



SALISBURY, WILLIAM H.

Hemorrhage Ends in Death. William Salisbury, aged fifty years, passed away at his home in this city Wednesday morning at 9:20 o'clock. The immediate cause of death was hemorrhage of the lungs. He leaves a wife, five children, including twins about four months old, and father and mother, who live in Utah. Mr. Salisbury has been a resident intermittently of Safford for the past twenty years. Up to the past two years he has been actively engaged in mining. He then engaged in the goat business which he sold two months ago on account of ill health. Thirteen years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Lidia Blair. He had many friends in this section of Arizona who join with the bereaved relatives in mourning the loss of a good citizen. Funeral services were held in the Layton meeting house yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Counsellor Joseph Bingham officiating. Interment in the Layton cemetery.

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SCHUTZ, ALBERT

Albert Schutz died of apoplexy this afternoon at his home at 114 West Franklin street after an illness of only a few hours. He became ill at an early hour this morning and passed away at 2:45 this afternoon. Deceased was one of the pioneer citizens of El Paso, having come here in the eighties. He was the youngest of three brothers, the other two being Solomon and Max. He was 54 years of age and was engaged in the merchandise brokerage business at the time of his death – *El Paso News*. Albert Schutz, the deceased was a cousin of Adolph Schutz formerly connected with the Blue Store of this place.

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SLAUGHTER, SAMUEL B.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. Sam Slaughter Instantly (sic) Killed by Fall from Horse at Ft. Thomas Sunder. At 5:00 o'clock Sunday evening, Samuel B. Slaughter fell from his horse to the ground and instantly killed. The accident occurred just north of the railroad crossing, directly in front of the post office in Ft. Thomas. L. J. Brown was driving his rig past Mr. Slaughter when the accident happened. He at once stopped and alighted to assist him. Upon discovering the nature of the injury, he summoned aid. Albert A. Smith was first to respond. They removed the body to the Slaughter residence and notified Coroner Woods. A jury consisting of W. O. Tuttle, George W. Healy, Albert A. Smith, A. L. Price, Louis Voelckel and Wm. C. Rhodes was summoned and a verdict of accidental death by a fall, which broke the neck of the deceased, was rendered. Mr. Slaughter was 52 years of age. He was a frontiersman and had experienced his share of the vicissitudes of our frontier life. Nevertheless he was an active man and worked steadily, not only for his own family, but for his grand children. He was a very good citizen. He was quiet and unostentatious. He eschewed profanity and commonness, drank no liquor and foreswore the use of tobacco, and by doing proved that he was of an uncommon mold. Such men miss, while living, much of praise that rightfully belongs to them. They need not worry, however, for the Almighty is all-seeing and we reckon He takes notice and sort of feels glad when he turns out as good a job as He did when Sam Slaughter was

made. For the family we speak thankfully that so many friends helped willingly in the hour of grief. The funeral took place at Fort Thomas Tuesday at two o'clock p. m. All of his children, but one son, were present.

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[SIMPSON, DONALD M.](#)

Pioneer's Rites Held In Safford. Safford, Jan 15. Funeral services for Don M. Simpson, a Safford resident in pioneer days who died in Bisbee last week, were conducted here this afternoon by Bishop Angus Maloy of Safford ward, Latter Day Saints church. H. L. Payne, ward president was the speaker. Musical numbers were given by a quartet composed of Mrs. F. B. Jacobson, Mrs. C. W. Clawson and Spencer Kimball. C. W. Clawson also gave three solo selections. The opening prayer was given by J. R. Welker and the benediction by Tim Reed. Graveside service in Union Cemetery here were conducted by the Safford Masonic lodge. Mr. Simpson came to Safford in 1885. In 1901 he moved to Bisbee where for the past three years he was the city clerk. He is survived by two sons, Don M., Berkeley, Calfi., and James Simpson,, Safford.

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[SIMPSON, NINA WISH](#)

Sudden Death of Mrs. Donald Simpson. The many friends of Mrs. Donald Simpson were deeply shocked last Monday when a telegram was received from Bisbee announcing her sudden death. Mrs. Simpson was the daughter of Mrs. Christopher Wish, and resided here for many years. Her husband, Donald Simpson, was in business here in Safford for several years. The body was brought to Safford and the interment will be in the Union cemetery.

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SKAGGS, BEN

Ben Skaggs, 48 years of age, died Saturday night at the home of County Attorney E. L. Spriggs, from asthma. One day last August while on his way to his home, Mr. Spriggs found Mr. Skaggs on the street suffering from a severe illness. He brought him to his home and took care of him until he was better. Since that time he has practically made his home with Mr. Spriggs. Little was known of the man, beyond the fact that he originally came from Chicago. He suffered from asthma, which finally caused his death. Mr. Spriggs had the body prepared for burial and the funeral took place Sunday afternoon, Rev. Gillette officiating. The interment was made in the Union cemetery.

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[SKINNER, Mary Elizabeth](#)

Death of Mrs. George Skinner. Had Been Suffering From Heart Trouble –Funeral Services Held in Graham. Sunday afternoon between three and four o'clock, Mrs. George Skinner, wife of Bishop Skinner, of Graham, died suddenly at her home. Her death occurred during the absence of her husband and family, who were away attending the conference in Thatcher. It is supposed that Mrs. Skinner, who had been troubled with heart disease for some years past, had an attack, and had started for the door to get air. She reached the door when she was overcome, and fell just outside, where she was found by her

daughter, Alice, who had been to see her mother earlier in the afternoon. Mrs. Skinner was a lovable woman and had always taken a prominent part in the affairs of her church. She was born in Grave's End, Kent County, England, April 23, 1855, her maiden name being Mary Elizabeth Stratton, and came to the United States when quite young. She was married to George Skinner, February 17, 1873, in Salt Lake City, Utah, by David H. Wells. With her husband and family she came to Arizona in 1875, Mr. Skinner locating at Mt. Trumble, near Grand Canyon. The family afterward moved to Brigham City, Yavapai County (now Navajo County), where Mrs. Skinner took up her church work, and was chosen as teachers in the Relief Society. The family again removed, in 1880, to Gila Valley, settling in Graham, where they have continuously resided. In 1883 Mrs. Skinner was chosen secretary of the Relief Society in Graham Ward, and in 1885 she was chosen president of the Primary Association, and held both offices for ten years. In 1896 she was appointed president of the Relief Society, Graham Ward, which office she held until her death. Mrs. Skinner is survived by her husband, Bishop George Skinner, and nine children, Moroni, Mary Jane, Rose Elizabeth, Alice, Francis M., Joseph F., Eliza E., Esther and Wilmarth. Her eldest son, George William, died in infancy. The funeral services were held in the school house, Graham, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, and was largely attended by her many friends from all parts of the valley. The interment was in the Graham Cemetery.

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SMITH, EMMA ESTELLA

Death of Stella Smith. On Wednesday, October 4th, 1905, at 6 o'clock p.m., Miss Stella Smith died at the residence of her mother at Thatcher. Miss Smith had not been in the best of health for several months, but her complaint was not believed to be serious until a few weeks ago, when she became suddenly worse while living with her brother, Warren, at Solomonville, and was removed to her mother's home in Thatcher. A physician was called and found she was suffering with a complication of Bright's disease and dropsy and that she could not live long. The funeral will take place today at ten o'clock in the Thatcher church. Miss Smith was raised in this valley and was twenty-three years of age at the time of her death. She was a bright, intelligent girl and possessed (sic) a beautiful disposition, which endeared her to all of her associates, and made her friends wherever she went.

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SPARKS, WILLIAM NOBLE

William Noble Sparks, citizen and business man of Safford for the past ten years, died at his home on N street, Thursday afternoon, April 29th, from Bright's disease of the kidneys, aged seventy-three years. Mr. Sparks was born September 21, 1836, near the town of Nacogdoches, Nacogdoches County, Texas. He was married to Martha Elizabeth Caddell, of the same place, December 18, 1856, and all their children were born there. When the civil war broke out, Mr. Sparks enlisted in the Seventeenth regiment, Texas Cavalry Volunteers, with which regiment he served all through the war. At the time of his death he was adjutant of Winnie Davis Camp, No. 1244, Confederate Veterans, of which he had been a member for many years. Mr. Sparks and family moved to Safford in 1899 and resided here until the time of his death. He leaves a wife, four sons, Newton, William, John and Andres, and two daughters, Mrs. Ada Paxton and Miss Ida. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held on Friday afternoon under the auspices of Winnie Davis Camp, No. 1244, Confederate Veterans. The following acted as pall

bearers: J. J. Quinn, T.T. Hunter, W.C. Neece, S.W. Laird, Nat Wanslee, J. Walker and Berryman Quinn. The services at the cemetery were conducted by Rev. Bray, pastor of the M. E. Church, South.

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SPAULDING, JERIMIAH SMITH

On Thursday last Grandpa Spaulding passed away at the age of 81 years. Mr. Spaulding had lived in Safford for several years and had made many friends. At the time of his death he was living with his son at the mines in the Lone Star district.

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STEWART, ALEXANDER

On last Friday night Alexander Stewart died at his home in Graham at the age of 80 years. Mr. Stewart was a well-known and honorable citizen, having lived in the county for many years. He was a progressive citizen and one who made the world better by having lived in it, and while a large circle of friends mourn his loss, he had lived a long, useful life and leaves a record behind that his family can be proud of.

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STEWART, GEORGE

DIES FROM INJURIES. George Stewart Fatally Hurt in Runaway in Graham Last Saturday. Early Saturday morning while George Stewart, who lives in Graham, was on his way to Safford in a cart, his horse became frightened when opposite Hugh Talley's place by a Mexican who was coming down the road, carrying a bundle of bedding. As the horse jumped and circled around, Stewart lost his hold and fell out of the cart backwards, his feet becoming caught in some way in the cart. The horse, thoroughly frightened, started at a wild gallop through the mesquite and rough road, dragging the unfortunate man behind, his head and body hitting the rocks and rough places in the road. A boy, named Will Butler, saw the runaway and went after the horse, finally stopping it, but not before Stewart had been so badly injured that he became unconscious. Summoning help from the Talley place, Stewart was taken on a cot to his home, about one-half mile from the scene of the runaway, and a messenger sent for Dr. Platt. Stewart was still unconscious when Dr. Platt arrived, who found that he had received several deep cuts about the head, shoulders and back. All of the right ear, except the lower lobe, was torn off, and it was evident that Stewart was very badly injured. The injured man lingered until five o'clock Monday afternoon, when he died, never regaining consciousness. The deceased is survived by a wife and five children, the eldest fourteen years and the youngest about three years of age. The family has resided in Graham for many years, Mr. Stewart owning a ranch and up to the time of his death being engaged in farming. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock from his late residence, and was largely attended. Bishop Skinner conducted the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Graham cemetery.

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STRATTON, MALVIRDA GILLIAN

Malvirda Gillian Stratton, born July 25, 1845 at Shreveport, La. Died January 11, 1917, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nora Clark, at Phoenix from paralysis. In 1862 she was married to N. L. Stratton, at San Antonio, Texas, who died August 14, 1916.

She is survived by three sons, Lee N., John N. and Joseph B Stratton, and one daughter, Mrs. Nora Clark, of Phoenix.

Funeral services were held at her late home on First North Street, Tuesday, January 16, 1917, at 2:000 o'clock p.m., Rev F. L. Glisson, pastor of the M. E. Church, officiating.

Interment was made in the Union cemetery

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