his wife come back with him, declaring if she did not he would kill the whole family. He approached the door of the house with his gun and Wesley Graham grabbed his automatic shotgun and fired three loads into Kelley. Graham was afterwards exonerated.

Indian Killed In Stomp Dance Row – Tulsa – **Rufus Severip**, a wealthy Indian, was shot and killed at the annual stomp dance of the Cherokee, Shawnee and Chickasaw Indians, near Sperry. **Webb Chism**, said to have done the shooting, came to Tulsa and gave himself up to Sheriff McCollough. Chism is also wealthy. At the same stomp dance last

year **Dave Tyner**, a rich young Cherokee, killed **Tom Jones**, his brother-in-law, in a quarrel over a Delaware Indian girl, and got an eight-year sentence.

The horrible murder of **Miss Brown**, a stenographer in a real estate office at Dallas, Texas, has caused, and justly so, an immense excitement throughout the entire State. It occurred at 8 a.m. when she came to work. It is supposed a burglar was engaged in blowing the safe and to prevent her giving an alarm he killed her by knocking her down with a bludgeon and cut her throat, nearly severing her head. The office is located in the business part of town where hundreds of people pass and repass constantly.

**Will Thomas**, charged with the murder of **his father**, near Alex, has been held by Justice Clarke, of Chickasha, without bond.

Death of **J. J. McKinley** – Died on Thursday, July 31, 1913, **J. J. McKinley**. Mr. McKinley had been an invalid for several years past, but at last his powers of resistance became weakened to such an extent as to be unable to sustain life. He leaves a number of children and grandchildren here, in Texas and New Mexico. Death came as a sweet relief to his sufferings.

### **The Landmark, 9 August 1913**

**Robert McKinley**, of Dallas, Texas, came up to attend the funeral of **his father**.

Another Good Man Gone – By a brother in Christ – **Rev. J. J. McKinley** was born on the third day of August, 1837, in Providence, Webster County, Kentucky, and died July 31, 1913, in Rush Springs, Oklahoma. He was the third son of seven children born to John and Mary McKinley. He was married to Elizabeth Imboden near Providence, Kentucky, May 1, 1858, and by this union nine children were born – five girls and four boys. The mother and children still survive him. Bro. McKinley was converted and joined the Methodist Church when about twenty years of age. At the age of forty he felt a call to the ministry and was licensed to preach, which he did until his health failed him. He was confined close to his house for several years until the good Lord relieved him of his suffering by calling him up higher. Bro. McKinley moved from Kentucky to Texas, where he lived awhile, thence to Oklahoma, where he has resided ever since. He was an affectionate husband, a kind father, a good citizen and neighbor. He loved his church and all Christian people, and while his health permitted he always attended services of the church. To his good wife and loving relatives we say, don't sorrow after him as one who has no hope, for we are sure we know where we can find him. Funeral services were held by the pastor of the M. E. C. S. at his home in Rush Springs. Text, Num. 13-10: "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last be like his." There was a large crowd at the services and still larger followed his remains to the cemetery. Another good man gone but our loss is Heaven's gain.

The death of **Col. J. C. Bayne**, of Chattanooga, Oklahoma, is announced, aged 82 years. He had published papers in several towns of Western Oklahoma but was engaged in the mercantile business at Chattanooga when he received the final call – "thirty."

### **The Landmark, 16 August 1913**

#### BIRTHS

On his visit to Rush this week the stork did not neglect the home of **C. W. Harper**, where he left a fine **boy**. Mr. Harper now has almost enough children to start a Kindergarten of his own.

### **The Landmark, 30 August 1913**

#### DEATHS

**James Welch**, a wealthy Indian of Vinita, Oklahoma, is dead. He married while drunk, **Helen Hill**, a white nurse at Hot Springs, Arkansas, after a three days' acquaintance, who kept him loaded up with whisky until his death.

**T. J. Scott and wife**, of Comanche County, at a preliminary hearing, charged with the murder of **George Norton**, have been committed to jail without bail.

#### BIRTHS

**Mr. and Mrs. Ed Maggard** are the proud parents of a 10 pound **girl**. Ed says "what I wanted was a boy but I can't change it now."

### **The Landmark, 6 September 1913**

#### DEATHS

The Death Angel – **Roy Jack**, aged nine years, son of **G. A. Jack**, died on Saturday and was buried in the cemetery on Sunday, Funeral services were held by Rev. R. H. Denny, Death to the aged is sometimes a relief but coming to one in the spring time of life is an illustration of the saying, "The aged must die, the young may die." The Landmark extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

Killing of **J. Y. Schenck** – Few, if any, of our exchanges have commented on the sudden death of J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Sulphur Democrat. That town of late has borne a bad reputation, controlled by "a gang" whose only object seems to be to plunder people who were so unfortunate as to make investments there. There are two factions in the town, who occasionally bury the hatchet but dig it up whenever there is a plunder in sight. A newspaper man who identifies himself with either and suffers himself to be made a catspaw of is storing up much trouble for himself in the future. The east side of the town is the possessor of greater wealth than the west, and wealth is always aggressive, never fails to "make hewers of wood and drawers of water" of those who are less fortunate. As an editor Schenck belonged to that class of newspaper men who could



see no good in one who differed from him in regard to things in general and used harsh language when writing.

Cattle Dispute Leads to Killing – Cordell – As a result of a dispute over a lot of cattle which had been “here-lawed.” **W. T. Elam**, a farmer of Cloud Chief, is dead and **Charles Maddox** is in jail charged with the killing. The two men met in the road and exchanged words when it is charged that Maddox drew a gun and shot Elam through the arm and side. Elam started for home and died shortly after.

Kills His Benefactor – Reformed Pickpocket, Dining with Friend, Commits Murder – Muskogee – **Will Harper**, a reformed pickpocket, and who has served several terms in the penitentiaries of Oklahoma, Texas and Arkansas, shot and instantly killed **Tom Crawford**, a former detective, who had tried to lead him from his crooked path and with whom Harper was dining.

The two men were eating supper in Crawford’s home and his wife and little girl were in the room. The men were arguing over a grocery bill when Crawford, according to his wife, shouted: “Harper you are a liar.”

He then jumped from his seat and attempted to run around the table to where Harper was sitting. The later pulled a gun from his pocket and fired four shots.

#### BIRTHS

**P. Stifflemyre** had born to him on Wednesday a 13 pound **boy**. His neighbors say that Mr. Stifflemyre has been strutting around since the event like a Shanghai rooster.

#### The Landmark, 13 September 1913

#### MARRIAGES

A marriage license has been issued at Chickasha to **Charley Fitzhugh** and **Miss Allie Stephens**, both of Rush Springs.

#### The Landmark, 20 September 1913

#### BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Lee**, September 11, a 10 pound **boy**. The stork was handicapped by a rain storm and both the boy and rain received a warm welcome.

#### The Landmark, 4 October 1913

#### MARRIAGES

**Mrs. Percivil** went to Marlow last Friday to attend the wedding of **Miss Kate Percivil**.

## DEATHS

Jury Unable To Agree – In Case of Sixteen Year Old Boy Who Applied the Unwritten Law. Stigler – A jury trying 16 year old **Jennings Scantlen** on a charge of having slain **Sam Albright**, aged 18, of Dardanelle, Arkansas, was discharged after deliberating twenty four hours without reaching a verdict. It is understood they stood 9 to 3 for conviction.

Albrightly was arrested on a charge of having insulted Scantlen's 11 year old sister, Lenora. He was discharged after being declared mentally incompetent and was in the act of boarding a train for his home when young Scantlen shot him to death with his father's pistol in a crowded railway station.

**Dean** Acquitted of **Smith** Murder – Muskogee – **R. A. Dean**, charged with the murder of **Claude Smith**, was acquitted. The jury had been out 38 hours. Early in the deliberations the jurors stood seven to five for conviction. Dean shot Smith in his grocery store early in the morning of July 17. He pleaded self defense.

**William Busby** is Dead – First Citizen of McAlester Succumbs to Operation – McAlester – **William Busby**, McAlester's most widely recognized public benefactor, distinguished citizen, coal operator and former newspaper man, is dead. He died following a protracted suffering from diabetes which was brought to a crisis three weeks ago by the development of carbuncles, necessitating a surgical operation. For a time it was not believed his condition was serious, but a second operation had to be performed and from that time he gradually weakened.

He was a thirty-third degree Mason, a member of the order for twenty-seven years, and since 1909 had been sovereign grand inspector general for the state of Oklahoma, prior to that time and after 1904 having held the same position in the Masonic order of the Indian Territory.

He built and owned the Busby Hotel and the Busby Theater, structures costing \$200,000 and \$150,000 respectively; established the Choctaw Railway and Lighting plant, of which he was president at the time of his death.

The body of **Ernest McCant** was found near where he had been working four miles from Eufaula, two bullet holes in his body. It is supposed he committed suicide.

### **The Landmark, 11 October 1913**

## DEATHS

Sad Death – **George Pursely**, age 15, son of **Commissioner Pursely**, who resides east of Rush, was accidentally killed last Sunday. In company with others he was out riding when his horse stumbled and fell down. His injury was such that he died almost

instantly. Friends here in Rush and elsewhere sympathize with the family. Death is always sad but when it comes instantly and snuffs out the life of the young it is pathetic.

Up Among the Angels – This is a true story, says the Downs News: **Mrs. Priscilla Bottorf**, who died last week, has long been a subscriber of the News. It was her custom to pay for it a year at a time. When her subscription expired February 14, this year, she came to the office and renewed but for six months. She was asked if she wanted the paper stopped at the expiration of that time. With a faint smile she replied: “I expect that will be as long as I need it.” Her subscription expired August 14, 1903. She died that night.

## MARRAGES

A marriage license was issued at Chickasha this week to **Otto F. Underwood** and **Miss Emma Randolph**, both of Rush Springs.

The marriage of **Noah Dunn** and **Miss Vera Coffman**, both of Rush Springs is announced. Their marriage was a surprise to their friends. Both are well known in Rush and Acme, where Mr. Dunn resides. They have the good wishes of friends in both places.

## The Landmark, 18 October 1913

## DEATHS

Indictments At Last – Against **Mr. and Mrs. Leseny** For Death of Woman’s Husband Walter – **W. L. Leseny**, wealthy farmer and stockraiser living near Walter; **Mrs. Ola Lesney**, his wife, and **Dr. J. M. Stephens** were indicted by a Cotton County grand jury for the murder of **Joseph H. Howard**, former husband of Mrs. Leseny, and warrants for the arrest of the three were issued. Howard died here in March, this year, while living with his wife on a farm belonging to Leseny.

The man supposedly was ill of pneumonia and was attended by Dr. Stephens, who has hospitals at Hastings and Waurika. In April, after Howard’s death Mrs. Howard married Lesney and suspicion at once was aroused. County Attorney Tripp had the body of Howard exhumed and the vital organs examined by the state chemist, who found more than enough poison to kill the man.

The three parties were arrested soon after the death of Howard but released by District Judge J. T. Johnson on a writ of habeas corpus. The grand jury was called on petition of 150 citizens of the county.

### **The Landmark, 25 October 1913**

#### DEATHS

Death of **A. Odom** – The Landmark regrets to hear of the death of Mr. Odom, which occurred some two or three weeks ago at the home of his daughter bear Cornish, Oklahoma. He was one of the pioneers in Rush Springs but removed to Texas some years ago.

#### BIRTHS

Born to the wife of **R. L. Glover** a fine **boy**. The Glover family now consists of six girls and one boy, a lively family.

### **The Landmark, 1 November 1913**

#### DEATHS

The Death Angel – **Mrs. G. A. Jack**, who was operated on at Chickasha a few days ago, died at her home south of town October 26, 1913. She leaves a husband, four sons and two daughters to miss her. Mrs. Jack was a kind loving mother and wife, a consistent member of the Methodist Church, where her funeral service was conducted by Rev. Denny. He said in part: Death, sooner or later, must come to all. All may not have to suffer as she did, but all must die. He spoke of the suffering of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemene, in Jerusalem over the sins of his people, and on the cross. Sin alone makes death hard. We weep when our loved ones die but Christ said we should weep when they are born and rejoice with they die. To die in the Lord is to live eternally. He closed with a prayer that the death of this Christian woman would be the means of drawing her husband and children to God and Heaven.

A large crowd of sorrowing friends followed the flower decked bier to its last resting place in the Rush Springs Cemetery.

### **The Landmark, 15 November 1913**

#### DEATHS

**W. A. Borah**, former mayor of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, and real estate man, has been sentenced to imprisonment for life, charged with **murdering his wife and daughter** and attempting to destroy the evidence by burning his residence.

## The Landmark, 29 November 1913

### DEATHS

In Memoriam – **Beatrice**, the baby daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones**, was born April 18, 1912, and died November 19, 1913, with that awful disease scarlatina. All was done that loving and faithful hands could do but in spite of all this the wicked disease worked its way and death came and relieved her of all her suffering for evermore. Little Beatrice was sick only a few short days. Though the days were few oh how she did suffer until the blessed Lord called her from this old world of wicked sorrow and trouble to that bright home above where her sweet little soul shall know now sorrow.

Grieve not, dear parents, as those who have no hope for loss is Heaven's gain. We know by the blessed word of God that our sweet baby is at rest and that she was only budded on earth to bloom among the purest in Heaven.

How sad it was to see that sweet little sister, so small, to understand, begging mama not to let them taker her baby off. Oh, how that did crush the poor little mother's heart no one knows except those who have drank from sorrow's same sad cup.

We know it is hard to give up those we love so well but we must remember that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son for us, and in our grief we must look to Him who doeth all things well, so try, though your heart be broken, to be submissive to His will. Sometimes we think there was something else that might have saved her, but had it not been God's will to take her He would have spared her life. So, look not to yourselves or earthly friends for comfort but to God, who has said I will not leave your comfortless.

Oh, what a sweet consolation for us to know that if we do the will of our Lord some sweet day we will meet little Beatrice in that heavenly home where sickness and death can never enter.

Weep no dear father and mother for your babe is not dead, but asleep in Jesus where none ever awakens to weep. One precious to our heart is gone, a voice we loved is still, and a place is vacant in that home which never can be filled. A Cousin (O.B.)

**T. J. Scott and wife** have been tried at Lawton, charged with killing **George Norton**, a wealthy cattleman of Chickasha. The verdict was two years in the penitentiary for Scott and one year in jail for his wife.

## The Landmark, 6 December 1913

### DEATHS

**T. B. Gill**, proprietor of the Durant book store and a well known citizen ended his life by shooting himself through the head.

**Charley Bowers** is held in the county jail at Cherokee on a charge of killing **J. French** and fatally wounding **George French** in a row after a card game.

Woman Killed Husband – Jury at Duncan Convicts **Mrs. Leseney** In Famous Poison Case. Duncan – **Mrs. Oma Leseney** of Walter, charged jointly with her husband, **W. L. Leseney**, and **Dr. J. M. Stephens**, with the murder of her former husband, **Joseph Howard**, was convicted of Manslaughter by a jury in the district court here.

The crime was committed in Cotton County more than a year ago. Over 100 witnesses were subpoenaed in the case. Much of the testimony was circumstantial.

On the first ballot the jury stood 11 to 1 for the maximum penalty, and after balloting for nearly two day finally compromised on the above verdict.

The case was one of the hardest fought criminal cases ever waged in the county. State Chemist DeBarr, who examined the viscera of the dead man after the body was exhumed, was not present, but his testimony was presented. This evidence stated that the stomach was lined with little festers, which upon being picked showed small particles of arsenic. This poisoning was manifest in the brain, stomach, kidneys and intestines in a marked degree, according to this testimony and in sufficient quantity to kill several people.

## MARRIAGES

**William Arnold** married the **daughter of** a farmer named **Tate** living near Verden. After marriage he attempted to extort money from his father-in-law. A warrant has been issued for his arrest but he had fled to parts unknown.

### The Landmark, 13 December 1913

## DEATHS

**Dr. J. H. Engles**, a prominent physician of Newkirk, Oklahoma, committed suicide on Tuesday. He took off his right shoe, placed a shotgun on the floor with the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger with his toe.

**Mrs. J. A. Slaton** attended the funeral of her niece, **Mrs. Pruner**, who died in New Mexico and was buried in Chickasha last Wednesday.

### The Landmark, 27 November 1913

## BIRTHS

**W. J. Little** and wife of Chickasha were the recipients of a queer Christmas present. A **baby girl**, about six weeks old, with reddish brown hair and blue eyes, was bound at the back door about 9 o'clock at night. They will keep the child.

The killing of **Col. J. T. Selby**, of Tuttle, an insurance man and auctioneer the past week at the town by an Assyrian merchant named **Charley Bashara**, was a sad affair. The killing took place over a trivial matter, nailing a board over a narrow alleyway.

A Little One Called Above – It was a sad Christmas to **Charles Coyle** and wife to have to give up their first baby, a **little girl**, that came almost as a Xmas gift to stay only a few days and then was called to a better home. “Let the little ones come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.” The Landmark extends its sympathy to the young parents.

### **The Landmark, 3 January 1914**

#### MARRIAGES

At 12 m. Christmas day Rev. M. T. Allen pronounced the words that made **G. B. Bridges**, of Faxon, Oklahoma, and **Miss May Giger** one. After the ceremony a fine Christmas dinner was served at the home of the bride, who is a daughter of one of our Westside farmers.

On New Year’s day in Rush Springs, by the same minister, **Edgar L. Dodgen** to **Miss Sallie May Bumgardner**.

#### DEATHS

Death of **Mrs. McCrary** – Mrs. McCrary, daughter of **John Davis**, deceased, who lived near the spring, died January 3, 1914, after grievous suffering. She leaves a large family, mostly boys, to whom she has been a kind and faithful mother. They will miss her. The family has the sympathy of many friends and neighbors.

### **The Landmark, 10 January 1914**

#### DEATHS

A Card – For the many acts of kindness and sympathy manifested by our neighbors and friends during the illness of our deceased wife, **Mrs. Mabel McCrary**, we take this occasion to extend to them singly and collectively, our heartfelt thanks. **J. W. McCrary and Family**.

Youth Burned To Death – Father Also Injured In Blaze Which Destroys Farm Home – Hydro – **Joe Harper**, 16 years of age and son of **Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harper** living one and one-half miles north of Hydro was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the home of the family. Mr. Harper was badly burned also and it is feared his injuries will prove fatal.

An explosion of coal oil with which Mr. Harper was attempting to start a fire in a stove, started the blaze. Burning oil was thrown on the man and his arms, head and body from

the waist down were frightfully burned. Mrs. Harper, in an adjoining room, attempted to smother out the fire with blankets after which Harper ran out of the house and jumped into the water tank.

When unable to put out the blaze Mrs. Harper carried three small children from the house, all of them in their night clothes, but the son Joe, apparently was forgotten for the moment and later the parents were unable to re-enter the mass of flames. It is supposed he was smothered by the smoke and never was awakened. His charred body later was found in the debris.

The mother and three children walked to a neighbor's home nearly a quarter of a mile away to secure aid. Mr. Harper was taken there later and his injuries attended by a physician.

The home was entirely destroyed, the loss reaching \$1500. Mr. Harper and the dead boy had received life insurance policies for \$2000. at the day before the fire.

#### **The Landmark, 17 January 1914**

##### MARRIAGES

**Milton Wentzel**, son of **J. H. Wentzel**, sometimes called the Grape King, was married in Chickasha last Saturday to **Miss Marie Lancaster**, both of near Rush Springs. The young man is said to be a chip off of the old block, knows how to make farming pay. The Landmark hopes that there will be both sunshine and rain along their journey to make it happy and prosperous.

#### **The Landmark, 24 January 1914**

##### MARRIAGES

**T. P. Williams**, one of our Westside farmers, came to the conclusion on Wednesday that it was not good for man to live alone and failed to heed the oft given advice to "beware of the widders," was married to **Mrs. Wells**, an excellent lady. As usual the new married couple have the good wishes of The Landmark.

#### **The Landmark, 31 January 1914**

##### DEATHS

Black Brute Lynched – Fifty Determined Men Make Quick Work of Brutal Slayer – Purcell – A mob of 40 or 50 men forced the jailer to unlock the door of the McClain County jail at Purcell at 5:30 Tuesday morning at the point of a gun and **Ben Dickerson**, negro, alleged slayer of **W. A. Chaffin** of Oklahoma City, was captured and taken north. The company arrived in Purcell in automobiles.



The angry mob with the negro in its midst started north for Noble, just eight miles north of Purcell. There the negro was lynched.

At daylight Dickerson was hanged a half mile south and one and a half miles east of Noble. After being hanged the negro's body was riddled with bullets. The mob came in six automobiles.

The jailer in charge of the Purcell jail was O. W. Morgan. He was alone with the mob entered. Only four or five of the party went into the jail. The others waited outside. Morgan made no resistance.

G. G. Vincent, sheriff of McClain County, said early Tuesday morning that no warning had been given of the approach of the mob.

Sheriff Vincent said that no one was awake in the town when the mob entered the jail and that the noise did not wake up the city.

"I knew nothing about it until the negro had been taken in custody by the mob," said Vincent. "Purcell is a very small place and it was impossible to prevent the mob from taking Dickerson." Vincent said that his information was that the mob came from Oklahoma City.

**C. O. Pollard** and two other attendants at the state insane asylum at Supply, Oklahoma, are charged with murdering an insane patient named **Frank S. Pomeroy**. Pollard is in jail at Woodward, Oklahoma, while the other two attendants have fled to Kansas. The attendants dragged Pomeroy to an inner room, jumped on him with their feet and beat him. He died soon afterwards. Four physicians who attended the post mortem examination said that the cause of his death was the injuries received.

## MARRIAGES

The marriage of **George Alexander** and **Mrs. E. Finch** took place Sunday, east of town.

## The Landmark, 7 February 1914

## DEATHS

**Charles Bashara**, the Assyrian merchant at Tuttle, charged with killing **Col. Shelby** of that town, is being tried at Chickasha. A. C. Bumpers, John Glover and Earl Glover, of Rush Springs, are among the jurors.

## MARRIAGES

A marriage license has been issued to **Barney Blue** and **Miss Elsie Clay**, both of Rush Springs. Good wishes of friends accompany them.

### The Landmark, 14 February 1914

#### MARRIAGES

**John Wegner** and **Miss Lela Baumgardner** were quietly married at the home of the brides parents last Sunday. Their many friends of this and the surrounding community wish them a happy and prosperous future.

A marriage license has been issued to **Robert Tims**, age 25. and **Miss Nannie Cary**, aged 20, both of Rush Springs.

#### DEATHS

One Attendant Pleads Guilty – In the Case Growing Out of Death of Insane Patient at Supply – Enid – Sheriff B. R. Richards of Woodward County has brought **Horace Roark** to the local county jail for keeping until February 20, when the district court convenes in Woodward. Roark is accused of causing the death of **Wade H. Badgett**, an inmate of the Supply hospital for the insane on August 25, by beating him. The papers in the sheriff's office here show that Roark has entered a plea of guilty to a charge of manslaughter in the second degree and that the plea was accepted by the court on recommendation of the Woodward County attorney. Sentence will probably be given in the February term. Another prisoner, J. M. Shelton, is accused of aiding in Badgett's death and he is being held at Woodward. The charge grows out of investigations by the board of trustees and other state officials into the death of an inmate of the asylum, **Frank S. Pomeroy**, January 19.

### The Landmark, 21 February 1914

#### BIRTHS

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Barbee** on February 12, a **boy**.

#### DEATHS

**Att Miller** and wife was called to Chickasha Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. Miller's **little nephew**.

### The Landmark, 28 February 1914

#### DEATHS

Died at Marlow on February 20, **J. V. Lee**, father of **John Lee** of Rush. He had reached the ripe age of eighty-four years.

**The Landmark, 21 March 1914**

BIRTHS

Dr. Finley reports two births this week. One in the family of **Wiley Bess** and the other in **Mr. Lowery**.

**The Landmark, 28 March 1914**

DEATHS

**B. H. Hillebrand**, a discharged soldier, committed suicide at Chickasha, going by the pistol route. A note was found on his person addressed to Miss Aggie Phillips of Fort Sill, saying "you must answer for this."

**The Landmark, 25 April 1914**

MARRIAGES

A marriage license has been issued to **John Jackson**, of Temple, Texas, to **Mrs. Jennie Cambron**, of Rush Springs, Oklahoma.

**The Landmark, 23 May 1914**

DEATHS

Death of **Mrs. Mary Polk** – Died on Saturday evening May 16, 1914, after a prolonged illness, Mrs. Mary Polk, aged 66 years. She was born in Leon County, Texas, and came to Oklahoma three years ago. Her remains were transported to Madison County, Texas for burial.