



WADDILL, MARGARET A.

A SAD DEATH. Mrs. Jasper Waddill died at her home in Eden last Saturday and was buried at Bryce Sunday. Two days previous to her death, Mrs. Waddill had given birth to a child, and while it cost the mother her life, the little one is doing nicely. Mrs. Waddill was twenty years of age, and the daughter of Alma N. Bryce.

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WALTERS, EDWARD

Word has reached Safford that on Wednesday night of the last week Edward Walters died at Judge Blake's camp in the coal fields. He retired in the evening in his usual good health but was found dead in his bed the next morning. Mr. Walters is an ex confederate soldier and is quite well known in the county, having lived here for a number of years.

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WANSLEE, JESS C.

Death of Jess C. Wanslee. Jesse C. Wanslee, of Graham, who met with an accident on the evening of October 20th, by the overturning of his wagon on the bridge over the ditch at the Chiricahua Ranch, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William Ellsworth, in Layton, on November 2d. His death was due to internal injuries received in the accident. Mr. Wanslee was born in Rome, Ga., December 18, 1836, where he resided with his parents until 1869, in which year he removed to Desark, Ark. He was married to Miss Evans in Desark in 1873, who died in Savoy, New Mexico, in 1878, leaving three children, the youngest a daughter, dying in 1881. In 1878 Mr. Wanslee came to Arizona, settling in Apache County. Leaving Apache County in 1886, he came to the Gila Valley, living in Safford and Graham and working at farming and mining until the time of his death. In 1890 Mr. Wanslee married Mrs. Parker, a widow, who with two children, survive him. Funeral services were held in the Layton Church, Tuesday, November 3d. The interment was in Union cemetery.

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WARDLAW, ELSIE

MISS WARDLAW DEAD. Passes Away at Her Home Saturday Morning. Miss Elsie Wardlaw was touched by the wand of death last Saturday morning and Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Wardlaw are mourning the loss of a daughter. Deceased was 17 years old and came to Safford with her parents from Rogers, Arkansas, about a year ago with the hope that the Arizona climate might woo back the health that was rapidly declining. The body was embalmed and shipped Monday to the former home in Arkansas, where interment took place the 7th inst. Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Wardlaw and daughter accompanied the remains. The Daughters of Rebekah were in attendance at the depot Monday morning. J. A. Wardlaw, of Thatcher, and Lon Wardlaw, of Safford, are brothers of the deceased.

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WARNER, CHARLES ALMA SR.

CHARLES WARNER DEAD. Graham County Pioneer Passes Away at His Home in Layton. Charles Warner, aged 73 years, one of Graham county's pioneers, died at his home in Layton, Saturday morning. Mr. Warner had been a sufferer from indigestion, which brought on other chronic troubles, and had been ill for several months. Mr. Warner and family came overland from Idaho about thirty years ago and first settled at St. Johns, and later removing to the Gila valley, where he resided until the time of his death. During the early days he freighted from Globe to Willcox, in the times when the Indians and the rustlers made the road dangerous for travel. Mr. Warner is survived by his wife and five children: Alvin, Perry and Cyrus, and Mrs. John Davidson and Mrs. J. Gale, of Clifton, also by an adopted daughter, Miss Lillie. The funeral took place from the Layton church Sunday afternoon, and was attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the deceased. The interment was made in the Union cemetery.

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WATSON, Son of W. T.

On last Tuesday morning the 14-months-old son of W. T. Watson, of Central, died from the result of a fever.

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WEBB, SARAH

DEATH OF MRS. W. T. WEBB. Passes Away in Salt Lake City Utah, March 6th. Mrs. W. T. Webb, aged 44 years died at the L. D. S. Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah, Wednesday, March 6th, at 6:05 p. m. The immediate cause of her death was peritonitis. Mr. Web was present at her bedside when the end came. Mrs. Sarah Web was born March 17, 1867, in Eden, Ogden valley, Utah. She came to Gila valley with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burns, in 1882. She was married to W. T. Webb in Salt Lake City, Utah, October 1887. Mrs. Webb was a devoted daughter and loving wife. She is survived by her husband, three sisters and one brother. The funeral services were held in the Pima meeting House, Tuesday morning March 12th. The house was beautifully decorated in white bunting and flowers, emblematic of her life. Those who spoke were: President Kimball, who was followed by Mrs. Laura Nuttal, W. W. Pac, David H. Claridge and Bishop Phil C. Merrill. The interment was made in Pima cemetery.

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WEBB, WILFORD T.

Owner of 76 Ranch Is Dead. Had Been Speaker Of House In Territorial Days; Was 73 Years Old.

Willcox, Dec. 20 – Col W. T. Webb, owner of the 76 ranch and cattle company near here, died at a hospital in Los Angeles today, friends were informed. He was one of Arizona's pioneer cattlemen and had been identified with that business for about half a century. The 76 ranch, one of the most extensive in southern Arizona, has long been one of the most famous in the state. In recent Years it has been operated in part as a guest ranch. Webb, born in 1864 in Salt Lake City, Utah, was educated in the public schools and at the University of Utah. Coming to Arizona in 1881, he located at Tombstone, moving to Graham county a year later to engage in business with his father, Gilbert Webb. In 1887 he turned his attention to the stock business, and although other interests were added later, he continued to be identified with cattle raising until his death. He was interested in business

activities in Graham county, having been a director of the bank of Safford. Mr. Webb was active all his life in the Democratic party, having served several terms as Graham county chairman and boasted that he had never missed a state convention. Webb took a prominent part in the Democratic politics and was one of the first presidential electors from Arizona. He represented Graham county three terms in the territorial legislature, serving as speaker of the house one term. In 1887 he was married to Miss Sarah Burns, who died many years ago. Twenty years ago he was married to the wife who survives, Mrs. Claire N. Webb, who also was prominent in politics, having been a delegate to the Democratic national convention that nominated Roosevelt for President, and was for three years a trustee of the state school for the deaf and blind.

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WELKER, DAVID E.

The sudden death of David Welker Wednesday morning was a great shock to his many friends and relatives. Mr. Welker had taken his horse to Kirtland's shop Tuesday morning to have a shoe put on. He reached there about 9:00 o'clock and had driven several nails in the show when he stopped suddenly and sat down on a wheel rack. Mr. Kirtland, who had been to his house, returned just about the time Mr. Welker sat down, and noticing that he seemed to be in trouble, asked him if he was sick. Mr. Welker replied that he was feeling bad; that his heart was troubling him, and as soon as he ceased speaking, he lurched forward from the rack, falling heavily to the floor. Mr. Kirtland was at his side in a moment, and saw that he was dying. While attempting to raise his body from the floor, the spark of life fled and David Welker's soul had passed to the great beyond. The body was removed to Mr. Kirtland's home, and Dr. Warner summoned. The doctor said death had been caused by heart failure. His brother, Arthur E. Welker was notified and he came at once. It was a heart moving scene as the affectionate brother lamented the death of his only brother. The body was later removed to his brother's home on Tenth street and prepared for burial. David E. Welker was the son of the late Alfred and Eliza Welker. He was born at Bloomington, Idaho, August 6, 1871 and at the time of his death was 43 years 11 months of age. When he was about twelve years of age, his parents moved to Safford, in the fall of 1883. His father, Alfred Welker died here in 1896, and his mother in 1911. He is survived by his brother, Arthur E. Welker, and his sister, Mrs. Morg Merrill, of Clifton.

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WESTERMAN, CHARLES R.

Charles R. Westerman Laid to Rest. The people of Safford learned with great regret last Friday morning that Charles Robertson Westerman, a well known citizen of Safford, had died during the previous night. He had been working in the mountains and was taken very ill with appendicitis Wednesday. He was brought to Safford Thursday evening, but upon arrival here was found to be beyond medical aid, and died Friday, May 24th at 2:40 a. m. The deceased was born in Red River county, Texas, on May 2nd, 1846, and was therefor 61 years of age. He was a member of Company C. 31st Texas Cavalry, during the Civil War, and had many stirring experiences. He was united in marriage with Miss Margaret Emily Gregg, in Hopkins county, Texas, on January 1, 1868. From the union there were five sons and four daughters, three of whom are dead. The deceased moved to West Texas in 1879, and from thence to this valley with his family in 1899. The family have passed through unusually sorrowful experiences since coming here. Four years ago two sons died after a brief illness and four months later a daughter died quite suddenly in Texas. Two years ago the beloved wife and mother was called to a higher sphere, leaving the stricken family to sincerely mourn the untimely death of their loved ones. Mr. Westerman became a member of the M. E. church soon after the civil war, and was an honored communicant of that faith until his

death, having been for years steward of the church. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him. Misses Leora and Mabel Westerman, daughters of the deceased, who have been living in Hondo, Texas, came here Sunday to attend the funeral service. The funeral service was held Monday under the joint auspices of the Methodist and Baptist churches, Revs. Hawley and Wardlaw officiating. The deceased was a member of the Winnie Davie Camp of Confederate Veterans, and members of that organization acted as pall bearers.

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WILKINS, AUDREY

AUDREY WILKINS DEAD. Miss Audrey Wilkins, 11 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Wilkins, of Duncan, Arizona, died Saturday morning at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Versa Steele, from typhoid fever. Miss Wilkins had been sick for some time and her parents brought her here in the hope that the change would benefit her, but the disease had progressed too far and after lingering for several weeks, she passed away. The funeral took place Sunday, and she was laid to rest in Union cemetery.

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WHIPPLE, LELAND S.

KILLED BY LIVE WIRE. Leland S. Whipple Loses His Life Sunday Morning at Home in Clifton. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Whipple residing in the Gila valley, were greatly shocked Sunday afternoon when they learned of the fatal accident which resulted in the death of their promising young son, Leland Stanford Whipple, at his home in Clifton at 9:00 Sunday morning. Young Whipple had contemplated having all his high school comrades join him in a Fourth of July patriotic celebration at his father's pleasant home in Ward's canyon, where he had been born and raised as a typical Arizona boy, full of energy and ambition, and after stringing the wires through the park grounds, at about 9:00 o'clock he ascended an electric light pole to make the connection, and coming in contact with a live wire, was knocked off his footing, receiving the full force of about 50 volts. He was picked up and carried to the house, but life was extinct. No marks were found on his body and the fall was not of sufficient height to cause much injury, much less to cause death. Leland was between 18 and 19 years of age, bright intelligent, of most amiable disposition and a fine physique. He would have made his mark in the world, except for this untimely death. The funeral services were held at his late home Monday afternoon. The interment was made in the Clifton cemetery.

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WHITE, HARRIETT A.

Death of Mrs. C. V. White. Early last Thursday morning Mrs. Charles V. White died suddenly of heart failure. She was just in the act of arising from her bed when, without any warning, she fell back dead. Mrs. White was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Montierth, and previous to her marriage with Mr. White was the wife of the late Dr. Groesbeck. She leaves a husband and a large family of children to mourn her loss.

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WHITMER, JACOB

After an illness of several weeks, Jacob Whitmer died at his home in Thatcher early last Wednesday morning. The funeral was held in the Thatcher church yesterday.

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WINDOM, TOM

Tom Windom, who accepted the position of driver of the stage between Solomonville and Coronado only the day before, fell dead of heart disease while climbing up to his seat at Coronado to make the return trip to Solomonville on Saturday last. Judge Neff held an inquest and Undertaker Pascoe laid the body out for burial at Duncan, where relatives reside. Tom Windom was unmarried and aged about 40. He was a brother of Lee Windom and well known in Clifton. – Clifton Herald.

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WISH, MAUD PLATT

On of the saddest deaths that has ever occurred in Safford is that of Maud Platt Wish, which occurred at the residence of her father, Dr. W. E. Platt, on Wednesday evening about six o'clock. While she had been near death's door for several days, all her friends, who are legion, still hoped she would recover. Maud was as popular as a girl and as a young lady and up to the time of her death as any one could be, and her death has caused many hearts to be sad. The funeral will take place from the church in Thatcher about three o'clock in the afternoon next Sunday. The family and bereaved husband have the fullest sympathy of the entire town and all the surrounding country. A Friend.

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On Sunday last the funeral of Mrs. Maud Wish was held in the Thatcher church, Bishop Welker and President Kimball being the speakers. The Thatcher choir sang hymns that would turn a heart of stone to softness. Mrs. Heber sang a beautiful song entitled "Wait." The large church was packed with sympathetic friends. The funeral procession was fully a mile in length. The remains were interred in the Thatcher cemetery.

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