

THE 1917 CYCLONE

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WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CYCLONE AND A TORNADO?

ACCORDING TO THE LOUISVILLE, KY NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE BRANCH, ON MARCH 23, 1917 AN
F-4 TORNADO SWEEPED THROUGH NEW ALBANY.

CYCLONE

A LARGE-SCALE CIRCULATION OF WINDS AROUND
A CENTRAL REGION OF LOW ATMOSPHERIC
PRESSURE, COUNTERCLOCKWISE IN THE NORTHERN
HEMISPHERE, CLOCKWISE IN THE SOUTHERN
HEMISPHERE.

TORNADO

VIOLENTLY ROTATING COLUMN OF AIR... WITH
CIRCULATION REACHING THE GROUND. IT NEARLY
ALWAYS STARTS AS A FUNNEL CLOUD AND MAY BE
ACCOMPANIED BY A LOUD ROARING NOISE. ON A
LOCAL SCALE, IT IS THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE OF
ALL ATMOSPHERIC PHENOMENA.

LET'S TALK NUMBERS:

1.5 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF DAMAGE

47 LIVES LOST

OVER 200 PEOPLE INJURED

300-500 HOMES DESTROYED

TIMELINE:

MARCH 23RD- CYCLONE HIT AT 3:08 PM

MARCH 23RD- AFTERNOON=CHAOS

MARCH 23RD- AFTERNOON/EVENING- FIRST EFFORTS OF RECOVERING SURVIVORS

MARCH 24TH- STILL RECOVERING VICTIMS/SURVIVORS

MARCH 25TH- FUNERALS START BEING HELD FOR VICTIMS

MARCH 26TH- THOUSANDS OF SPECTATORS CAME TO SEE THE WRECKAGE

The Negro School house where 3 were killed, New Albany, Ind.
Tornado March 23d, 1917.

OLDEN STREET SCHOOL



Francis Pauline Brown

- STUDENT AT OLDEN STREET SCHOOL
- 6 ½ YEARS OLD
- AFRICAN AMERICAN
- PARENTS: HENRY BROWN (CHEF AT THE IRON FACTORY) AND MAUD JOHNSON
- LIVED AT 150 CHERRY STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE WRECK. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN “COLORED CEMETERY”



Remains of Olden Street School

Jane Johnson

- JANITRESS AT OLDEN STREET SCHOOL
- 68 YEARS OLD
- AFRICAN AMERICAN
- WIDOW OF COLEMAN JOHNSON (COAL HEAVER AND WHITE WASHER)
- LIVED AT 1106 OLDEN STREET
- COD: INJURY TO HEAD. OCCIPITAL WOUND. STRUCK BY FALLING TIMBER IN CYCLONE. ACCIDENTAL. HAD TETANUS.
- DIED APRIL 4, 1917.
- BURIED IN "COLORED CEMETERY"





KAHLER FURNITURE PLANT

John Wesley Davis

- LABORER AT KAHLER FURNITURE CO.
- 22 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- NEVER MARRIED
- ABLE TO READ, BUT NOT WRITE
- LIVED AT NORTH Y
- COD: FRACTURED SKULL IN CYCLONE. DIED @ 11:00 PM THAT NIGHT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Remains of Kahler Furniture Factory

Edgar A. McCallen

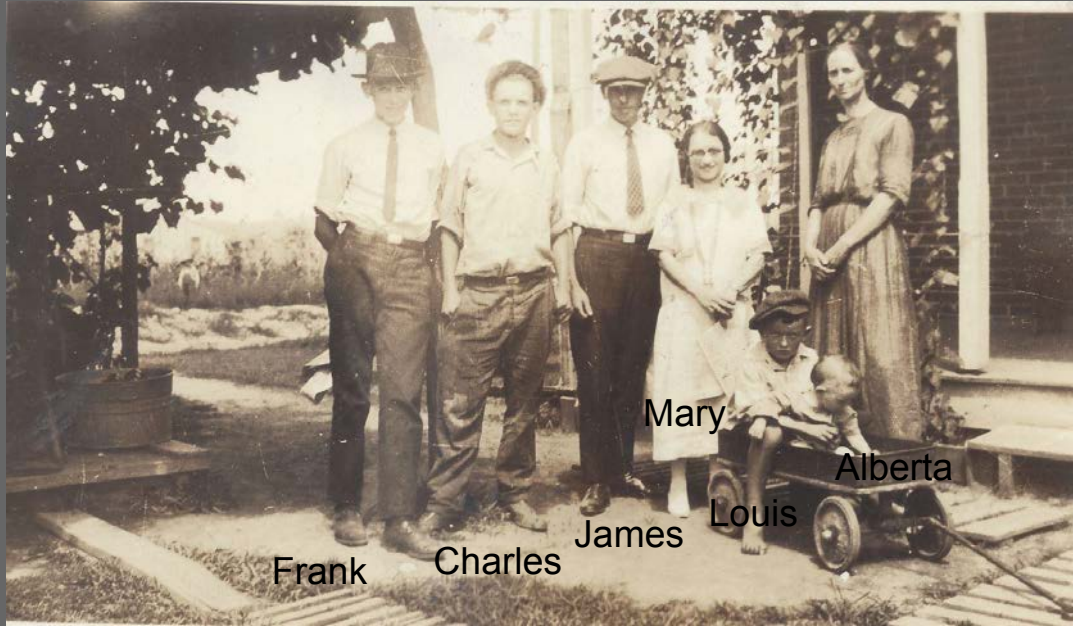
- LABORER/FOREMAN AT THE KAHLER FACTORY
- 63 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- DIVORCED FROM MARY KING IN 1915
- LIVED AT 525 E. 8TH
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE. INSTANT
- BURIED IN PALMYRA, IN



Kahler Furniture Factory

THE DIDELOT FAMILY

The Didelot Family



Louisa Victoria Didelot

- HOUSEWIFE
- 42 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF JOHN L. DIDELOT (BOILERMAKER)
- DAUGHTER OF JOHN B. JAMES (SCHOOL TEACHER) AND ROSALINE DULIEU (BOTH FRENCH IMMIGRANTS)
- LIVED AT 1104 WEST STREET
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY



Agnes Cecelia Didelot

- STUDENT
- 14 YEARS OLD
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY



Louis Henry Didelot & Alberta Louise Didelot

- LOUIS HENRY: 5 YEARS OLD
- ALBERTA LOUISE: 9 MONTHS OLD
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BOTH WERE BURIED IN HOLY TRINITY CEMETERY



THE JOHNS FAMILY

Edward M. Johns

- ROLLER AT THE OHIO FALLS IRON COMPANY
- 36 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SPOUSE OF GERTRUDE JOHNS
- LIVED AT 417 E. WATER
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE. INSTANT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Ohio Falls Iron Company

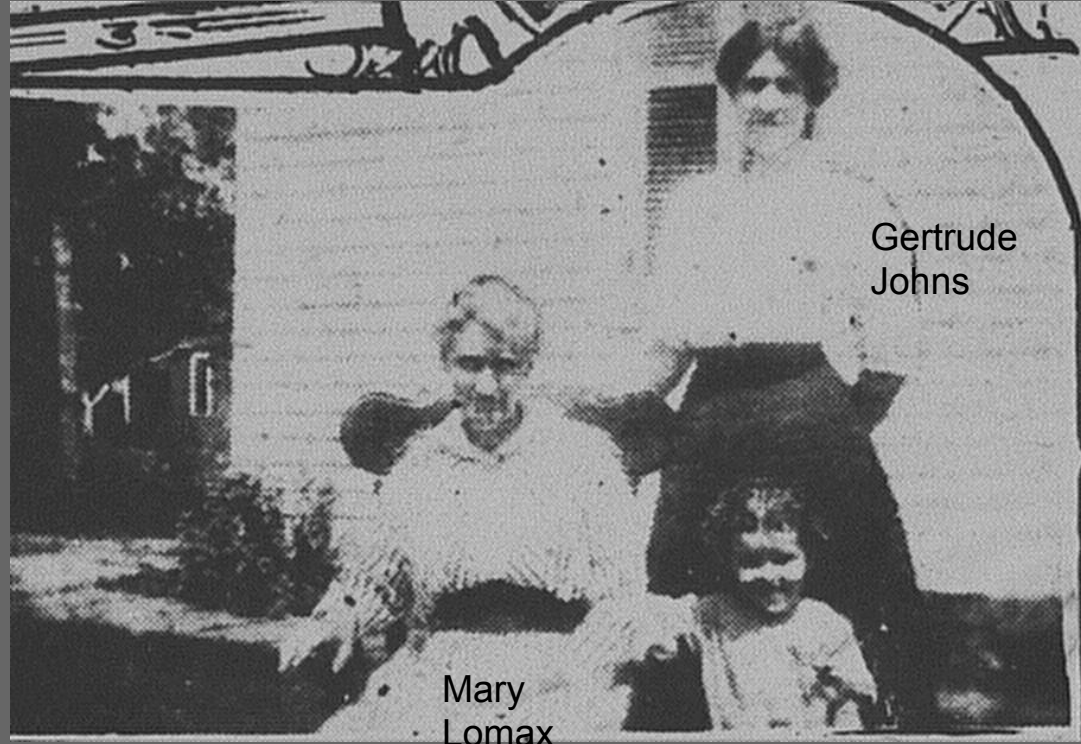
Gertrude (Lomax) Johns

- HOUSEWIFE
- 27 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SPOUSE OF EDWARD M. JOHNS
- MOTHER OF MARY LOUISE SPICKERT JOHNS
- LIVED AT 417 E. WATER
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE. INSTANT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Mary L. Spickert Johns

- 4 ½ YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- DAUGHTER OF GERTRUDE SPICKERT JOHNS AND PETER J. SPICKERT. ADOPTED BY EDWARD JOHNS AFTER GERTRUDE'S MARRIAGE.
- LIVED AT 417 E. WATER
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE. INSTANT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



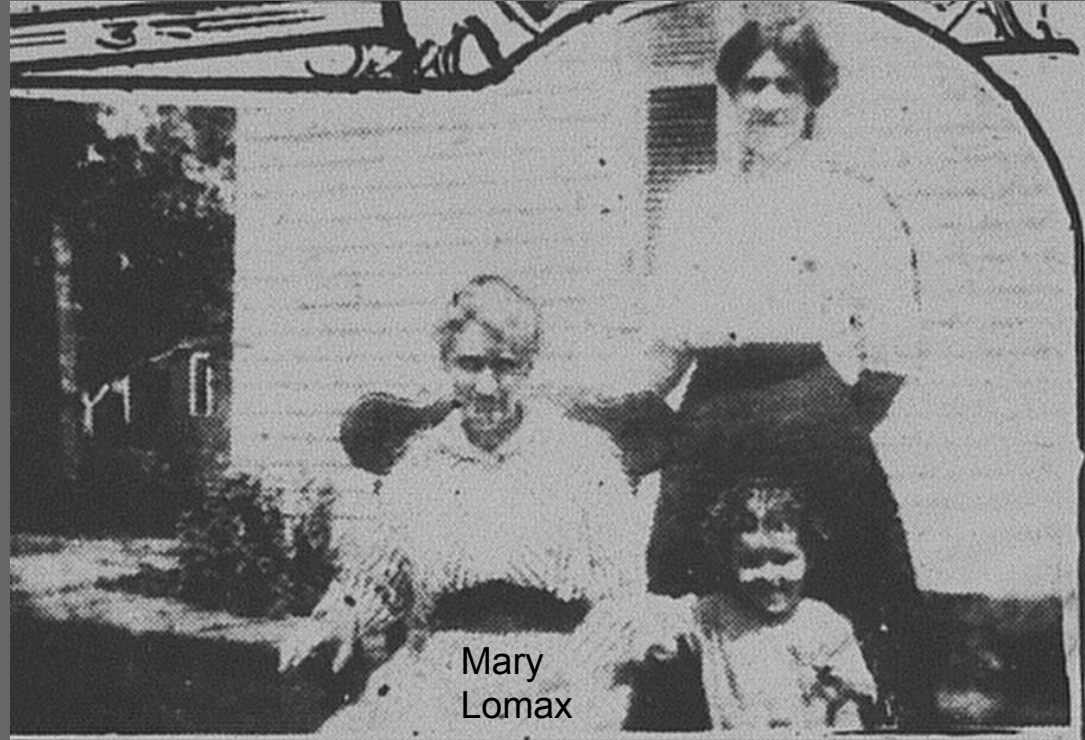
Gertrude
Johns

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Lomax

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Mary Lomax

- HOUSEWIFE
- 56 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF QUINTON LOMAX
- MOTHER OF GERTRUDE LOMAX JOHNS
- LIVED AT 22 WEST 2ND STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Mary
Lomax

CHERRY STREET

Noble Welch

- COLLEGE STUDENT STUDYING MEDICINE
- 26 YEARS OLD
- COD: CYCLONE ACCIDENT. DIED APRIL 18, 1917.
- BURIAL LOCATION UNKNOWN

Noble Welch, aged 26 years, died last Wednesday from injuries or exposure suffered during the tornado on March 23. **Welch** died at the home of Sarah Perry, 161 Cherry street. He was a medical student at the Indiana University, and was ill of bronchitis at the home of H. T. Baine, on North State street, at the time of the tornado. The house was blown down, and, while he escaped injury, he was drenched by the rain, and his condition had continued to grow worse.

VINE, CLAY & STATE STREETS

Alpha Irma Everbach

- STUDENT @ ?? SCHOOL
- 7 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- LIVED AT 1213 VINE STREET
- DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM EVERBACH (BUTCHER
@ NEW ALBANY MARKET & BARTENDER) AND MAGGIE
STRACK EVERBACH
- COD: ACCIDENTAL FRACTURE OF THE
SKULL IN CYCLONE
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Charles Henry Newkirk & Edith Iona Newkirk

- FIREMAN ON THE SOUTHERN RAILROAD
- 26 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SPOUSE OF BERTHA NEWKIRK (DIVORCED TWICE FROM MINNIE NEWKIRK)
- LIVED 228 CLAY STREET
- COD: PUNCTURED WOUND-LEFT LUNG
HEMORRHAGE. ACCIDENTAL IN CYCLONE.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
- 5 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- DAUGHTER OF CHARLES NEWKIRK &
BERTHA READ
- LIVED AT 228 CLAY STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE.
INSTANT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

Clarence Moss

- HOUSE PAINTER
- 42 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SPOUSE OF NELLIE MOSS
- LIVED 1414 E KIN AVE.
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT.
INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
- ENLISTED IN THE ARMY ON AUGUST 2, 1898

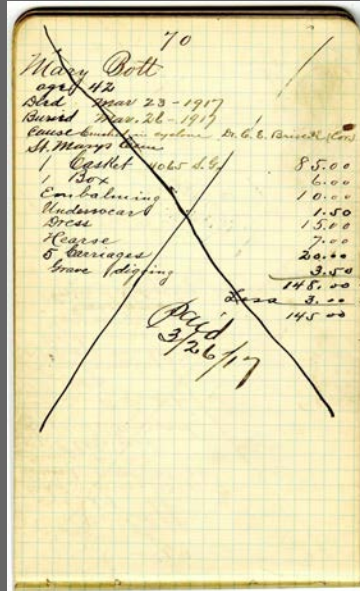


REGISTER OF ENLISTMENTS,												
NO.	NAMES	1899		ENLISTED.		WHERE BORN.		AGE	OCCUPATION.	DESCRIPTION.		
		WHEN.	WHERE.	BY WHOM.	PERIOD.	TOWNS OR COUNTY.	STATE.			EYES.	HAIR.	COMPLEXION.
2291	Clarence Moss	Aug 2	New York City	Westinghouse	1 year	Brooklyn	Ind.	42	Soldier	Blue	Brown	Fair

UNION, PEARL & EALY STREETS

Mary Bott

- 42 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- NEVER MARRIED
- PARENTS: JOSEPH BOTT AND CATHERINE FORGEN
- LIVED AT 124 UNION
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT
- BURIED IN ST. MARY'S CEMETERY



124 Union Street

Shelby Walker

- CARPENTER
- 59 YEARS OLD
- MULATTO
- MARRIED TO ADDIE WALKER
- FATHER OF 11 (KNOWN) CHILDREN
- COD: INTERNAL INJURIES FROM THE CYCLONE.
- BURIED IN "COLORED CEMETERY OF NEW ALBANY"

Accident to a Boy.

Shelby Walker, a colored lad, whose father resides near Edwardsville, met with a serious accident one day last week, by cutting a portion of one of his feet off. He was cutting cord wood and by a miss lick the axe glanced, striking the bare foot and cut the greater portion of it nearly off. Dr. King, of Galena, dressed the wound. The foot was so badly mangled that it is feared amputation of a portion of his leg will be necessary.

Joe H. Kraft, Probation Officer, has forwarded to Indianapolis the head of a dog that bit Shelby Walker, colored, badly lacerating his face. The brain of the animal will be analyzed to determine whether or not it was afflicted with hydrophobia.

BEELEER STREET

Mary Lapp

- HOUSEKEEPER
- 29 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF RICHARD LAPP
- LIVED AT 214 BEELER STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

CHARLESTOWN ROAD

Allen McLean

- EMPLOYEE OF THE WOOD-MOSAIC PLANT
- 38 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- EMIGRATED FROM CANADA TO PENNSYLVANIA IN 1896.
- SPOUSE OF MARION MCLEAN
- LIVED AT DEPAUW APARTMENTS
- COD: CONCUSSION OF THE BRAIN. DIED MARCH 24, 1917.
- BURIED IN OTTAWA CANADA



Elsie Lopp

- CLERK AT D. J. LOPP & SON
- 29 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- DAUGHTER OF DANIEL J. LOPP AND MARIA L. O'CONNOR
- LIVED AT 1701 CHARLESTOWN RD.
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN LEYDEN'S CEMETERY



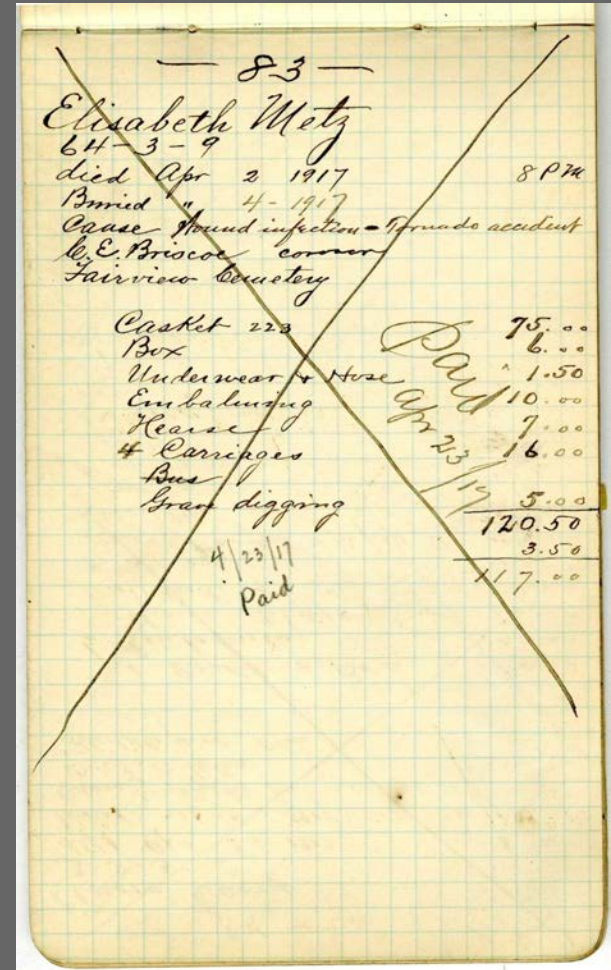
Elizabeth Brown Gutkese

- MOST OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "LIZZIE"
- 45 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- DIVORCED FROM WILLIAM GUTKESE (1912)
- LIVED AT 216 SUMMIT STREET
- COD: SKULL SMASHED BY CYCLONE ACCIDENT.
- DIED MARCH 25, 1917.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Elizabeth C. Metz

- 64 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- NEVER MARRIED
- DAUGHTER OF JOHN METZ AND LENA BANKHAUSER
- LIVED AT 1312 SOUTH STREET
- COD: WOUND INFECTION FOLLOWING COMPOUND FRACTURE OF LEG AND HANDS CAUSED BY TORNADO ACCIDENT. DIED APRIL 2ND.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Katie Metz

- HOUSEKEEPER FOR THE DEPAUW FAMILY
- 76 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- NEVER MARRIED
- DAUGHTER OF MICHAEL (COOPER FROM FRANCE) AND CATHERINE METZ
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTAND.
- BURIED IN LEYDEN CEMETERY

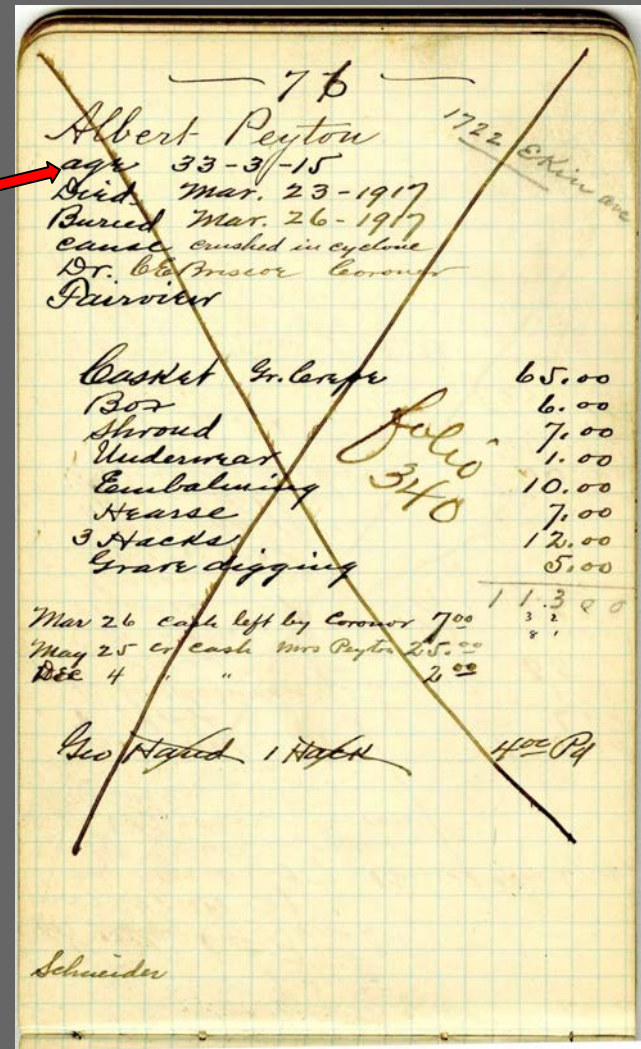


Katie's Tombstone at Leyden Cemetery

THE NORTH Y

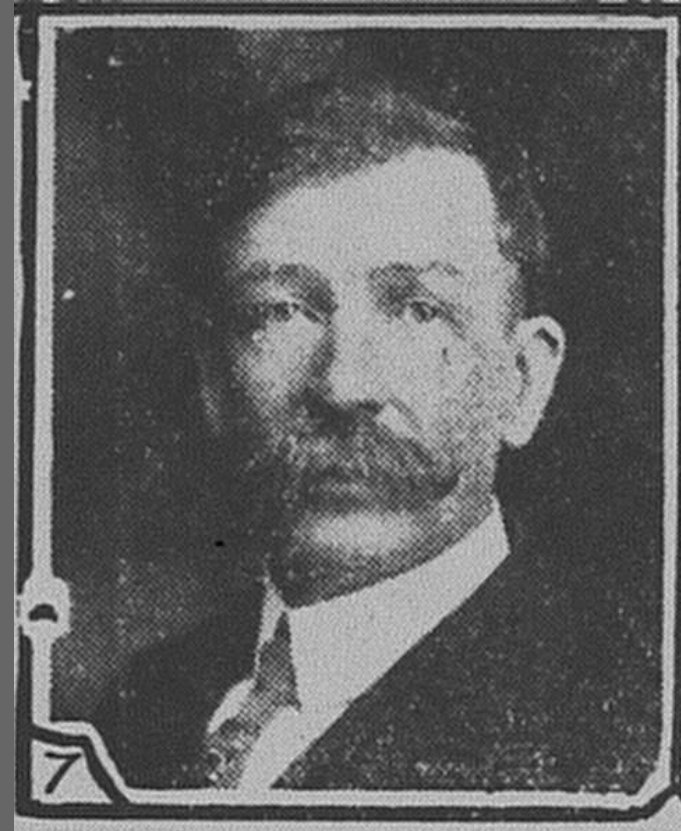
Albert Peyton

- STRUCTURAL IRON WORKER
- 33 YEARS 3 MONTHS 15 DAYS
- WHITE
- PARENTS: WILLIAM PEYTON AND ELIZABETH HENN
- LIVED AT 1331 N. 1ST STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE WRECK. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Charles D. McCaffrey

- FIREMAN ON RAILROAD
- 58 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- LIVED AT THE NORTH SIDE OF GRANT LINE RD. EAST OF THE NORTH Y.
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY
- MEMBER OF THE GRANT LINE HORTICULTURAL, AGRICULTURAL, SOCIAL AND BENEVOLENT CLUB
- KNOWN TO HAVE A GOOD SINGING VOICE AND WAS AN AVID VIOLINIST



VINCENNES STREET

Moses Dodge

- LABORER OF ODD JOBS
- 53 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIDOWER OF IDA DODGE (DIED OF TYPHOID FEVER)
- COD: FRACTURED SKULL IN CYCLONE. DIED MARCH 25TH AT 8:00 AM
- LIVED AT 1029 VINCENNES STREET.
- BURIED IN GREENVILLE CEM.



ST. EDWARD'S HOSPITAL

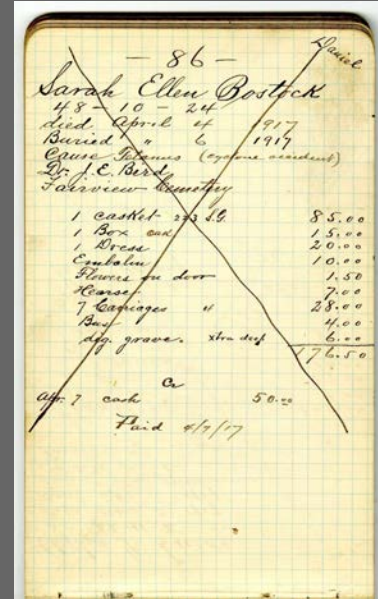
Sarah Ellen (Ella) Bostock

- 47 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- HOUSEWIFE
- HAD A TWIN NAMED MARY
- WIFE OF DANIEL B. BOSTOCK
- PARENTS: JOHN VASER AND ANNE PHILLIPS
(BOTH OF ENGLAND)
- LIVED AT 1329 NORTH FIRST STREET
- COD: TETANUS FROM INJURIES RECEIVED IN
CYCLONE. DIED APRIL 6, 1917.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

DEATHS' DOINGS

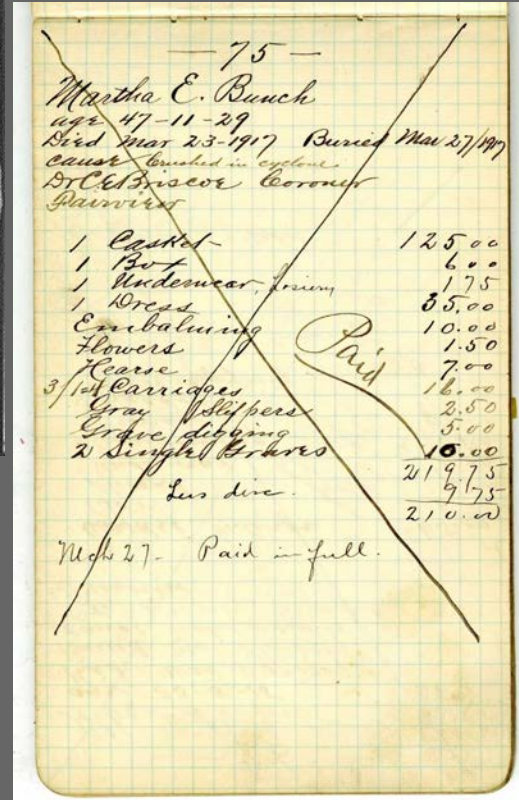
During the Past Week
Among Floyd County
People and Former
Residents of New
Albany.

Mrs. Ella Vaser Bostock, wife of Daniel B. Bostock, died last Wednesday evening at the home of her brother, William P. Vaser, 1741 Ekin avenue, from the effects of injuries sustained in the tornado, her home at 1329 North First street, being wrecked. She was caught in the wreckage and sustained an injured shoulder, cut lip and badly lacerated and crushed hands. One finger was so badly mangled that amputation was necessary. Blood poison followed and lockjaw developed several days ago. She was forty-eight years old and was a native of Floyd county. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Vaser, of this city, and besides her brother, leaves a sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Radder, of Indianapolis. She was a member of DePauw Memorial church. The funeral services were held from the residence of Mr. Vaser, the Rev. E. C. Schneider, pastor of DePauw Memorial church and the Rev. W. S. Biddle, pastor of Trinity Methodist church officiating. The burial was at Fairview cemetery.



Martha “Mattie” E. Bunch

- HOUSEWIFE
- 47 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF LEVI A. BUNCH
- DAUGHTER OF JESSE B. MOON (CIVIL WAR VETERAN)
- AND MARY TRINKLE
- LIVED AT 1308 SOUTH STREET
- COD: BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE WRECK.
- INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Joseph Alonzo Caldwell

- RAILROAD EMPLOYEE FOR THE MONON
- 61 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- HUSBAND OF MARY CALDWELL
- LIVED AT 1205 E KIN AVE
- COD: INTRACAPSULAR FRACTURES OF FEMUR SUSTAINED IN CYCLONE
- BURIED IN BEDFORD INDIANA



Monon Employee's. Photo taken in 1890.

Caroline B. Canter

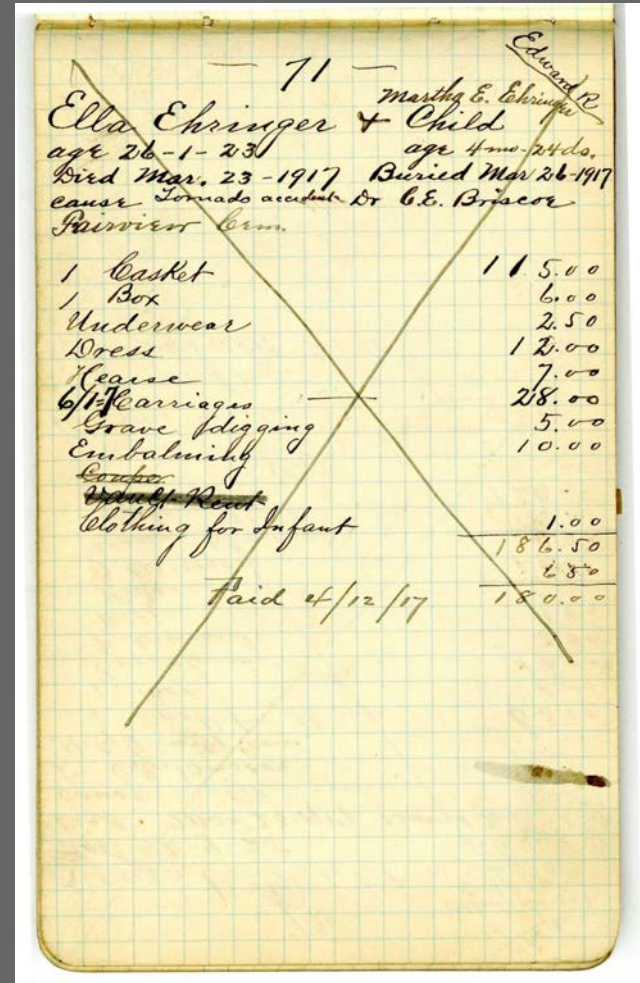
- HOUSEWIFE
- FROM ENGLAND
- EMIGRATED IN 1872
- 58 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SPOUSE: ERNEST CANTER (CONTRACTOR/CARPENTER)
- LIVED AT 1104 CRYSTAL AVE.
- COD: SKULL AND BODY CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT. INSTANT.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Rosella and Martha Ehringer

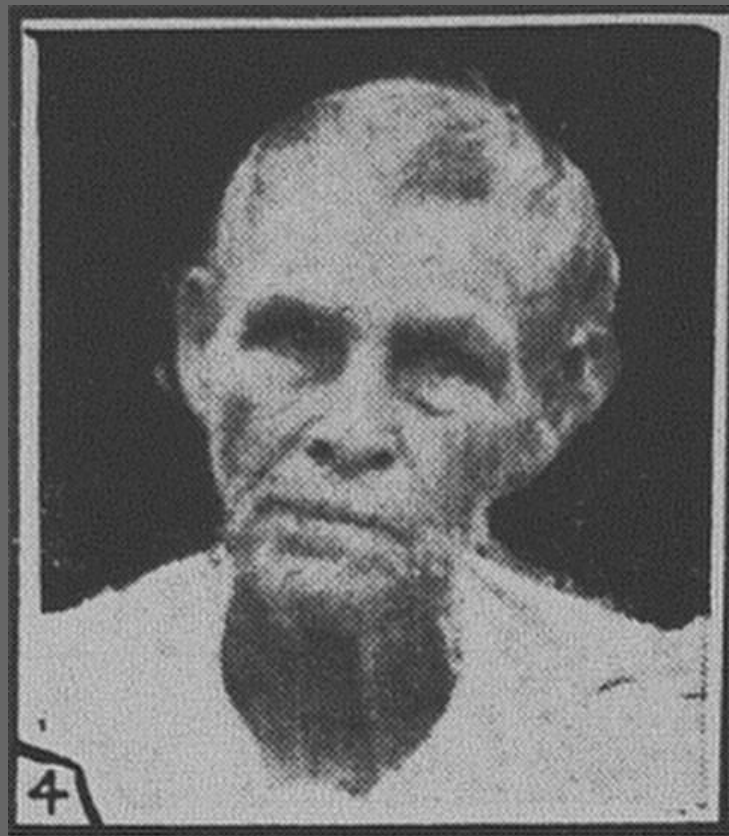
- HOUSEWIFE
- 27 YEARS OLD
- LIVED AT 1205 PEARL STREET
- SPOUSE OF EDWARD EHRLINGER (MARINE ENGINEER)
- DAUGHTER OF HERMAN (UPHOLSTERER) AND CHARLOTTE GRIEFE
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY

- BABY
- 5 1/2 MONTHS OLD
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Nancy Fess

- HOUSE KEEPER
- 74 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- LIVED AT 1718 MONON AVE.
- WIFE OF JACOB FESS
- COD: CRUSHED IN CYCLONE ACCIDENT.
INSTANT
- BURIED IN NATIONAL CEMETERY



George H. Read

- FARMER
- 87 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIDOWER
- COD: BRONCHOPNEUMONIA BROUGHT ON BY EXPOSURE FROM CYCLONE ACCIDENT.
DIED APRIL 30, 1917.
- BURIED IN FAIRVIEW CEMETERY



Top: George Arthur Read, Left George William Read, Right, George H. Read,
Bottom Martin J. Sillings

David R. Russell

- BRICKMAKER/LABORER
- 50 YEARS OLD
- AFRICAN AMERICAN
- WIDOWER OF FLORENCE CLEMMENS
- COD: SEPSIS RESULTING FROM WOUNDS SUSTAINED IN A CYCLONE. EXTENSIVE SUFFOCATION OF WOUNDS OF BACK. DIED APRIL 30, 1917.
- BURIED IN "COLORED CEMETERY"

Florence Russell, the white wife of David Russell, a negro, died Thursday at her home at 1009 Griffith street. She was 48 years of age, and had been married twenty-three years. She leaves no children.

Louise Umbreit

- HOUSEWIFE
- 47 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF GEORGE UMBREIT (DRIVER)
- DAUGHTER OF PHILIP SCHARF
- LIVED AT 1318 STATE STREET
- COD: CHEST CRUSHED IN CYCLONE.
- INSTANT
- BURIED IN ST. MARY'S CEMETERY



George Zurschmeide

- STUDENT AT ?? SCHOOL
- 7 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- SON OF ULRICH ZURSCHMEIDE (CARPENTER) AND
MARY BITNER ZURSCHMEIDE
- LIVED AT 1031 WEST STREET
- COD: CHEST CRUSHED IN CYCLONE.
INSTANT
- BURIED IN EDWARDSVILLE, IN

Victoria (Bezy) Zurschmeide

- HOUSEWIFE
- 40 YEARS OLD
- WHITE
- WIFE OF ULRICH ZURSCHMEIDE
- LIVED AT 1031 WEST STREET
- COD: CHEST CRUSHED IN CYCLONE.
INSTANT
- BURIED IN EDWARDSVILLE, IN



JULIA DEARMORE

JULIA CLEMENS

JENNIE HARDAWAY

ROSE HUFF

RUTH PARISH

MARY WHITTAKER