

## Vanderburgh County Deaths 1843-1855

*In the 1930s the Works Progress Administration was formed to provide jobs for those out of work because of the Depression. We normally think of the WPA in building or repairing streets and roads, but the WPA also provided jobs in the theatre for actors and playwrights, and clerical jobs. As far as genealogy is concerned, the WPA extracted and indexed a wealth of information still being used today, such as the WPA-indexed Births, Deaths, and Marriages from most counties in Indiana, ranging from about 1882 to 1920. In Evansville the WPA extracted information from The Evansville Journal, assigning the information to different topics such as Amusements, Advertisements, Theatre, etc. This information is in the vertical manuscript file at Willard Library. This was originally published in The Tri-State Packet in March, June, and September 2008.*

**PLEASE NOTE: Two dates are used. The **boldface** date from the 1930s is the day when the information was extracted. Dates from 1843 to 1855 are the dates when the death notices appeared in the newspaper.**

**Extracted June 17, 1932 by WPA workers.**

Nov. 16, 1843. Death of **John M. Dunham**. They believe he was a printer in his early days.

Nov. 16, 1843. Death of **Phoebe Ann Harrington**, consort of Mr. Charles Harrington.

Jan. 11, 1844. Death of **Martha Negley**, Dec. 30th, wife of David Negley.

**June 20, 1932.**

March 21, 1844. Death of Mrs. **Anna Katharina Gumberts**, Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, consort of Mr. Abraham Gumberts of this place.

May 2, 1844. In this place on Sunday 28th occurred the death of **Thomas Woolsey**.

May 2, 1844. Died in this county on the 25th, **Melissa Goldsmith**, aged forty, consort of Daniel F. Goldsmith.

May 16, 1844. Account of the death of a girl taken from the St. Albans, Vermont, *Messenger*, a Miss **Harriet**, only daughter of J. G. and Betsey **Chandler**, age seventeen years and ten months. Miss Chandler spent a few months in this village as a pupil in their female seminary.

June 28, 1844. **Major Jervis Cutler**, died at his late residence on Tuesday 25th, in the 76th year of his age, who was the step father of the proprietor of this paper. The deceased was the second

son of the Rev. Manasseh Cutler. Mayor Jervis Cutler, when he was nineteen years of age, emigrated from Massachusetts under Gen. Rufus Putman and lived in Marietta, Ohio, in the very center of the battle ground of the Indians and Kentuckians.

July 11, 1844. Death notice reprinted by request from the Louisville *Daily Rover*. Died in this city on the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, Mrs. **Susan Harrison**, consort of B. I. Harrison in her 51st year. She was one of the first in lending her aid to fit up a Catholic Church in Evansville.

### **June 22, 1932.**

August 8, 1844. Died in this place, Saturday, 20th of July, **Edwin Marcus**, the only son of R. C. and Jane **Sherwood**, aged two years and two months.

Oct. 3, 1844. Died on Monday 30th of congestive lung fever, Mrs. **Elanor W. Breed**, consort of Rufus Breed.

Dec. 19, 1844. Mr. **Camillus C. Evans** was drowned on Saturday evening last while crossing Pigeon Creek. He had got his horse into the ferry boat and attempted to ferry himself across and by accident fell over-board and immediately sank. His body was found next day and buried. He has left a wife and interesting family of children.

Dec. 19, 1844. Died of consumption on the 12th of December, 1844, Miss **Ann Dunk**, third daughter of Charles and Sophia Dunk.

Jan. 23, 1845. Died on Saturday 19th, **William Crawford**, eldest son of Charles Harrington of this place, in the twentieth year of his age.

### **June 23, 1932.**

Feb. 13, 1845. **John Clause**, a resident of Mt. Vernon, fell overboard from the steamer, *Fawn* on Monday morning last and was drowned.

Feb. 27, 1845. **Robert Drake** on the 23rd of February, about six miles below Mt. Vernon, fell from the steamboat *Tobacco Plant* and was lost.

March 20, 1845. Died on the 16<sup>th</sup> after a long and painful illness, Mrs. **Julienne Stephens**, consort of Mr. Silas Stephens.

March 20, 1845. Died on the 18th, **Sophia E.**, infant daughter of John and Mary E. **Gilman**.

March 27, 1845. Died on the 18<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Rachel Olmstead**, consort of Hon. William Olmstead, in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her life.

**June 25, 1932.**

July 3, 1845. Died on Thursday 26th **Philip J.**, infant son of Philip and Caroline **Decker**, age thirteen months and twenty-one days.

July 10, 1845. Died on Tuesday night last Mrs. **Harriet F. Lyon**, consort of Mr. George F. Lyon.

July 10, 1845. Died, **Harrison S. Kazar**.

Sept. 18, 1845. Died on the 9th, **Ann**, infant daughter of E. H. **Fairchild** of this place.

Oct. 23, 1845. Taken from the Burlington, Iowa *Hawk Eye*. Death of Mrs. **Lucy Archer**, consort of F. M. Archer, aged twenty-six. Died of consumption. Resided for the last six years in Indiana and went to Iowa for her health. She made a public confession of religion in the Presbyterian Church under the care of Mr. Dodge at Evansville, Indiana.

Nov. 13, 1845. Died at Mechanicsville on the 8th, **Alfred Mitton**, age nine years and five months, youngest son of William and C. P. Whittlesey.

**July 8, 1932.**

Nov. 20, 1845. Mrs. **Hannah Epperson** died on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Died in Center Township on the 15th, **David S. Stephens**, age 78. [Likely Dec. 15]

Dec. 25, 1845. Died Tuesday morning [ ], Mr. **David McNall**, native of Ireland.

Jan. 8, 1846. Died at Henderson, Kentucky, Mrs. **Ann P. Newman**, age 61, consort of James Newman.

Feb. 12, 1846. Died on the 4th, Hon. **John W. Payne**.

March 12, 1846. A terrible accident occurred Tuesday morning [ ]. Three of our citizens were drowned **George Schlamp**, **John Schnell**, and **Fred Sauter**. They were buried yesterday in one grave. The German Washington Guards, Odd Fellows, Draymen and the two fire companies attended the funeral.

Aug. 20, 1846. Died on Wednesday 12th, Mr. **Joseph Wheeler, Jr.**, one of our oldest citizens and for many years a merchant here.

**July 9, 1932.**

Oct. 22, 1846. Died October 18th, **Mary Osborne**, infant daughter of William and Mary F. Riley.

Oct. 29, 1846. Died on the 24<sup>th</sup> in the eighth year of his age, **Thomas Vernon**, son of Thomas M. **Archer**.

### **July 13, 1932.**

Jan. 20, 1848. **Samuel R. Miller**, deceased. **William Granger**, deceased. **Thomas R. Harrison**, deceased.

April 27, 1848. Died on the 19th of April, Mrs. **A. L. Steadman**, consort of the Rev. N. V. Steadman.

April 27, 1848. Died on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April, **Joshua Flagler**, an old and respected citizen of this place.

May 11, 1848. Died on Sunday evening last, Mr. **Neriah Barnes**, an old and respected citizens. The Sons of Temperance attended him to the grave.

May 11, 1848. **Joseph Finney**, deceased.

June 10, 1848. A murder occurred last night between nine and ten on the steamboat *General Scott* just as it left our wharf. James Currie murdered **Joseph Brown**.

Aug. 3, 1848. Died on Tuesday evening, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, **John B.**, infant son of Isaac R. and Susan **Mills**.

Aug. 24, 1848. **Gustavus Copley**, deceased.

### **July 13, 1932.**

Sept. 28, 1848. Died, **Lucia Ann**, wife of James **Reilly** and daughter of Ira French of Cincinnati.

Oct. 12, 1848. Died on the 4th, **Oscar N.**, only son of John M. and Caroline **Lockwood**.

Oct. 14, 1848. Died on the 13th, Mrs. **Rachael Fairchild**, wife of A. Fairchild. Burial from Episcopal Church.

### **July 14, 1932.**

Nov. 23, 1848. Died, **Hamilton G. Shroads**, late of Vanderburgh County.

Dec. 7, 1848. Died, **Ann Ruth**, the only child of M. J. and Elizabeth **Bray**, aged three years and ten months.

Dec. 20, 1848. Mr. James **Cawson** died the 13th in the fifty-seventh year of his age. He was an old and respected citizen who had lived here thirty years.

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May 20, 1848. Died on Tuesday morning at 1:00 o'clock, **Allen C.**, infant son of Elizabeth P. and Allen C. **Hallock**, aged fourteen months and eighteen days. Funeral from the residents of his father on Water street near Walnut St.

June 23, 1848. Miss **Caroline Hall**, the young girl who shot herself, died Wednesday about noon. We are informed that the unhappy girl had been refused by her parents in marriage to a young man belonging to the army. She did not regret going out of the world and only seemed sorry that her exit was less speedy than she intended it to be.

Aug. 1, 1848. Died on yesterday, **Mr. P. C. Bradt**, consort of A. B. Bradt.

Aug. 1, 1848. Died yesterday at 5:00 o'clock, **George**, infant son of Christian and Anna Maria **Decker**.

Sept. 7, 1848. Died this morning at 5:00 o'clock, **George**, infant son of Thomas and Mary Ann **Grant**.

**July 14, 1932**

Oct. 31, 1848. Died Mrs. **Catherine F. Renschler**, consort of Mathias Renschler.

**July 15, 1848 [sic-should be 1932, PKN]**

Jan. 1, 1850. **Boyle Irwin**, deceased. **Samuel Kinyon**, deceased. **Beverly Lawrence**, deceased. **Jacob F. Grim**, deceased. **Edward Jared**, deceased.

Jan. 3, 1850. The sons of Temperance are to attend the funeral of **L. L. Burns**.

Jan. 3, 1850. **Frederick Laudenslager**, deceased.

Jan. 11, 1850. Mrs. **Mary Hall** will be buried this morning at 10:00 from the Methodist Church.

**September 29, 1932**

October 22, 1850. Died on the 21st, **James Edward**, eldest son of J. Wilson and Mary **Stinson**, age 4 years and 7 months.

November 11, 1850. Died on Saturday last in the City of Lamasco, **Elizabeth**, wife of John **Bissell**, aged 44 years.

November 20, 1850. Died yesterday morning at 3:00 o'clock, Mrs. **Mary Ann**, consort of Joseph **Lechner**, in the 27<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Nov. 20, 1850. Died on the 19<sup>th</sup>, **Hamilton Luther**, son of Reuben B. and Elizabeth **Hart**, ages 3 years and 8 months.

Nov. 26, 1850. Died yesterday, the **Rev. William A. Acheson** of the Reform Presbyterian Church and late from the City of New York.

Dec. 12, 1850. Died, Mrs. **Cordelia**, wife of Samuel E. **Gilbert**, and the funeral is to be held from Mr. Roicourt's.

April 9, 1851. Died, **Nathaniel Wild**, who was the engineer in charge of the Wabash and Erie Canal from Evansville to Petersburg.

April 16, 1851. Died on the 13<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Frances Ann**, consort of Rev. James N. **Saunders**. They had been married only a year.

### **September 30, 1932**

June 11, 1851. Deceased **Henry Lohmeier**.

July 10, 1851. Deceased, **Thomas H. Lyddon**.

July 19, 1851. **John M. Blair** has died.

July 27, 1851. A young gentleman named **William Burbage** was killed while digging a cellar.

Aug. 2, 1851. The funeral sermon is printed of Mrs. **Mary Agar**.

Aug. 13, 1851. Deceased, **Abraham Knight**.

Aug. 15, 1851. Deceased, **James Tupman**.

Sept. 30, 1851. Died on the 25<sup>th</sup>, **Albert Godfred**, son of Jacob **Sinzich**, 9 years of age.

### **October 5, 1932**

June 15, 1852. Mr. **Benjamin F. Dupey**, an old resident of Evansville and lately Post Master, died last Sunday night.

June 30, 1852. Died June 28<sup>th</sup>, **John Berry**, who lately arrived from the Emerald Isle.

July 10, 1852. Mr. **E. H. Hood** was buried yesterday by the Odd Fellows. The editor says he was an esteemed citizen and owned a book store here. He was a native of Massachusetts and died of cholera, thirty-eight years of age.

July 20, 1852. Died on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Anna Miria Rousch**, wife of Mr. Phillip Rousch, aged thirty-nine. Died on the 13<sup>th</sup>, their four year old daughter, Julia Anna Katherine.

July 23, 1852. Died on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Walter M.**, son of Dr. L. L. and Caroline J. **Laycock**, aged two years. Funeral from the residence on Water St.

Aug. 3, 1852. Died on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August, **Katharine**, consort of Mathias **Renchler**, aged twenty-six.

### **Oct. 6, 1932**

Aug. 24, 1852. Died on the 20<sup>th</sup>, **Louisa**, infant daughter of Edward P. and Louisa **Martin**.

Sept. 3, 1852. Died, the eldest daughter of Francis and Maria **Linck** of this city. She was **Sister Miriah Josephine**, a nun, and died in Cincinnati of tuberculosis.

Sept. 9, 1852. Died on Thursday, the 7<sup>th</sup>, **Sallie Howell**, second daughter of Rev. William H. and Sarah M. McCarer, aged four years and ten months.

Sept. 15, 1852. **Phillip Renoch** has died in Lamasco.

Sept. 20, 1852. Died in Lamasco below Pigeon Creek, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, **Mary R.**, infant daughter of William and Amarilla **Wills**.

Sept. 28, 1852. Died in Chicago on the 14<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Mary Ann Stickney**, relict of the late John Stickney of Evansville.

Sept. 28, 1852. Died, **Kate**, infant daughter of P. G. and Emerine **O'Riley**, aged eighteen months.

Oct. 12, 1852. Died, **Burtch**, son of Lansing W. and Eunice **Heberd**, aged two years. Funeral from the residence of his father on Market St., between Walnut and Chestnut.

### **October 12, 1932**

October 23, 1852. Died yesterday, Mrs. **Emily Dunham**, relict of John Dunham, aged 79 years.

Nov. 16, 1852. Died November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sherwood House, **Maria L.**, wife of Dr. J. Jean **Engle**, only daughter of Gen. Thomas Fitzgerald of Michigan, aged 24.

Dec. 8, 1852. Suicide near Evansville. Mr. **Daniel Street**, wife and infant child, threw themselves into the river at Dutch Bend, two miles below Evansville. Mr. Street had emigrated with his family to Missouri from Scott County, Indiana.

Jan. 10, 1853. **William M. Walker** has died.

Jan. 18, 1853. Died on the 15<sup>th</sup>, **William Henry**, son of William R. and Mary **Baker**, aged three years and six months.

Jan. 24, 1853. Died on the 21<sup>st</sup>, **Sarah Josephine**, infant daughter of Lewis C. and Martha E. **Stinson**, aged seven weeks.

Feb. 18, 1853. Died on the 17<sup>th</sup>, **Eleanor F.**, daughter of Fielding and Mary M. **Johnson**, aged one year.

### **Oct. 13, 1932**

March 22, 1853. The Rev. Mr. Foster delivered a funeral discourse last Sunday evening at the Episcopal Church on the death of Mr. **W. W. Smith** killed by an explosion on the steamer *Bee*.

April 13, 1853. **Florence Bischenfeldt** has died.

April 19, 1853. Died, **Elizabeth Early**, daughter of Joseph P. and Mary **Elliott**.

June 1, 1853. Died yesterday, Mrs. **Rachael**, consort of James M. **Chute**.

June 7, 1853. Died Sunday, **Mary Louisa**, wife of J. P. **Elliott**. Died, **Mary Guild**, infant child of Sarah H. and William **McCarer**.

### **Oct. 18, 1932**

June 24, 1853. Died on the afternoon of the 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. **Oliver Ladd**, an old citizen of Evansville. The body of Mr. Ladd was followed to the grave yard by the Odd Fellows and a number of citizens. Aged 43.

July 8, 1853. Mr. Charles **Linn**, of an old German family, lost his **son**, his death begin [sic] caused from a horse kick. **Michael Irvin** was killed Sunday evening by a sign which fell from the second story of a building on the corner of Smithfield and Second.



July 19, 1853. Mr. **James H. Nelson**, printer, who worked some time in the Pocket office in this city, has died out of the city.

July 19, 1853. Died, Mrs. **Kate Fellows** at Salem, Alabama. She was a sister of W. H. Stoddard of this city and a resident of Evansville until her marriage three years ago.

July 21, 1853. **Wendell King** has died, late of Vanderburgh Co. **Elizabeth Danel** has died, late of Vanderburgh Co.

July 29, 1853. Died on the 24<sup>th</sup>, **Elizabeth Crane Taylor**, wife of Mr. John P. Henderson of this city.

### **Oct. 19, 1932**

Aug. 22, 1853. Died on the 12<sup>th</sup> at the residence of her father in Crawfordsville, Mrs. **Kate Smith**, wife of H. E. Smith of this city, aged 31.

Sept. 8, 1853. Died on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mr. **George Young**, aged 21. He was a native of Chatteris, England.

Sept. 28, 1853. **John Burbank** has died.

Oct. 4, 1853. Died of old age, **Jacob Skelton**, aged 85, at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Elisha Strichland in Gibson County. He emigrated to Gibson in 1807, while the red men of the forest were roaming all over the territory. He marched in the Tippecanoe campaign.

Oct. 24, 1853. **George Bates** has died.

Oct. 24, 1853. Died on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, **Major A. Warner**, in the sixty-third year of his age. Mr. Warner came to Evansville in 1818 and has seen it grow from two or three log cabins to its present size. He was long connected with a line of stages between this city and Vincennes and for ten years or more he was keeper of a hotel in Evansville. He married three times. His first wife was Miss **Sophronia Bromuson**, who he married in 1812 and who died in this place in 1820. His second wife was Miss **Jane McGiffin** of Washington, Pennsylvania, whom he married in Vincennes in 1821 and who died in 1841. His third wife is still living. She was Mrs. **Cordelia Nevins** of Oswego, New York, and they were married in 1853. By his first marriage he had two daughters, one of whom died in infancy and the other at the age of ten. By his third marriage he had one son, who died at the age of seven. He was born in Chester, Connecticut, in 1789.

Oct. 24, 1853. Died at Greencastle, **John Allen**, youngest son of Andrew and Elizabeth **Erskine**, aged fifteen years.

### **Oct. 25, 1932**

Nov. 23, 1853. Died yesterday, **Edwin R. Holt**, son of Rev. Edwin Holt of this city. The funeral will take place from the residence on Third Street directly opposite the German Roman Church.

**Oct. 27, 1932**

March 23, 1854. Died, Mrs. **Katherine Sloan**, wife of Captain Thomas Sloan of this city. She died of consumption.

March 28, 1854. Died, Mrs. **Mary Bridges**, wife of Mr. Sander Bridges and daughter of J. C. Durbin. She died of consumption. Her funeral will take place from the Kentucky House.

**Nov. 4, 1932**

May 17, 1854. Died, **Addie Sanders**, only child of Lizzie and Ad. H. Saunders, aged 22 months. Funeral from the home on First Street.

May 17, 1854. Died, **George W.**, youngest son of Mrs. Mary E. **Bates**, widow of the late George Bates.

June 3, 1854. Two boys, aged 5 and 7, only children of Mr. **Weed**, were drowned.

July 18, 1854. Died, **Daniel**, only son of Dr. Daniel and Matilda **Morgan**, aged fifteen months.

July 18, 1854. Died, Mrs. **Mary Cochran**, consort of J. H. Cochran.

July 25, 1854. **John M. Stockwell** has died.

July 26, 1854. **Dr. John R. Wilcox** died at Union Springs, Kentucky, where he had gone for his health.

July 27, 1854. Died, Mrs. **Mary Connyngton**, at her residence on Second Street Wednesday.

**Nov. 14, 1932**

July 29, 1854. Died, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at Owensboro, **Elder Joseph Wasson**, aged 72, pastor of the Christian Church.

Aug. 2, 1854. Died yesterday evening, Mrs. **Hannah Skillman**, aged 65.

Aug. 8, 1854. **Thomas Sterling** has died.

Aug. 24, 1854. Died yesterday, **James Garrod**, son of James G. and Roseanna **Jones**, aged 7, funeral from the residence on Third St.

Aug. 24, 1854. **John M. Blair** has died.

Aug. 29, 1854. Died on the 27<sup>th</sup> very suddenly, Mr. **David Stitt**, aged 29.

Mr. **Francis Linck, Jr.**, died last Sunday after a brief illness, thirty-five years old.

#### **Nov. 14, 1932**

Sept. 15, 1854. Died on the 12<sup>th</sup>, **John Cryer**, aged four, only son of Charles and Jane Cryer.

Oct. 3, 1854. **Michael Y. Longbotham** of this city died at Toledo on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Nov. 17, 1932**

Oct. 17, 1854. Died on the 15<sup>th</sup>, **Francis Cosby**, aged 2, son of the late Robert T. Cosby.

Oct. 30, 1854. Died on the 26<sup>th</sup>, **Wallace Starr**, infant son of John J. and Martha Jane **Marlett**.

Oct. 31, 1854. Died on the 27<sup>th</sup>, **Willie**, infant son of John and Rebecca **Stocks**.

Nov. 3, 1854. Died, Mrs. **Amma Byrne**, wife of J. P. Byrne, yesterday. Funeral from the residence on Chestnut Street.

Jan. 3, 1855. Died, **Jeremiah Wyatt**, of Armstrong Township, an old Revolutionary soldier.

Died on the 30<sup>th</sup>, Mr. **John Cupples**, aged 38.

#### **Nov. 28, 1932**

Feb. 6, 1855. **Elizabeth Greathouse** has died.

Feb. 26, 1855. The editor announces the death of **Asa Bement**, who was the Senior in the old wholesale grocery of Bement & Viele, but his home of late years has been at Stock Bridge, Massachusetts. He left a wife, sister to Judge Law of this city.

March 7, 1855. **Captain Daniel E. Bedford** has died. His funeral will be from the residence on Third Street.

March 13, 1855. An Englishman by the name of **Woodruff** and brother of the well known stock physician, Dr. James Wooderuff, was drowned yesterday off a flat boat.

March 14, 1855. **Eli Gerard**, late of Vanderburgh County, is dead.

March 17, 1855. A German by the name of **Henry Baker** was killed while digging a cellar for Messrs. Milshire and Kraypka in Lamasco City.

March 22, 1855. A man named **Michael McHenry**, who peddled razors about the city, was found dead sitting at a door of Carpenter's buildings.

March 24, 1855. Died on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, **Virginia**, aged two, youngest daughter of Adam and Caroline **Kurtz**.

**Nov. 29, 1932**

April 6, 1855. Died, **Ruth**, consort of Joseph **Rosborough**, aged 81.

April 11, 1855. Died, April 8<sup>th</sup>, **Richard S. Terry**, aged 40 at the residence of a [brother] near the city. He was a native of Charleston, South Carolina and has been teaching school in this neighborhood. He was also a pleasing writer and a poet of no small fame.

May 23, 1855. Died, Mr. **Temple Gwathmey**, aged 79. Funeral from the residence of his son, R. C. Gwathmey.

May 26, 1855. Died on the 25<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. **Julia E.**, wife of Mr. V. **Satterlee**. Funeral from her late residence on Main between Fourth and the Canal.

June 7, 1855. Died in Johnson Township, **Dorcas**, consort of Harrison **Newson**, aged 45.

[End of Vanderburgh County Deaths 1843-1855]