



### **MARTIN, BESSIE L.**

MRS. MARTIN DEAD. Succumbs to Operations at Hotel Dieu, El Paso, Texas. The many friends of Mrs. Harley Martin were shocked to learn of her death Sunday, February 22d, at Hotel Dieu, El Paso, Texas, where she went to undergo an operation for carcinoma, from which she had suffered for more than a year past. Mrs. Martin left here Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, accompanied by Mr. Martin, for the hospital in El Paso, in the hope that an operation would be successful and that she would be restored to good health. The operation was performed Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, and she rallied from the shock and seemingly began to improve, but later in the week, she lost strength and began to sink until death came on Sunday. Her remains were brought home Monday for interment. Mrs. Bessie Lea Rice Martin was born in Ohio, September 3, 1879. While yet a child, her parents moved to Nelson, Neb., where they made their home. About 1900 Mrs. Martin came to Arizona and taught school for several years at Geronimo, Elmer, Shiloh and Solomonville. She was married to Mr. Martin at Solomonville, May 11, 1904. She is survived by her husband and two small children, Catherine, eight years old, and Eunice, six years old, and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Rice, of Nelson, Neb. Mrs. Martin and her husband came to Safford several years ago to make their home. She was a devoted wife, mother and daughter and was loved and respected by all who knew her. A kind friend and a good neighbor, ever ready to help in sickness and trouble, while she bore her own suffering with Christian fortitude. The funeral services were held at her late home on M street, Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, Rev. C. C. Rickman officiating. A quintette, composed of Mesdames McNeil and Hamilton and Messrs. Swift, Young and Cooper, sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Only a Dream" and "Asleep in Jesus." Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends and placed on the casket during the services. The interment was made in Union cemetery.

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### **MARTIN, MRS. JAMES**

On Sunday at 11 o'clock, a. m., Mrs. James Martin died at her home in Solomonvill (sic) after an illness of about three weeks with pneumonia. She was buried on Monday in the Solomonville cemetery. Mrs. Martin has lived in Solomonville for a number of years and leaves five children and a husband to mourn her. She was 44 years of age and was the mother of nine children, four of them having died. Mrs. Martin was a woman highly respected in the community where she resides and her loss will be keenly felt.

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### **McCLURE, IRVIN**

On Monday night, Irvin, the 5-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. James H. McClure, died from the result of an attack of scarlett (sic) fever. He had recovered from the fever, but it left him in such a weakened state that he gradually sank until death came to his relief.

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**McSWAIN, OTTO/McSWANE OTTO**

McSAIN DEAD. Otto McSwain, aged 48 years, passed away at the county hospital in Safford early Tuesday morning after a lingering illness. The sick man spent several months this summer at a sanitarium in Texas, but the disease was too far advanced for any lasting benefit. Mr. McSwain was a native of Indiana and came to the Gila valley about four years ago with his young son. He was a man of brilliant attainments and varied business experiences in which he prospered until failing health compelled him to retire. Three daughters survive him in the east, and a son, Vernon McSwain, a youth of 13 years, lives here. The funeral was held from the county hospital Wednesday morning. Interment was made in the Union cemetery.

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**MEJIA, ALBINO M.**

Albino M. Mejia, aged 36 years, died Sunday morning, November 24, 1918, at his home on First West street, from pneumonia, resulting from an attack of influenza. The body was embalmed here and removed Sunday afternoon to the home of Mrs. Jesus Carrasco, in Solomonville, and on Monday morning was shipped to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Mejia, parents of the deceased, in Douglas, Arizona, where the funeral services were held Wednesday and interment made in Douglas cemetery. Albino M. Mejia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Mejia, was born in San Jose, Arizona in 1882. He was given a fine education by his father in the schools of Santa Fe, N. M., and in a business college of that place. For years he worked as a bookkeeper in Globe and later held a responsible position with the Greene Cananea Copper Co., in Cananea, Mexico, leaving there several years ago to take a position as bookkeeper with the Solomon-Wickersham Co., which position he held at the time of his death. Mr. Mejia was a splendid young man, well-liked and respected by the entire community which was greatly shocked at the news of his death. He is survived by his widow, and two small children, a boy four years old and a girl, two years old; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Abelino Mejia; his brother, Abelino and two sisters, Misses Romano and Concepcion, all residents of Douglas, and his sister, Mrs. Jesus Carrasco, of Solomonville.

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**MERRILL, DEL**

Death of Del Merrill. Del Merrill died in this city Wednesday night after an illness of several months. He was an old resident of Arizona, first living in the San Pedro valley, but coming to this valley about 12 years ago. He was a man of high character and standing, and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and eight children, who have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock in the Layton church.

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**MERRILL, SETH**

Seth Merrill, aged 42 years, died Tuesday, November 19, 1918, at Benson, Arizona from pneumonia. The remains were brought to Thatcher Wednesday night for burial in Pima cemetery. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at the cemetery, at 2:00 o'clock. The deceased is survived by his widow and six children, four girls and two boys; his mother, Mrs. Emma Merrill, of Thatcher; seven brothers, Hal, Perry, Oliver, Fletcher, Chris, Karl and Herbert, and a sist, Mrs. Orlando Jolly of Thatcher.

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**METCALF/METCALFE, JAMES K.**

**PIONEER PASSES AWAY.** James K. Metcalf Dies at His Home in New Mexico. James K. Metcalf died at his home on the Mangas Friday morning, July 1<sup>st</sup>, aged 86 years. Uncle Jimmy, as he was familiarly known all over the southwest, has been a resident of Grant county for more than thirty years, during which time he fought Indians, mined and ranched. He was one of the original discoverers of the mines at Metcalf, Arizona, which camp was named after him. He sold his interests to the Arizona Copper company, when that company was formed, and then retired to his ranch on the Mangas, where he has lived comfortably ever since. He is survived by five children. Lordsburg Liberal.

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**MIRANDA, FRANCISCO**

**Frank Miranda Killed by a Horse.** Francisco Miranda, aged 45 years was kicked by a horse Friday afternoon, about 3:00 o'clock at his ranch east of town, and died in about twenty minutes. Miranda was plowing and started to fix the harness, when the horse kicked him in the right side. He fell to the ground unconscious and died before help could reach him. Justice of the Peace Paxton and a jury held an inquest, Friday, at 5:00 p.m. The jury rendered a verdict that Miranda came to his death as a result of a kick by a horse. Several years ago, Miranda had a very narrow escape from death, when caught in the machinery at the Gila Valley Milling Company's plant. The machinery was stopped just in time to prevent the life being crushed out of his body. He was laid up for several months, but fully recovered. The funeral was held Saturday morning, and the interment was made in Union cemetery.

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**MONTIERTH, ALVIN. M.**

A. M. Montierth died on Thursday morning after an illness of six weeks. His six sons and one daughter, with his devoted wife, were constantly at his bedside, and gave him every care possible during his illness. He took a severe cold which turned into pneumonia and finally caused his death. He was eighty-five years old at the time of his death, and leaves a wife, ten living children, thirty-five great grandchildren and sixty-one grand-children. He was born in Misscassett, Maine, on December 24, 1824. His father died when he was four years old, and his mother, with her four sons, moved to Boston, where they lived for twenty years. When quite a small boy he learned the trade of shoemaker, and later the trade of carriage making and that of carpenter. He first heard the gospel at about twenty years of age, and about three years later joined the church. At the age of twenty-three he married Caroline Kimball Hardy. They moved to St. Louis in 1848, and his wife died there the following year. In 1851 he moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, and a year later married Harriett West Craps. In 1853 he moved to Utah, making the trip across the plains with a team of one ox and one cow. After four years' residence in Salt Lake City, he was called to go north and help to build Brigham City, where he studied medicine, and was the only physician in the place for some time. In 1860 he went north into Cache Valley to help settle that place. He served as a soldier during the time of the Johnston army. Being among the first settlers in Cache Valley, he suffered many hardships and inconvenience by wild Indians. Here he organized a dramatic troupe and did some very successful work along that line for several years. He came to Arizona in 1884, and was among the first settlers at Thatcher. He made the first county road from Solomonville to Ft. Thomas, and assisted President Layton in locating the townsite of Thatcher. Later he was the main mover in making the Union Canal. He has

ever been a public-spirited man, and shown great interest in the development and building up of Thatcher. He was ever a kind and generous hearted man, and did much to relieve the poor all about him. He was very unassuming, and preferred to do his charitable deeds quietly. He was an active member of the Mormon Church, being a member of the High Council for thirteen years, and for the past five years has been a patriarch. The entire valley mourns the loss of a useful and worthy pioneer. His funeral services were held in the meeting house on Sunday afternoon, a large crowd from Thatcher and the adjoining towns being in attendance. The house was prettily decorated with flowers and bunting for the occasion. At three o'clock the funeral procession entered the house, headed by his six stalwart sons as pall bearers. A full attendance of the Thatcher choir, led by Joe Phillips rendered appropriate hymns, solos and anthems. The speakers were: John Nash, Mrs. W. A. Moody, J. L. Wilkins and President Kimball. A long procession followed the remains to the cemetery for interment.

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### MOODY, FRANCIS W.

Francis Winifred Moody, aged 61 years, died at the home of his son, F. W. Moody, Jr. in Thatcher, Saturday morning, August 16, 1919, at 6:00 o'clock, after a long illness due to cancer. Funeral services were held in the Thatcher Church, Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 p. m. just at the close of the regular services. The Church was beautifully decorated in white bunting and flowers. The Thatcher Choir was in attendance and furnished some very beautiful and appropriate music. Resolutions of respect and condolence, which were written by a committee from the High Priests Quorum, of which Mr. Moody was president for many years, were read by President John F. Nash. The speakers were: Brig Steward, W. A. Moody, Peter McBride, Hyrum Weech, Bishop Tyler and President Kimball. The deceased was highly eulogized; special mention was made of his faithfulness to duty; his unselfish life in giving his time to others who were sick and poor, and his wonderful honesty and integrity. A large concourse of people followed the remains to the Thatcher cemetery where the interment was made. Francis Winifred Moody was born August 26, 1858 at Salt Lake City, Utah. When still a small boy, he moved with his parents to St. George, Utah. On November 7, 1882, he was married to Miss Malinda Lewis the ceremony taking place in the temple, at St. George. He was one of the early pioneers of the Gila valley. He took part in the Indian fights, was engaged in the freighting business and did most everything typical to the early pioneer days of the Gila valley. His wife died July 28, 1903. He as the father of eleven children, nine of whom survive him. He is also survived by sixteen grandchildren. The children who survive him are: F. W. Moody, Jr., Sam Moody, Ed Moody, Mrs. Ida Merrill, Mrs. Glenna Martineau, Mrs. June Curtis, Mrs. Lizzie Crandall, Rulon Moody and Miss Malinda Moody. He was a prominent church worker during all his years in Arizona, and has probably done more than any one man in Arizona in the way of nursing and caring for the sick. He gave his time where it was needed among the sick for little or no remuneration.

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### **MOORE, CHARLES**

A telegram was received in Safford last Tuesday, stating that Chas. Moore had died in Tombstone that morning, of pneumonia. Mr. Moore left here about ten days ago in the company with J. V. Vickers, for Tombstone. He was not well when he started, and on his arrival the word was received here that he had contracted pneumonia. He grew steadily worse until death relived him. Chas. Moore was one of the best known men in Safford. He has had charge of the Chiricahua ranches for a number of years. He was highly respected by all who know him. He was an Englishman by birth, and has some very wealthy people in that country, but has no relatives in America. He was thoroughly ed{illegible}.

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### MOORMAN, CHILDRESS E.

Judge C. E. Moorman Passes Away. The death of Judge Moorman last Friday afternoon came as a shock to his family, although he had been ill for a month past suffering from an attack of la grippe. A week before his death, Mr. Moorman was stricken with paralysis. All week sorrowing relatives and friends have watched by his side, hoping for some sign of improvement, but he kept getting weaker until the end came. Mr. Moorman was 75 years old, and was one of the leaders in the legal profession of Graham County. He came to this valley from Colorado seventeen years ago, and settled in Solomonville, where he practiced law. He served one term as district attorney, and was a candidate for probate judge at the last election on the Republican ticket. Judge Moorman leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Sieglitz, of Rhyolite, Nev., and Mrs. Norma Clark. The funeral was largely attended, and the services were held in the family residence. Hon. Ben R. Lacy, brother of Dr. Lacy, conducted the services. The interment took place Saturday afternoon in the Solomonville Cemetery.

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### **MORRIS, NARCISSA**

Mrs. Dorie Morris Dies in Thatcher. Mrs. Dorie Morris died Thursday, June 2, 1921, at the home of Mrs. Winsor, at Thatcher. Mrs. Morris was 84 years old and one of the oldest settlers in Gila valley. She leaves no relatives. Funeral services will be held in Safford, at the home of a friend of the deceased, Mrs. M. J. E. Ringer, this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock. Rev. J. F. Lyons, pastor of the Methodist Church, will conduct the services. Interment will be made in the Union Cemetery.

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### **MORRIS, THEODORE D.**

DORY MORRIS DEAD. Well-Known Mining Man Passes Away Suddenly at Geronimo. The many friends here of T. D. Morris were greatly shocked when they heard of his sudden death near Geronimo, Tuesday afternoon, about 4:00 o'clock. Mrs. Morris left here Monday morning for Geronimo, stopping over at Ft. Thomas for a few moments' visit with his nephew, Loyd Willis and family, then going on to Geronimo, where he met a man named Kenyon and went with him to visit the Owens Brothers' mining property on the north side of the river, crossing over in a boat. Both returned to this side shortly before 4:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Morris was the first to get out of the boat, followed by Kenyon. He went a short distance when he stepped into the quick sands. Kenyon helped him out and went on toward Geronimo in the lead. After going a short distance, he turned to speak to Morris and saw him lying on the ground a short distance from where he had stepped into the quicksands. Hurrying to his side, Mr. Kenyon reached him as he was gasping his last breath. Morris never spoke and it is supposed the excitement brought on by getting into the quicksands caused heart failure. Kenyon went on to Geronimo and secured help to bring the body to Geronimo. Arriving there he notified Mr. Willis over the phone of the sudden death of his uncle, and Mr. Willis left immediately for Geronimo. Mr. Willis then phone to Dr. Platt at Safford, who left immediately for Geronimo and returned here early Wednesday morning with the body. The body was embalmed by W. V. Thorpe and taken to his late home and prepared for burial. Mrs. Morris was prostrated over the sudden and untimely end of her husband. Mr. Willis took full charge of the funeral arrangements and announced the funeral to take place at 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon. No services were held at the house, taking place at the cemetery. Rev. E. a. Gottberg, pastor of the Baptist Church, conducted the services at the grave. A large number of friends of the deceased accompanied the remains to the cemetery. T.

D. Morris was about 64 years of age. He was born in Indiana and came to Arizona many years ago, being one of the oldest pioneers in the State. For years he had been engaged in the mining business and was on the eve of realizing a sale of his property in the Clark District, Graham mountains, which would have enabled him and his wife to enjoy the rest of their lives in peace and happiness, when death claimed him and he passed unto the Great Beyond.

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#### **MORRIS, SARAH ELIZABETH**

Died from Effects of an Operation. Mrs. Robert Morris died Wednesday evening after a short illness at her home in Layton. The doctors found it necessary to perform an operations Tuesday and Mrs. Morris failed to recover from its effects. Mrs. Morris was married only a few months ago to Robert Morris, and was a daughter of J. W. N. Scarlett, of Layton. The funeral took place Thursday morning at Layton Church before a large assemblage of relatives and friends. The services were conducted by Apostle John Henry Smith. The interment was made in Union cemetery

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#### **MORRIS, WILFORD**

Sudden Death of Member of Co B. About 3:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Recruiting Officer John F. Weber was called over the long dietances (sic) phone by Lieutenant Ijams and informed that Private Wilford Morris, of Company B, First Regiment, Arizona National Guard, had died suddenly at noon. The cause of death was unknown and Lieutenant Ijams wished news of the boy's death conveyed to his father, John Morris, and get his consent for holding a post mortem examination to determine cause of death. Mr. Morris was out to Heber Kempton's ranch, near Bowie, and his brother, Robert Morris, left in his auto yesterday afternoon about 4:00 o'clock to get him and bring him here. They arrived here about 9:00 o'clock last night and left for Douglas at 11:00 o'clock

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#### **MULLENAX, Mrs. Albert**

Mrs. Albert Mullenax died suddenly Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, while visiting her sons, Horace and Rufus, at the Fumarole Mine. She had been a sufferer from heart trouble for several years, and on the day of her death had complained of a headache, and while sitting on the side of bed, she fell, calling for some one to fan her. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Rufus Mullenax, hastened to her side, but she had become unconscious, and died in half an hour. Mrs. Albert Mullenax was 51 years of age, and came here with her husband and family from Arkansas, about twenty-four years ago, the family settling in Graham, where they have since lived on their ranch. Mrs. Mullenax is survived by her husband and ten children, Hinton, Lucious, Ida, Rufus, Horace, Jasper, Domer, Wesley, Harvey and Virgil. The funeral took place Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> and was largely attended. Bishop Skinner conducted the services. The interment was made in Graham Cemetery.

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