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YALE CEMETERY

Compiled by Debbie M. Swindle

The Yale Cemetery (established in 1893) is the final resting place for many African-American coal miners and their families. Most of these coal miners had originally come from the South in hopes of a better future for themselves and their families, and the abundance of mines in southeastern Kansas at the end of the nineteenth century proved an irresistible opportunity. Even though the community of Yale is in Kansas, the cemetery--located on the east side of State Line Road, three-quarters of a mile north of Highway 160 (which runs just east of the town of Mindenmines)--is in Missouri.

The cemetery has evidence of at least 248 graves with only about 15 are marked with headstones. The following is documentation for 183 individuals. If you see an ancestor among the following and would like to supply a picture to accompany their information, please contact Debbie Swindle (swindle@gus.pittstate.edu).

Adams, George

Died c. 1925. Buried where large round stone is located in northeast corner of cemetery. [Personal interview with Bertha Willard, Ft. Scott, Kansas, 26 February 1991. George Adams is Mrs. Willard's maternal grandfather.]

Adams, Robert

"The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Adams departed this life Tuesday, Jan. 26, age one year and 26 days. The little one suffered with stomach trouble for the past two months until the death angel visited the bedside and took its little spirit to the God that gave it. Our loss and heaven's gain. The remains were interred in the Yale cemetery." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 2, 1904, p. 4.]

"Name: Robert Adams; Age: 1 year; Date of death: January 26, 1904; Cause of death: stomach trouble; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman Furniture Co., Pittsburg; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 231, 1.]

Anderson, Malida

"Name: Malida Anderson; Age: 54 years; Date of death: September 10, 1900; Cause of death: not given; Date of report: September 26, 1900; Residence at death: Yale; Place of burial: Missouri Burying grounds; Occupation: Housewife." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 83, 229.]

"Mrs. Melenda Anderson; 51 years; died September 10, 1900, in Yale of Heart disease; Dr. Whittaker. Funeral Sept. 11 at 3 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Robt. Anderson and Loyd Robinson. \$60.00." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #44.]

Baker, George

Born: February 11, 1856; Died: [illegible]
 [Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“George W. Baker, born in N. Carolina, married, died March 31, 1917. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to Mrs. Geo Baker, \$121.00.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-3, page 89.]

Baker, Rebecca Henrietta

Died May 3, 1935, in rural Yale; buried in Yale Cemetery on May 5, 1935. Rebecca is widow of George Baker; had been born in Georgia; father, Falton Blakley, had been born in Virginia; mother, Elizabeth Jackson, had been born in Georgia. [Death certificate filed in state of Kansas on May 8, 1935.]

“Rebecca H. Baker, age 79 yrs 3 mos 3 days, born January 30, 1856 in Georgia. Died May 3, 1935 at her home in Yale. Funeral May 5, 1935, Sunday at 2:30 p.m. at the Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Rev Cooper, Pittsburg, Kansas and Rev E D Brown, Yale, Kansas. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: Falton Blakely born in Virginia, Mother: Elizabeth Jackson born in Georgia. Husband was George W. Baker born in North Carolina, died March 31, 1917. Bill \$182.00 paid by Mrs. John Eason.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Funeral Home, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-10, page 110.]

Barley, Mary Rosa

“Name: Mary Rosa Barley; Age: 7 years; Date of death: October 8, 1910; Cause of death: Malaria; Residence at death: Nelson, KS; Date of report: November 10, 1910
 Place of burial: Yale, KS; Date of burial: October 9, 1910; Undertaker: A. L. Mahan, Frontenac
 Physician: M. K. Scott, Frontenac.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 85, 13.]

Beard, Andrew

“The funeral of Andrew Beard, the Yale Negro who died yesterday from a gunshot wound mysteriously inflicted in the back, was held this afternoon in the Yale A.M.E. church. Burial was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Thursday, September 10, 1914, 5.] (For an account of the shooting see the same source, September 9, 1914, p 2.)

“Andrew Beard; age: 29 years, 3 months, 29 days; Sept. 8, 1914, at Mt. Carmel Hospital due to gun shot wound. Funeral Sept. 10 at 2:00 pm at AME church, Yale; clergyman: Broadnaux. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$222.50.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 267.]

Beard, Eliza

“Name: Eliza Beard; Age: 61 years; Date of death: July 23, 1907; Cause of death: stomach trouble; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: Gorrell; Physician: Dr. Ford, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 179, (7).]

“Eliza Beard, aged 61 years, died at Yale yesterday morning of stomach trouble. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 24, 1907, p. (3).]

“Mrs. Eliza Beard died on the 23 inst. The funeral took place at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Bardy officiated, assisted by Rev. George.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 5, 1907, p. (4).]

Beard, James

“James Veard [sic], colored, a miner, died this morning at 9 o’clock at his home in Yale. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o’clock from the Methodist church at Yale. The body was brought to the Bowman undertaking parlors to be prepared for burial, which will be in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, July 28, 1913, p. 1.]

“James Beard; 50 years; widower; died July 28, 1913, in Yale; Dr. Geeder. Funeral July 29 at 3 pm at Methodist Church, Yale; clergyman: Rev. Partce. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$70.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 114.]

Beasley, Alice

“Alice Beasley; age--16 years, 2 months, 16 days; died Sept. 9, 1900 in Yale of consumption; Dr. Sanderson. Funeral Sept. 10. Burial: Yale Cemetery.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #43.]

“Name: ALICE BEASLEY [This person noted as “mixed.”]; Age: 17 years, 5 months, 25 days; Date of death: September 15, 1900; Cause of death: tuberculosis; Date of report: December 28, 1900; Place of burial: Miden, MO; Place of birth: MO; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: school girl; Undertaker: C. D. Manley; Physician: J. T. Whittaker, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 89, 311.]

Beaton, (infant)

“The infant son of Clyde Beaton was buried last week.” [“Yale Item,” Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 24, 1905, p. 2.]

Benbow, Leroy Leon

“Leroy Leon Benbow, age 11 mos, 19 days, born June 2, 1915, infant, died May 30, 1916 in South Radley, KS of Pneumonia, Dr Smith, Radley. His father, Wm Benbow born in Alabama, mother, Sarah J Anderson born in Texas. Funeral was May 31, 1916 in South Radley, Rev Geo W. Ada. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to Wm Benbow, \$38.50.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-2, page 257.]

Bennett, Caldwell

“Caldwell Bennett, age about 35, married, born in Kentucky, died Feb 02, 1916 at Yale, Dr. Keller, Yale. Funeral 1 p.m. Feb 04, 1916 at Yale Baptist Church, Rev. Chas Ford. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to Frank Setina, \$65.00.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 204.]

Bloden, Lizzie

“Name: Lizzie Bloden; Age: 38 years; Date of death: December 20, 1899; Cause of death: stomach trouble; Residence at death: Yale; Date of report: January 1900; Undertaker: D. Roderick, Pittsburg; Physician: [handwriting difficult to read], Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 61, 3349.]

Bonwell, Flora

“Flora Bonwell, age 10 mos, born Oct 07, 1916, infant, died Sept 01, 1917 in Weir, Dr. C W Hoag, Weir. Funeral Sept 03, 1917 at 10:00 a.m., the home in Weir, Rev Prentice. Burial Yale Cemetery. Her father, Wm Bonwell born in Tennessee, mother, Mary Johnson born in Tennessee. Bill charged to Wm Bonwell, Weir, \$35.00.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-3, page 151.]

Bonwell, Viola

“Viola, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bonwell of Yale, colored, died last night. The funeral was this afternoon at 3 o’clock from the Baptist church at Yale, Rev. S. A. Williams officiating, and burial was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, August 30, 1913, 2.]

“Viola Bonwell; age 1 year, 6 months; died Aug. 29, 1913, in Yale of Illio Colitis [sic]; Dr. Doods. Burial: Mt. Habon [sic], Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: W. Bonwell. \$38.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 140.]

Brown, Jeff

“Jefferson Brown, colored, died yesterday afternoon at his home in No 11 camp near Yale. Death resulted from a complication of diseases.

The deceased was 64 years of age and had been a resident of Yale and vicinity for a number of years.

He was among the first colored miners in Yale but poor health had kept him from the mine for sometime past.

As far as known he has no relatives in this part of the country.

The funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the M. E. church at Yale and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, July 20, 1909, (4).]

“Name: Jeff Brown; Age: 58 years; Date of death: July 21, 1909
Cause of death: T.B.; Residence at death: Yale; Date of report: August 3, 1909; Marriage status: Single; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 29.]

Brown, Lulu

“Mrs. Lulu Brown departed this life Saturday, the 9th, and was interred in the Yale cemetery by the order of the Household Ruths. She leaves one brother and one sister to mourn her loss. Yale, the Golden Star, Weir and Pittsburg lodges turned out Sunday at Yale headed by the Yale bands.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 16, 1903, p. 10.]

“Brown, Lula, 26, married, housewife, died May 9, 1903 of malaria fever; Dr. Smith. Funeral May 10, 1903, 3 a.m.[sic] at Yale, Ks. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: 4843 G.U.O.F.O. Yale, Kan. \$50.25.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 94.]

“Name: Lulu Brown; Age: 26 years; Date of death: May 10, 1903; Cause of death: malarial fever; Residence at death: Yale; Date of burial: May 11; Marriage status: Married
Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale.
[From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 195, 7.]

Buckner, Wm.

Born: 1873; Died: 1915
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Cadell, Anna (Annie)

Died: Feb. 27, 1907
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Mrs. Anna Cadell, colored, died last evening at her home in Yale, aged 53 years. Death was due to heart trouble. The funeral was held this afternoon from the late home and interment made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 28, 1907, p. (4).]

“The funeral of Mrs. Caddell was held last Thursday at the Bethel A.M.E. church, Brother Euton of Fort Scott officiating.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wed., March 6, 1907, p. (4).]

“Name: Anna Cadell; Age: 53 years; Date of death: February 27, 1907; Cause of death: heart trouble; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: widow; Undertaker: Gorrell; Physician: Dr. O’Dill, Curranville, KS.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 159, 11.]

Cale, Robert

“Name: Robert Cale; Age: 23 years; Date of death: August 28, 1899; Cause of death: murder; Residence at death: Yale; Date of report: January 1900; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: D. Roderick, Pittsburg; Physician: Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 61, 3353.]

Callaway, George W.

Born: 1850; Died: 1912
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Callaway, Henry Z.

Born: 1893; Died: March 28, 1904
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Name: Henry Callaway; Age: 12 years; Date of death: March 28, 1904; Cause of death: dropsy; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.”
[From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 5, 12.]

“The little son of Mr. Geo. Callaway departed this life the latter part of last week. Dropsy and rheumatism was the cause of his death. Age about 12 years. He leaves three brothers, three sisters and a mother and father to mourn his loss. The last words he said in this world were that ‘I am all right.’ It is our loss and heaven’s gain.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Thurs., April 7, 1904, p. 4.]

Carlington, Tom

“Croweburg, Kans., Aug. 17 - The funeral of Tom Carlington, colored, who was shot and killed last Sunday night over a game of craps by L. C. Cross, also colored, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the family residence in this city. Burial was in the Yale cemetery. During the last few days since the murder, several men have stated that they have seen Cross, who is a sandy haired man, hiding with his friends in the lower end of the camp. The description of the man seems to correspond with that of a colored man who is wanted for the hold-up of a Missouri Pac. Passenger train nearly a year ago in Western Kansas. The Missouri Pacific is offering a reward of \$500 for his arrest.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 17, 1911, p. 4.]

Cener, Beete

“Beete Cener; 11 days old; died April 16, 1902, at Yale of jandus [sic]; Dr. Cowens of Midway, Kan. Casket: 2 ft. gloss white, \$8.00. Burial: Yale Cemetery.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #205.]

Chambers, Lawyer W.

“Lawyer W. Chambers; age 16 days, born January 18, 1915, son of Wm Chambers; died February 4, 1915 in Franklin, Dr. Coffman, Franklin. Funeral February 4, 1915 at 3 pm at Franklin. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father, Wm Chambers born in Alabama and Mothers maiden name, Georgia Whitehead. Bill \$9.00 charged to Wm Chambers and L W Whitehead.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Funeral Home, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 48.]

Charles, Gussie

“Charles, Gussie, 1 year, 8 months, d. Oct. 23, 1904 of pneumonia and whooping cough; Dr. Smith. Funeral, Oct. 24 at Yale. Cemetery not given.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 2, entry #254.]

“Name: GUSSIE CHARLES; Age: 1 year; Date of death: October 23, 1904; Cause: pneumonia; Residence: Yale; Marital status: single; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 37.]

Cobb, Laura

Born: 1864; Died: 1917
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Laura Cobb, age 52, born Aug 4, 1863 in Ohio, married, died Feb 04, 1917 at her home 109 E 12th St, Pittsburg, Dr L N Bass, Pittsburg. Funeral Feb 06, 1917, 10:45 a.m., Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Rev J T Elias. Burial Yale Cemetery. Her father, North born in Ohio. Bill charged to Wm Cobb \$120.25, paid by Wm Cobb and Mrs H H Atkins.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-3, page 60.]

Cobb, Virgie

“Virgie Cobb, age 25 yrs, born May 12, 1891, single, coal mine driver, died August 27, 1916, Mt Carmel Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas, shot with revolver, residence Croweburg, KS, Dr. Bass, Pittsburg. Funeral August 29, 1916 at the Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Rev Elias. Burial Yale Cemetery. His father, Wm Cobb born in Georgia, mother, Laura North born in Ohio. Bill charged to Wm Cobb, Pittsburg, \$114.60.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-2, page 290.]

Cobb, W. M.

[Name only collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Cobb, William M. Jr.

“William M. Cobb, Jr.; age: 34 years, 9 months, 16 days; married; coal miner; died Feb. 23, 1912, at 109 E. 12 St. Pittsburg of tuberculosis of bowels. Funeral Feb. 25. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Bertha B. Cobb. \$159.50.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 22.]

Croseyer, Sidney

“Sidney Croseyer, colored, aged 42, died this morning at 5 o’clock at Yale, a victim of miners’ consumption.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1 o’clock and interment in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, Feb. 6, 1911, p. 8.]

“Sidney Croseyer; 42 years; single; miner; died Feb. 5 am, 1911, in Yale of miner’s consumption. Funeral Feb. 5 at 1 pm at home. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Henry Weaver Local #589. \$42.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 3, page 197.]

“Name: SIDNEY CROSEICI; Age: 43 years; Date of death: February 4, 1911; Cause of death: consumption; Date of report: March 10, 1911; Occupation: Miner; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 97]

Dewberry, Barbara

“Name: Barbara Dewberry; Age: 3 years; Date of death: April 22, 1905; Cause of death: pneumonia; Length of illness: 1 week; Residence at death: Yale; Place of birth: Yale, Kansas; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 64.]

Dorsey, Emily

“Name: Emily Dorsey; Age: 47 years; Date of death: August 29, 1895; Cause of death: fever
Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford
County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book D, p. 1, 896.]

Dorsey, James

“James Dorsey, formerly of Yale, died at Huntington, Ark., at 6 o’clock Sunday evening of malaria
fever. The body has been shipped here and will remain at the Bowman Undertaking Chapel until
the funeral arrangements are made. The services probably will be held tomorrow afternoon under
the direction of the colored K. P. lodge of Yale and interment will be made in the Yale cemetery.”
[Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, Oct. 16, 1911, p. (3).]

“James Dorsey; 60 years; married; miner; died Oct. 14, 1911, 6 pm, in Huntington, Ark. of Malaria
Fever. Funeral Oct. 17 at 1 pm in Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Henry Dorsey of
Yale and Sidney Dorsey Porter of K.C. \$24.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture
Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 55.]

Dorsey, Willie

Died: May 27, 1909
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Willie Dorsey, Aged Eleven Years, Is Dead.
Willie Dorsey colored, aged eleven years, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dorsey of Yale, died at 3
o’clock yesterday afternoon of stomach trouble. The funeral was held at 3 o’clock this afternoon
from the home and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday,
May 28, 1909, p. (5).]

“Name: Willie Dorsey; Age: 11 years; Date of death: May 27, 1909; Cause of death: stomach
trouble; Residence at death: Yale; Date of report: June 3, 1909; Place of burial: Yale, KS;
Undertaker: R. P. Gorrell; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Yale and Dr. McKelvey, Minden, MO.” [From
the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 21, 5.]

“Willie Dorsey; 11 years; died May 27, 1909 of stomach trouble. Funeral May 28, at 3 pm at Yale.
Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: H. Dorsey. \$75.00 [included 2 carriages and 1 hearse].”
[Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger
2, entry #111.]

Drake, Paul

“Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Drake, died at the family home, at Yale last night, aged 16
months. The cause of the death was summer complaint. The funeral was held this afternoon from
the home in Yale. Interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday,
July 29, 1910, p. (3).]

“Name: Paul Drake; Age: 1 year, 6 months; Date of death: July 28, 1910; Cause of death:
summer consumption; Residence at death: Yale; Date of report: August 10, 1910; Place of burial:
Yale, KS; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County
Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 76, 13.]

“Paul Drake; 16 months old; died July 29, 1910, in Yale of summer complaint; Dr. Bacon. Funeral July 29 at 3 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: S. T. Drake. \$12.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 100.]

Ellison, Dora

“Dora Ellison, age 19, single, Radley, school girl, died April 21, 1918, Topeka, KS. Funeral April 24, 1918 at 2: p.m. at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Rev Prentice. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father John Ellison, mother Bessie Lendrell born in Georgia. Bill Charged to Bessie Crockett McAlpine \$30.20, paid by Mrs Gilmore.” [Funeral Record from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-3, page 237.]

Evans, Anna

“Anna Evans; 55 years; died December 18, 1900, at Yale of pneumonia; Dr. J. T. Whittaker. Funeral Dec. 19 at 2 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #73.]

“Name: ANNA EVANS; Age: 55 years; Occupation: Servant; Date of death: December 19, 1900; Cause of death: Pneumonia; Place of death: Yale, KS; Undertaker: Manley, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 95.]

Evans, Bammar

“Mrs. Bammar Evans, aged 56 years, wife of Charles Evans, died at the home at Curranville yesterday afternoon at 6:45 of dropsy. The funeral was held from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.

Deceased leaves a husband and five children, one a son, Pat Evans, living in Curranville and the other four in Alabama.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, November 2, 1909, p. (2).]

“Mrs. Bammar Evans; 56 years; married; housewife; died November 1, 1909 at 6:45 pm in Curranville of dropsy; Dr. Orr. Funeral Nov. 2 at 3 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Chas. Evans. \$65.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 2, entry #206.]

Evans, Richard

“Well Known colored Resident Died After Short Illness.
Curranville, Jan. 9 – Richard Evans, better known as Dick Evans, and one of the most widely known colored residents of this city, died yesterday about noon. Death resulted from pneumonia which he contracted on New Year's Day.

The deceased was about 32 years of age and had resided in Curranville for several years. He was well known all over the coal field, having come to Weir City in 1893, and he has worked at Weir, Yale and several other places before coming a resident of Curranville.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral but it was thought that it will be held some time Sunday. He is survived by a brother, Pat Evans of this city.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1909, p. (5).]

Fincher, Glenn

“Glenn Fincher, age 40, single, coal miner, died November 23, 1917 in Yale, Dr. W S Sevart, Girard. Funeral November 25, 1917 at 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church, Yale, Rev Ford. Burial Yale Cemetery. Born in December in North Carolina, Father, Wm Fincher. Bill paid by Gaines \$93.25.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-3, page 171.]

Fritzjuri, Gilbert

“Gilbert Fritzjuri, of No. 9, Nelson, Kansas, departed this life Jan. 26. His remains were interred in the Yale cemetery by the order of the K. of P. Rev. A. J. Rogers conducted the funeral services. He leaves a wife and one child . . .” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Jan. 31, 1903, p. 4]

“Fitz Jewell; 27 years; miner; married; died January 26, 1903 of fracture of spine; Dr. Bacon. Funeral Jan. 27, 3:30 pm at Yale; Clergyman: Hon. Rev. Brown. Casket: 6-3. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Central Coal & Coke Co. Nelson. \$50.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 61.]

“Died -- In Nelson, January 26, Gilbert Fritzjuri.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 7, 1903, p. 6.]

Gaines, Abe

“Abe Gaines, age 52, born April 01, 1863; married; coal miner; died March 23, 1916, Yale, Dr. Keller, Yale. Funeral 10 a.m. March 27, 1916 at Baptist Church, Yale, Rev S G Cooper. His mother, Nancy Slates. Bill to F K Setina, \$90.00.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 235.]

Galloway, Taylor

“Name: Taylor Galloway; Age: 55 years; Date of death: February 21, 1902; Cause of death: pneumonia; Marriage status: Married; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Whittaker, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 136, 570.]

Gamble, Sam

“The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble was laid to rest in the Yale cemetery, Wednesday, February 17.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 23, 1904, p. 3]

“Died. GAMBLE--In Yale, Feb. 16, of pneumonia, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gamble, (col) aged eight months.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 18, 1904, p. 4]

“Name: Baby Gamble [male]; Age: 8 months; Date of death: February 16, 1904; Cause of death: pneumonia; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman Furniture Co., Pittsburg; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 234, 10.]

“Gamble, Sam, 8 mo. d. Feb. 16, 1904 at Yale. Dr. Smith of Yale. Cause--pneumonia. Bur. Yale cemetery.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman

Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 1, page 24.]

Birth -- “GAMBLES--In Yale, July 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Gambles, a son.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 13, 1903, p. 6.]

Gamble, Samuel

“Samuel Gamble; age about 52; widower; died February 01, 1915, drowned in creek 1/2 mile north of Nelson Depot, Dr. U.A.D. Callelmo, Coroner, Pittsburg. Funeral February 07, 1915, 3:30 p.m. in Yale. Burial in Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to Mrs. Andy Beard, Yale, \$60.00 paid by Met Life Co.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Funeral Home, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 43.]

Gamble, Tisha

“Name: Tisha Gamble; Age: 38 years; Date of death: April 2, 1907; Cause of death: consumption; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Undertaker: M. G. Brady Physician: Dr. Smith.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 164, 2.]

“GAMBLE--In Yale, Apr. 2, of consumption, Tisha, wife of Samuel Gamble, age 38 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 6, 1907, p. (3).]

“Mrs. Gamble of No. 11 camp, died Tuesday morning at 4 o’clock, leaving a husband and four children.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 6, 1907, p. (6).]

Gilmore, Nill

“Name: Nill Gilmore; Age: 24 years; Date of death: November 17, 1900; Cause of death: pistol shot; Date of report: December 28, 1900; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: D. Brodrick, Pittsburg; Physician: C. W. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 89, 313.]

Gilmore, Sidney

Born: 1883; Died: 1923
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Sidney Gilmore, age 41 yrs 5 mos 21 days, born March 10, 1882 in Tennessee; married; janitor. Died September 1, 1923 at his home 1307 N Michigan, Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr F H Rush. Funeral September 3, 1923, 2:30 p.m. at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Kansas, Rev J T Elis. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: Irvin Gilmore born in Kentucky, Mother: Eliza Eubanks born in Kentucky. Bill \$280.00 paid by Flora Gilmore.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-5, page 123.]

Golden, Gladys (Carrick)

“Gladys (Carrick) Golden; age: 16 years, 4 months, 29 days; married; died Jan. 30, 1912, in Dunkirk, Ks., of Urarmic [sic] coma. Funeral Feb. 1 in Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged

to: Louisa Carrick. \$93.50." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 18.]

Golston, Henry

Born: 1861; Died: 1914

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Gray, James

"James Gray; 7 days old; died Dec. 27, 1912, in Crowberg of pneumonia; Dr. McKay; Funeral Dec. 28 at 1 pm in Crowberg; clergyman: Howard. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: James Gray, Crowberg. \$26.50." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 436.]

Grayson, James

"Jas. Grayson, Aged 31 Years, Died at Curranville.

James Edwards, 31 years old, died of pneumonia at his home in Curranville at 1:30 yesterday afternoon. The funeral was held from the Baptist church in Yale at 2 o'clock this afternoon and internment was made in Yale cemetery." Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1909, p. (5).]

"Name: James Grayson; Age: 31 years; Date of death: January 8, 1909; Cause of death: consumption; Date of report: February 3, 1909; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Undertaker: R. P. Gorrell; Physician: Bacon, Yale." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 5, 18.]

Grayson, Robert

"Robert Grayson, age 57, born January 1865 in Alabama; married; farmer and coal miner. Died August. 15, 1922 at his home in Yale, Kansas, Dr. L A Keller, Midway, Kansas. Funeral August 17, 1922 at 2:30 p.m., at the Yale Baptist Church, Rev Chas Ford. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: Step Grayson born in Alabama, Mother: Lucinda born in Alabama. Bill \$222.75 paid by Mrs. Grayson." [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-5, page 49.]

Grayson, Step

"Step Grayson; age 73 years, 1 month; Single, Farmer; died June 30, 1914, in Yale; Dr. Keller. Funeral July 1 at 3 pm at church; clergyman: Eartman. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Robt. Grayson. \$113.00." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 356.]

Hafton, Dollie

"Dollie, the five-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hafton, of Curranville, died last night . . . burial will be in the cemetery near that place." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 28, 1906, p. 7 of Section 2.]

Hall, Thomas

“Thos. Hall Died at His Home in Yale of Pneumonia.

Thomas Hall, aged forty-nine, died Saturday after noon at Yale of pneumonia, after a short illness. The funeral occurred Sunday afternoon from the Baptist church in Yale, and interment was made in the Yale cemetery. Deceased was unmarried, having no relatives in this part of the country.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, March 15, 1909, p. (4).]

“Name: Thomas Hall; Age: 49 years; Date of death: March 13, 1909; Cause of death: pneumonia; Date of report: April 7, 1909; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Widower; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: Odell, Currenville [sic.]” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 14, 6.]

Hamilton, Cloyd

Born: 1881; Died: 1915

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Cloyd Hamilton, age 33, born May 20, 1882; married; shot firer, killed by explosion Nov 04, 1915 at So Radley's Katy Shaft # 2, Dr Jacob Schaves, Radley. Funeral Nov 07, 1915 at 1:00 p.m. at the Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, KS, Rev J T Elias. Burial Yale Cemetery. His father, Chas Hamilton born in Alabama, mother, Harbie Scott born in Georgia. Bill charged to Mrs C. Hamilton, \$245.15.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book # E-2, page 165.]

“Claude Hamilton, colored, a shotfirer in Mayer mine No. 2, south of Radley, was killed at 6:10 o'clock last night by an explosion. John Pellegrino, state mine inspector, headed the rescue party which recovered the body. He returned to the mine today to complete an investigation to determine whether the man's death was caused by a windy shot or a gas explosion.

Larry Williams, brother-in-law of Hamilton, the other shotfirer, escaped unhurt. Hamilton's body was taken to the Bowman undertaking rooms in an ambulance. Funeral arrangements have not been made. Hamilton was 38 years old. His widow, three children and his parents survive him.

The body was taken this afternoon to the Pittsburg Undertaking Company's rooms, where it will be kept until the funeral Monday.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, November 5, 1915.]

“Dr. U. A. D. Collelmo, county coroner, is holding an inquest this afternoon at the Pittsburg Undertaking Company's rooms over the body of Claud Hamilton, the negro shotfirer killed in the explosion at Mayer No. 2 near South Radley Thursday night. Hamilton's funeral will be held at 1 o'clock tomorrow in the Mt. Hebron Baptist church on Tenth Street. The colored Knights of Pythias of Girard, Weir, and Pittsburg will be in attendance. Burial will be at Yale.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, November 6, 1915.]

Hamilton, George D.

“Geo D. Hamilton, age 13, born March 22, 1902, single, died March 06, 1916, struck on head by crane at 1201 N Joplin, Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr Bass, Pittsburg, KS. Funeral 10:30 a.m. March 09, 1916 at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, KS, Rev. J T Elias. Burial Yale Cemetery. His father, Jas Hamilton born in Tenn., mother, Jennie Weaver born in Kentucky. Bill charged to Mrs Jennie Hamilton, \$106.00.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 224.]

Hamilton, Hazel

“Hazel Hamilton; age: 1 month, 9 days; death date not given [but was entered in ledger on March 25, 1912, which was usually the date the person died]; Dr. Bogle. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$10.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 28.]

Hamilton, Ioma

“Death at Curranville. Ioma, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, died last evening at 7 o'clock at the home of the parents in Curranville. Death resulted from a short illness with bronchitis. The funeral services were held this afternoon from the parent's home and interment made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 14, 1907, p. (5).]

“Name: Ioma Hamilton; Age: 2 years; Cause of death: bronchitis; Date of report: April 1907; Residence at death: Curranvill [sic]; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: Dr. Orr.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 161, 1.]

Hamilton, Manuel

“The funeral services of Manuel Hamilton, who was killed at No. 28 shaft of the Central Coal and Coke Company Wednesday, were conducted this afternoon from the colored Baptist church in Yale and interment made in the Yale cemetery. The services were attended by a large number of the colored people of Curranville and Yale where he had resided for a number of years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday, June 25, 1909, p. (7).]

“Name: MANUEL HAMILTON; Age: 42 years; Date of death: June 23, 1909; Cause of death: accident in mine; Date of report: July 3, 1909; Place of residence: Curranville; Occupation: Miner; Physician: C. A. Dudley.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 26, 2.]

Hamilton, Oliver

“HAMILTON--In Yale, May 27, of general debility, Oliver, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hamilton, aged one year.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 30, 1903, p. 11.]

“Name: OLIVER C. HAMILTON; Age: 11 months; Date of death: May 26, 1903; Cause: stomach trouble; Marital status: single; Physician: Dr. Williams, Pittsburg; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 197.]

Harris, Hattie

Born: Aug. 17, 1864; Died: Dec. 17, 1913
[Information collected from Joan Kunkel, Barton County, Missouri, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 (1984). This headstone did not exist in the cemetery in the Fall of 1990.]

Harvey, Agnes

“The funeral of Agnes Harvey, year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harvey of Yale, was held from the home this afternoon at 3 o’clock and burial was in the Yale cemetery. The child died yesterday at 4 o’clock.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1913, p. 5.]

“Agnes Harvey; age 1 year, 2 days; died Aug. 5, 1913, at home of enterition [sic]; Dr. P. F. Theis. Funeral Aug. 6 at 3 pm at home; clergyman: A. J. Beaton. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Mr. E. J. Harvey. \$25.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 118.]

Harvey, David

“David Harvey; 1 hr. old; died May 21, 1914, in Yale; Dr. Keller. Funeral May 21 at 4 pm at home. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$6.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 331.]

Harvey, Frank

“The funeral of [Frank] Harvey, the man who was killed, occurred today at 11 o'clock, the remains being taken to the cemetery at Minden for burial.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Nov. 14, 1905, p. 5.]

News article relating death of Frank Harvey. Was shot and killed by another. Happened at Iowa camp and his former home was Brookdale, Alabama. Both men were members of Odd Fellows. [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Nov. 13, 1905, p. 2.]

Harvey, Lassie

“Mrs. Lassie Harvey, 38 years old, colored, died last night at 8 o’clock at the home in Curranville. Death was due to stomach trouble. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3:30 o’clock. Burial was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, June 30, 1914, 2.]

“Lassie Harvey; age 38 years, 3 months, 25 days; married; housewife; died June 29, 1914, in Yale; Dr. Keller. Funeral June 30 at 3:30 pm; clergyman: Eartman. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$87.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 353.]

Harvey, Naomia

“Naomia Harvey; 2 months old; died July 8, 1914, in Yale from Gastritis Intentis; Dr. Keller. Funeral July 9 at home. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Just a box no charge; Tended Funeral himself.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 366.]

Harvey, Vuleadene

“Harvey, Vuleadene, colored, 9 months, d. Sept. 23, 1904 of stomach trouble; Dr. Smith. Funeral, Sept. 24 at Yale. Cemetery not given.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 2, entry #234.]

“Name: VALEADENE HARVEY; Age: 9 months; Date of death: September 23, 1904; Cause of death: stomach trouble; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg.”
[From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 32.]

Hawkins, Malachia

“Name: Malachia Hawkins; Age: 30 years; Date of death: May 7, 1904; Cause of death: gun shot wound; Residence at death: Nelson, Kansas; Undertaker: Bowman; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Nelson.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 12, (8).]

“Hawkins, Malachai, 30, colored, d. May 7, 1904, at Nelson. Dr. Bacon, gunshot wound. Cr. County. br. at Nelson cemetery.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 1, page 28.]

Heubert, Grace

“Heubert, Grace, 19 mo., dau. of Alfred Heubert, 2 and one-half miles north of Pittsburg. Cause indigestion. Yale.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 1, page 18.]

Howard, Agatha

Headstone with name only in cemetery in Fall 1990.

“In Litchfield, March 10, of bowel trouble, Agatha, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Howard, (colored), aged one year.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 14, 1903, p. 6.]

Howard, Cornelius

Born: 1882; Died: 1915

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Howard, James

“James D. Howard, age 18 yrs 2 mos 19 days, born May 18, 1904 in Kansas; single; Porter. Died August 7, 1922 at his home, 305 N Joplin, Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr. L N Bass. Funeral August 9, 1922, 2:00 p.m. at Ellsworth Chapel, Pittsburg, Kansas, Rev. Brown. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: Relius [Cornelius] Howard born in either Virginia or Alabama, Mother: Mary Davidson born in Alabama. Bill \$142.70 charged to Mrs. Mary Howard.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-5, page 46.]

Howard, Oliver

Born: 1889; Died: 1911

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Mulberry, Kans. Aug. 19 – Oliver Howard, a miner died at his home near Yale last Wednesday afternoon at 3 o’clock of lung trouble. It is claimed by the attending physician that Howard died of smoking too many cigarettes and drinking too much whiskey.

Howard had been a resident of the city only a few months having come there from Oklahoma. He has no living relatives that are known of. The funeral was held [illegible] Thursday afternoon at two o’clock from the colored Baptist church at Yale. Burial was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 19, 1911, p. 4.]

Howard, Sonny

“ ‘Sonny’ Howard, colored, a miner, 31 years of age, died at his home in Litchfield, yesterday afternoon at 4:45 o’clock. Funeral services will be at the Yale church tomorrow afternoon at 2 o’clock, with Reverend Bird officiating. Burial will be in Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, February 23, 1915, 2.]

“Sonny Howard; 30 years; Miner; died Feb. 22, 1915, at 4:45 pm in Litchfield of tuberculosis; Dr. Bass. Funeral Feb. 24 at 2 pm at Yale church; clergyman: Rev. Bard. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: R. Howard, Litchfield. \$92.50.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 6, page 20.]

Hunly, (female infant)

“Name: Infant [of] James Hunly (female); Age: 3 weeks; Date of death: October 13, 1900; Cause of death: pneumonia; Date of report: December 28, 1900; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: J. C. Dowell, Pittsburg; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 90, 319.]

Hunly, (female infant)

“Name: child of James Hunly (female); Age: 5 months; Date of death: April 18, 1902; Cause of death: Gastro-intestic [sic] infection; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 140, 633.]

Birth: “In Yale, Feb. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Hunley [sic], a daughter.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 14, 1903, p. 6.]

Hunly, James Clay

“In Yale, April 18, J. C. Hunly, aged 47 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 26, 1902, p. 4.]

“James Clay Hunley; died April 18, 1902, at Yale of gastro interic infection; Dr. Smith. Funeral April 19. Burial: **Old** Cemetery.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #208.]

“Name: J. C. HUNLY; Age: 47 years; Date of death: April 18, 1902; Residence: Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 140.]

Jackson, (infant)

“In Yale, April 19, infant child of Mr. & Mrs. J. Jackson.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 26, 1902, p. 4.]

“Name: JACKSON [no first name listed]; Age: [no age given]; Date of death: April 19, 1902; Marital status: single; Residence: Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 140.]

Jackson, Mary

“Name: Mary Jackson; Age: 34 years; Date of death: September 14, 1906; Cause of death: tuberculosis; Residence at death: Curranville, Kansas; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Domestic; Undertaker: M. G. Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Orr, Curranville.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 135, 245.]

“Mrs. Mary Jackson died yesterday afternoon at her home at Curranville after an illness extending over several months past. She has been suffering for some time with tuberculosis which caused her death. The deceased was 34 years of age and had resided in Curranville for over a year. She leaves a husband. The funeral was conducted this afternoon from her late home and the remained interred in the cemetery near Yale.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, September 15, 1906, p. (12).]

Jackson, Pollie

Born: 1861; Died: 1913

Wife of A. L. Jackson

[Information collected from Joan Kunkel, Barton County, Missouri, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 (1984). This headstone did not exist in the cemetery in the Fall of 1990.]

Jackson, Timothy E.

“Name: Timothy Jackson; Age: 42 years; Date of death: March 24, 1911; Cause of death: pneumonia; Date of report: April 10, 1911; Place of burial: Yale; Date of burial: March 26, 1911; Occupation: Merchant; Undertaker: M. G. Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 100, 11.]

“Timothy E. Jackson; 42 years; grocer; died March 24, 1911 in Yale of pneumonia; Dr. Bacon. Funeral March 26 at 10 am at Baptist Church. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Estate & K P Lodge of Yale. \$125.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 198.]

Jarrett, Anna

“Name: Anna Jerrett; Age: 45 years; Date of death: February 6, 1906; Cause of death: hemorrhage of bowels; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Widowed; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Smith.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 108, 7.]

“Mrs. Anna Jarrett (colored) a widow lady of Yale, died there yesterday afternoon of hemorrhage of the bowels, aged 45 years. She was a sister of Mrs. McAlpine, of this city [Pittsburg], wife of

the janitor at the LaBelle theatre. The funeral will occur tomorrow.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 6, 1906, p. (5).]

“The funeral of Mrs. Anna Jarrett was held at her home Wednesday. Rev. Sparkman officiating. Her remains were interred at the colored cemetery near Minden.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 9, 1906, p. (9).]

Jewell, Fitz

See information for Gilbert Fritzjuri.

Johnson, Ben

“Ben Johnson; died December 1, 1909, at Claremore, Okla. Funeral Dec. 2. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Mrs. Ben Johnson. \$18.10.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 2, entry #224.]

“Word was received in Pittsburg today telling of the death of Ben Johnson Negro, living at Yale, who died at Claremore, Okla., early this morning. Death was caused by tuberculosis. Mr. Johnson left Yale Sunday morning for the benefit of his health. He was 42 years of age. He leaves a wife and daughter. The body will arrive in Pittsburg sometime tomorrow.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wednesday, Dec. 1, 1909, p. (6).]

“The body of Ben Johnson, Negro, formerly a resident of Yale, arrived in Pittsburg this morning at 1:15 o’clock from Claremore, Okla., where he died. They were taken to the Bowman undertaking rooms and later removed to Yale. The funeral services are being held today from the home, beginning at 2 o’clock this afternoon. Burial will be made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Thursday, Dec. 2, 1909, p. (4).]

Johnson, Clara

“Name: Clara Johnson; Age: 4 years; Date of death: May 28, 1901; Cause of death: drowned; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 107, 194.]

Johnson, Willie

Born: Jan. 30, 1903; Died: March 20, 1909

Information collected from Joan Kunkel, Barton County, Missouri, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 (1984). This headstone did not exist in the cemetery in the Fall of 1990. (However, the headstone was returned to the entrance of the cemetery in May 1991 and has been returned to his grave.)

Birth: “In Yale, Feb. 7, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, a son.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 14, 1903, p. 6.]

“Name: Willie Johnson; Age: 6 years; Date of death: March 20, 1909; Cause of death: Spinal Meningitis; Date of report: April 7, 1909; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: school boy; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: Odell, Currenville [sic].” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 14, 9.]

“The Father of Dead Boy Is In Hospital at Hot Springs.

Willie, the six year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson, died at the family home in Yale Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock, of spinal trouble. The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Yale at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and interment was made at the Yale cemetery. A sad feature of the death is that the father is at Hot Springs, Ark., receiving treatment there." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, March 22, 1909, (3).]

Jones, Harry

Died December 22, 1928. Was a stillborn twin. [Personal interview with Mrs. Bertha Willard, Ft. Scott, Kansas, 26 February 1991. Harry was Mrs. Willard's brother.]

Jones, John

"John Jones, colored, aged 75, died this morning at Central number 17, of senile decay. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church at Yale. The colored Masons will hold services over the body." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Thursday, Sept. 26, 1912, p. (2).]

"John Jones; 75 years; married; miner; died Sept. 26, 1912, at Central 17. Funeral Sept. 27 at 2 pm at Yale Baptist Church. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Negro Masonic Lodge at Yale. \$72.50." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 51.]

Kelley, Dave

"Name: Dave Kelley; Age: 38 years; Date of death: September 10, 1907; Cause of death: aszmia [sic]; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: Gorrell; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Yale." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 187, (1).]

"Dave Kelley died on the 10th and was buried on the 11th. The funeral was preached at the A.M.E. church, Rev. George officiated. Mr. Kelley was a member of the M.E. church at Soulberry, Ala." ["Yale Notes," Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Sept. 16, 1907, p. (6).]

Kennedy, Genola

Died c. 1946 at approximately 2 years of age. [Personal interview with Loyce (Kennedy) Poncil, Pittsburg, Kansas, 26 February 1991. Genola was Mrs. Poncil's sister.]

Kennedy, Isaac

"Services will be conducted at 2 p. m. today in the Ellsworth chapel for Isaac Kennedy, 82, who died Wednesday in an Independence rest home. Elder Elzie Allmon will officiate, assisted by Walter Dorsey, Andrew Foxx and Mrs. Dorothy Allmon will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Andrew Foxx. Pallbearers will be Ben White, Gus Glenn, Levi Mitchell, Wilfred Sharp, Lester Kirk and Charles Dial, sr. Burial will be in the Yale cemetery." [The Pittsburg Sun, Saturday, May 4, 1963, p. 6.]

Isaac Kennedy, age 82, Rt 1, Mulberry, KS, born August 14, 1880 in Charlotte, NC. Widowed; Retired Farmer; member of Church of God and Christ and a resident of Kansas 57 yrs. Died May 01, 1963 in a nursing home at Independence, Kansas. Funeral Saturday May 4, 2:00 p.m. at

Ellsworth Chapel, Pittsburg, Kansas. Elder Elzie Allmon, Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill \$491.53 paid by Laurence Kennedy, Pittsburg, KS. [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-20, page 36.]

Knight, Sam

“Name: Sam Knight; Age: 22 years; Date of death: January 28, 1902; Cause of death: blood poison; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: McKelvey, Mindenmines, MO.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 133, 531.]

“Sam Knight; 22 years; died January 28, 1902, at Yale of gangreen [sic] from amputation of limb; Drs. McKelvy, Smith and Lee. Funeral held at 11:30. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Golden Eagle Lodge IOOF 4843 Yale. \$40.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #180.]

“Sam Knight, who was hurt while working in the shaft several days ago, died on last Wednesday evening after undergoing a second amputation of his injured leg. The colored lodges of the I.O.O.F. of Yale and Fleming, took charge of the remains and together with his friends and relatives followed him to his last resting place in the cemetery near Minden, Mo. Several of his relatives were here from different points, beside whom he leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, Feb. 1, 1902, p. 7.]

“Died--In Yale, Jan. 29, from injuries received in shaft, Sam Knight, aged about 30 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 8, 1902, p. 7.]

Knight, Sarah

“Sarah Knight, age 54, born 1862, married, died Dec 24, 1916 at her home in Yale, Dr Kellar, Yale. Funeral December 26, 1916 at 2 p.m., Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Rev Chas Ford. Burial Yale Cemetery. Her father, Step Grayson born in Alabama, mother, Lucinda Abernathy born in Alabama. Bill charged to Cal Knight, \$110.00, paid by Allie White Allen, Minnie Thompson, Cal Knight and Step Grayson.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book #E-3, page 44.]

Kunchuk, (infant)

“Death at McCormick. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kunchuk of McCormick died at 6 o'clock last night. The funeral was held from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon and burial was made at Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Sat., Oct. 3, 1908, p. (6).]

Lewis, Ella May

“Mrs. Ella May Lewis, colored, wife of Con Lewis, died at her home in South Radley Saturday midnight.” She was 26 years old. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Jackson of Yale; a brother, Arthur Jackson of Radley; and two sisters, Mrs. Robert Grayson and Miss Hassey Jackson of Yale. Funeral services were held from Mount Hebron church in Yale this afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. R. G. Cooper. Interment was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Mon., Aug. 16, 1915, p. 8.]

“Ella May Lewis, age 26 yrs, born Dec 22, 1888; married to Conn Lewis, died August 14, 1915 in South Radley of Tuberculosis, Dr. Geeder, Pittsburg. Funeral 1 p.m. August 16, 1915 at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, KS, Rev L G Cooper. Burial Yale Cemetery. Her father, B. G. Jackson born in Georgia, mother, Mollie Eldes, born in Georgia. Bill charged to Conn Lewis, \$122.00. [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-2, page 137.]

Mann, Gladis

“Gladis Mann; 4 months; died Feb. 12, 1901, at Yale; burnt to death; Dr. J. T. Whittaker. Funeral Feb. 13 at 2 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: P. F. Mann (House 82, Yale). \$7.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #94.]

Martin, Willie

“Willie Martin; age 15 yrs 11 mos 11 days; born March 8, 1905 in Oklahoma; died February 17, 1921, in Dowal, Oklahoma; single. Funeral Feb 22, 1921 at 2 pm at Yale Baptist church, Rev Cooper. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: James Martin, Mother: Bertha Currie born in Alabama. Bill \$343.91.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-4, page 247.]

McAlpine, (infant)

“Name: Infant of A. McAlpine; Age: [no age listed]; Date of death: October 3, 1903; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman Furniture Co., Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 215, 7.]

McGee, (infant)

“The dear little infant of Mr. and Mrs. McGee died Monday [15th] evening about 7 o'clock and much sorrow was in the house. The little babe was loved by all who knew it. The remains was laid to rest at the Yale cemetery Tuesday [16th].” [“Yale Item,” Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 20, 1905, p. 2.]

McGee, Clyde Augusta

“Clyde Augusta McGee, colored, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McGee of West Mineral, died last night at 8:40 o'clock at Yale, at the home of his uncle, Clyde McGee. The funeral will be held at Yale tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock and interment will be made in the Yale cemetery. Whooping cough was the cause of death.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday, Sept. 27, 1912, p. (10).]

“Clyde Augusta McGee; age: 2 years, 4 months, 14 days; died Sept. 26/27, 1912, in Yale of whooping cough. Funeral Sept. 28 at 10:30 am in Yale; clergyman: Monday. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Jesse McGee \$41.00 [included 2 carriages & 1 hearse].” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 356.]

McGee, Fannie

“Name: Fannie McGee; Age: 21 years; Date of death: June 16, 1908; Cause of death: abscess of lungs; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Undertaker: John Houstead; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 216, (6).]

A marriage license was issued:

“Clide Magie, Yale, 22

Fannie Johnson, Yale, 17”

[Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 7, 1904, Section 2, p. 2.]

McGee, Jesse

“Jesse McGee, aged 4, colored, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McGee, of West Mineral, died yesterday afternoon at Yale, where the family has been visiting, of whooping cough. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o’clock from the Baptist church at Yale and interment was made at the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, Oct. 5, 1912, p. (4).]

“Jessie Detroy McGee; age: 4 years, 9 months; died Oct. 4, 1912, at 3 pm in Yale of whooping cough. Funeral Oct. 5 at 3 pm at Baptist church; clergyman: Williams. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Jessie McGee. \$45.00 [included 1 carriage, 1 hearse & 1 surreyette].” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 359.]

McGlen, Harvey

“McGlen, Harvey (colored) 21 yrs. d. Nov. 12, 1905 at Iowa Camp. Dr. Smith of Yale. cause-- gunshot wound. Int. Minden Colored cemetery.” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 1, page 56.]

“Name: HARVEY McGLEN; Age: 21 years; Date of death: November 12, 1905; Cause of death: murdered G.S.W.; Place of residence: Curranville; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: R. P. Gorrell, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 94, 12.]

McIntire, Mary

Born: 1842 [92?]; Died: 1921

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

McWhorten, Lum J.

“Lum J. McWhorten, age 45, of Curranville, died this morning at 2:30 o’clock at his home from tuberculosis. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the home at 11 o’clock and interment will be made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1913, p. (6).]

“Lun J. McWhorten; 45 years; married; miner; died Jan. 14, 1913, in Curranville of Tuberculosis of leg; Dr. J. O. Gish. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: LU #1884 Curranville. \$75.00.”

[Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 469.]

Metcalf, Susan

“The funeral of Susan Metcalf was held this afternoon from the Baptist church at Yale and burial was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1913, p. 5.]

“Susie Metcalf; 25 years; married; housewife; died Aug. 4, 1913, at Mt. Carmel Hospital from blood poisoning. Funeral Aug. 6 at 3 pm at Baptist church, Yale; clergyman: Rev. James Monday. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Metropolitan Ins. \$82.15.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 5, page 117.]

Metlock, George

“The funeral of George Metlock will be held tomorrow morning from the Baptist church at Yale, the body being taken from the rooms of the Pittsburg Undertaking company in the morning in time for the funeral to be held at 10:30. Interment will be made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, May 22, 1909, (6).]

“The funeral of George Metlock who died Friday of consumption was held yesterday forenoon from the Colored Baptist church in Yale and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, May 24, 1909, (6).]

Miller, Lott

Died in 1928 at Yale and was buried in Yale Cemetery. His daughter, Rose, attended the funeral. [Personal interview with Rose (Miller) Harris, Pittsburg, KS, October 30, 1990.]

Miller, Margaret (Shaw)

“Name: Margaret Miller; Age: 38 years; Date of death: March 3, 1911; Cause of death: consumption; Date of report: April 10, 1911; Place of burial: Yale, KS; Date of burial: March 4, 1911; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 101, 1.]

“Mrs. Margaret Miller; 38 years; died March 3, 1911, in Yale of tuberculosis; Dr. Bacon. Funeral March 4 at 1 pm at Baptist Church. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Local 1884 (Curranville) & Local 735 (Yale). \$70.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 186.]

Margaret Miller’s maiden name is Shaw. [Personal interview with Rose Harris, Pittsburg, Kansas, October 30, 1990. Margaret Miller is Rose’s mother.]

Miller, Mary Letha

“Name: Mary Miller; Age: 11 years; Date of death: January 5, 1903; Cause of death: typhoid fever; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: Bowman, Pittsburg; Physician: Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 181, 432.]

“Died--In Yale, Jan. 5, typhoid fever, Mary Letha Miller, aged 11 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Jan. 10, 1903, p. 10.]

“The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lott Miller died Monday [Jan. 5, 1903] evening at 3 p.m. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. D. Abbott at the Baptist church. We bow in sympathy with the bereaved acknowledging whilst it is their loss, we believe it Heaven's gain.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Jan. 9, 1903, p. 9.]

Mary Miller buried at Yale cemetery. [Personal interview with Rose Harris, Pittsburg, Kansas. Mary Miller is Rose's sister.]

Miller, Ruth (Verna Ruth?)

“That dread scourge of childhood, spinal meningitis, caused the death of Verna, the 14 months old daughter of Lott and Maggie Miller who reside at Yale, 7 miles northeast of Pittsburg. The little one passed away Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the funeral services were held this afternoon at the same hour, Rev. A. G. Beaton, of the Baptist church at Yale presiding. Interment was made in the cemetery at Yale.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Sept. 20, 1910, p. 1.)

“Name: Ruth Miller; Age: 1 year; Date of death: September 19, 1910; Cause of death: Spinal meningitis; Date of report: October 10, 1911 [sic]; Place of burial: Yale; Date of burial: September 20, 1910; Undertaker: M. G. Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Bacon, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 83, 1.]

“Ruth Miller; age 1 year, 2 months; died Sept. 19, 1910, in Yale of spinal meningitis [sic]; Dr. Bacon. Funeral Sept. 20 at 2 pm at residence; clergyman: A. G. Beaton. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Lot & Maggie Miller. \$20.75.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 121.]

Montgomery, John

“John Montgomery, aged fifty-four years, died at his home, 310 E. Eleventh Street, Sunday morning at 7:30 of a complication of diseases growing out of an injury received in the mines three years ago. The funeral was held from the Baptist church in Yale at 1:30 this afternoon, under the auspices of the colored Masons, and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, Aug. 29, 1910, p. 3.]

“Name: John Montgomery; Age: 54 years; Date of death: August 28, 1910; Cause of death: Cancer; Date of report: September 10, 1910; Place of burial: Yale, Ks; Marriage status: Widower; Occupation: Miner; Physician: Osborne, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 82, 2.]

“John Montgomery; 54 years; married; miner; died Aug. 28, 1910, at 312 E. 11th of cancer; Dr. Osborne. Funeral Aug. 29 at 1:30 pm at Yale Church; clergyman: Rev. Jefferson. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Masonic Lodge, Yale.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 113.]

Montgomery, Walter

“Name: Walter Montgomery; Age: 22 years; Date of death: February 26, 1907; Cause of death: mine accident; Residence at death: Curranville; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner;

Undertaker: M. G. Brady.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 159, 9.]

News article relating death of Walter Montgomery. Died in Curranville on Feb. 26 due to being crushed by falling rock. Was employed in Mine No. 38 of the Central Coal & Coke Co. [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 26, 1907, p. (1).]

“The funeral services of the late Walter Montgomery, the colored man killed at mine 38 of the Central Coal Company, yesterday afternoon in Curranville, was held this afternoon from the Baptist Church at Yale at 3 o'clock. The deceased was 22 years of age and leaves a young wife to mourn his loss. He was a member of the colored band at Curranville and also a member of the Baptist church at Yale. He was one of the most industrious young colored men in that vicinity and the funeral was one of the largest ever held in Yale. The members of the Pittsburg colored band, the Yale colored band and the Curranville colored band attended the funeral in a body. Interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 27, 1907, p. (5).]

Moore, Armstead

“Armstead Moore; age 62, born in Alabama; widower; coal miner; died March 14, 1922 at Charles Hamilton home, 220 E 22nd St, Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr L N Bass. Funeral March 16, 1922 at 2:30 p.m. in Yale, Kansas, Rev Wilson. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill \$196.25 paid by United Mine Workers of America.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-5, page 28.]

Moore, Bettie

“Mrs. Bettie Moore who has been on the sick list for some time died Thursday June [July] 17, at 1:30 p.m. She leaves two children, husband, father, mother, brothers and sisters, to mourn her loss. Her sister arrived Thursday night from Missouri. The funeral was attended at the A.M.E. church by Rev. A. W. Ramsey and was laid to rest in Missouri.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 22, 1902, p. 4.]

“Died. In Yale, July 17, of typhoid fever, Mrs. Bettie Moore, aged 39 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 25, 1902, p. 9.]

“Name: BETTIE MOORE; Age: 39 years; Date of death: July 17, 1902; Cause: Dysentery; Residence: Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 161.]

Moore, Henry

“Henry Moore; 45 years; married; died July 26, 1913, at 207 N. Joplin. Funeral July 27 at 3:30 pm at Baptist Church, Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: United Brothers of Friendship #12. \$112.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 119.]

Mundy, Sadie

“Name: Sadia Mundy; Age: 29 years; Date of death: January 11, 1906; Cause of death: pneumonia; Length of illness: short time; Place of burial: Yale; Place of Birth: Alabama; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Smith.”

[From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 104, 27.]

"Sadie Mundy; age 29 yrs; married; housewife; died January 11, 1905 in Yale. Attending Physician, Dr. Smith, Yale. Funeral January 13, 1905 at 1:00 p.m. at Baptist Church in Yale. Clergyman Rev Berry. Burial in Yale Cemetery. [Funeral Records from The Pittsburg Furniture and Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book # P-2, page 88.]

"Miss Sadie Monday, a colored woman aged 29 years, died last night at the home of her parents in Yale, after a brief illness with pneumonia. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from the Baptist church in Yale and burial will be in the cemetery at that place." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Jan. 12, 1906, p. 5.]

Murdock, Lillie

"Mrs. Lillie Murdock; age: 28 yrs, 6 months, 2 days; died August 21, 1900, at Yale of consumption; Dr. Sanderson. Funeral August 2 at 3:00 pm. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: \$45.00--Rev. J. D. Morrow, Baptist Minister of Yale (\$10) and balance by Western Coal Co." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #38.]

"Name: Dillie Murdock; Age: 28 years; Date of death: August 28, 1900; Cause of death: Tuberculosis; Date of report: December 28, 1900; Residence at death: Yale; Place of burial: Minden, MO; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: C. D. Manley; Physician: J. T. Whittaker, Yale." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 89, 310.]

Murdock, Lucy

"Lucy C Murdock, age 35, married, died December 23, 1917 in Yale, Dr. Keller. Funeral December 26, 1917 at 2 p.m. at Baptist Church Yale, Rev E. W. Smith. Burial Yale Cemetery. Born May 15, 1882 in Alabama, father, Kyser. Bill charged to Thos Murdock \$272.35." [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-3, page 183.]

Muse, (infant)

"Name: Inf. Muse; Age: 2 months; Date of death: September 1, 1904; Cause of death: whooping cough; Residence at death: Nelson, Kansas; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Nelson." [From the "Death Record Books" at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 30, (5).]

Nelson, William

"Died. NELSON--In Yale, Oct. 20, of typhoid fever, Wm. Nelson, aged 42 years." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 22, 1907, p. (5).]

"The funeral of William Nelson held from his home in Yale at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the Yale cemetery." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 22, 1907, p. (6).]

“William Nelson, brother of Mrs. Jane Johnson, died Sunday, October 20th, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Johnson. The funeral services were conducted from the A.M.E. church, Rev. R. C. Davis officiating. Interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 28, 1907, p. (3).]

Palmer, Kenneth

“Kenneth Palmer; 7 months old; died July 3, 1910, in Yale of summer complaint. Funeral July 4 at 10:00 am at Yale Church. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: father (Frank Palmer). \$27.50.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 91.]

“Name: Kenneth Palmer; Age: 7 months; Date of death: July 3, 1910; Cause of death: summer consumption; Date of report: August 10, 1910; Place of burial: Yale, KS; Undertaker: M. L. Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Dudley, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 76, 11.]

“Kenneth Palmer, aged seven months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Palmer, died at Yale yesterday afternoon of summer complaint. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church in Yale tomorrow afternoon and interment will be made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, July 4, 1910, p. (3).]

Parker, George

“Name: George Parker; Age: 33 years; Date of death: March 21, 1903; Cause of death: consumption; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: Miner.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 190, 557.]

“Bud Parks [sic] departed this life Saturday the 21st after an illness of three months of consumption. The funeral ceremonies was conducted at the Mt. Hebron Baptist church by Rev. S. M. Hall assisted by Rev. E. D. Abbott Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The remains were interred at Yale cemetery. He leaves a brother and two sisters to mourn his loss.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 26, 1903, p. 4.]

“Died. In Yale, March 21, of consumption, George Parker, colored, aged 33 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 28, 1903, p. 10.]

Peterson, Mahaley

“Mahaley Peterson; 103 years; widow; died Nov. 9, 1914, at 320 E. 22d St.. Funeral Nov. 10 at 3 pm at Baptist Church, Yale; clergyman: Rev. Williams. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$92.75.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 292.]

“Mrs. Mahaley Peterson, colored, died yesterday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Charles Hamilton, 320 East Twenty-second Street, of general senility. While there is no record of exact date of her birth, her children say she was past 103 years of age.

Mrs. Peterson was born a slave in Georgia about 1811. At the time the Civil War broke out she had married children and grandchildren. She had made her home for the past ten years with her daughter, where she died yesterday. She is survived by two sons, Albert Howard, of Alabama and Jerry Scott, of St. Louis besides the daughter at whose home she died.

For the past ten years she had been feeble and her memory had been poor. She is said to have often talked of the 'good times before the war' and praised the treatment she received from her master before she was liberated when the war ceased. The Bible of her master, containing her birth record, was lost in a fire which destroyed his house and for that reason she never knew her birthday.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock today from the Yale Baptist Church, Rev. S. A. Williams of the Mt. Hebron Baptist church of Pittsburg, officiating. Burial was in the Yale cemetery." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, November 10, 1914]

Powell, (infant)

"Powell, Infant, 10 months. Died March 5, 1904 of pneumonia; Dr. Cowan. Funeral March 6. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Casket: 2-6. Bill charged to: Central Coal & Coke Co. #31 Shaft; \$6.50." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 171.]

Powell, Mary Grace

"Frontenac, Kas., Nov. 8 – Mary Grace Powell, age three months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Powell, died at Central Camp No. 17 last week and was buried Friday. The funeral was held from the home and burial was made in the Yale cemetery." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, November 8, 1910, p. 8.]

Powell, Willie

"Powell, Willie, 14, miner, died Nov. 2, 1903, shot with shotgun. Funeral Nov. 4, 1 o'clock, at Camp #31; Rev. Thomas. Casket: 5-9 Hospital Coffin. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Marsh Wilderman Fur Co. \$30.00." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 132.]

Pratt, Charles

"Charles Pratt, a colored miner, died at his home north of here Thursday. He was buried at Yale Friday. The deceased was fifty-six years of age, and died of acute alcoholism." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, November 4, 1911, p. 3.]

Rector, (male)

"Rector, _____, colored, 30, miner, d. Apr. 16, 1904 of gunshot wound; Dr. not given. Charge to Barton County, order given by coroner. Buried at Yale." [Gladys Mundt, Comp., "Funeral Records From Brenner's {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary," typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 2, entry #190.]

Reed, (infant)

"Reed, Infant, [no age given] Yale, Ks., died July 5, 1903; Dr. Smith. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: G. H. Reed. \$8.00." [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 105.]

"George Reed buried his little child Sunday." [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday, July 10, 1903, p. 4.]

Ried, Lula

“Mrs. Lula Ried; 35 years; married; housework; died Feb. 23, 1912, at Mt. Carmel Hospital of Cerebral Embolism; Dr. Owensky. Funeral Feb. 25 at 10:30 am at Baptist Church; clergyman: John Lyles. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Convent Tabernacle #38 Weir City. \$86.50 [included 3 carriages & 1 hearse].” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 170.]

Sanders, (infant)

“Died. In Yale, May 10, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Sanders.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 24, 1902, p. 4.]

“Name: SANDERS (male); Age: infant; Date of death: May 10, 1902; Residence: Yale; Marital status: single.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 153.]

Birth: “In Yale, May __, to Mr. and Mrs. Sanders, a son.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, May 17, 1902, p. 10.]

Sanders, Fannie

“Name: Fannie Sanders; Age: 37 years; Date of death: March 25, 1904; Cause of death: pneumonia; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. McBunsy, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 5, 3.]

“Mrs. Fannie Sanders departed this life Friday, March 25th, of pneumonia fever. She leaves a son and two daughters and a host of friends to mourn her loss. The remains were interred in the Yale cemetery. The funeral was conducted at the A.M.E. church from which she was a member. Rev. L. W. Whitehead officiated. We extend sympathy for the bereaved ones.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 28, 1904, p. 4.]

Sanders, Jessie A.

Born: 1894; Died: 1913
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Shanks, Carrie

“Mrs. George Shanks, colored, age 41, died last evening at 7 o’clock at her home in Yale of a complication of diseases. She had been ill for several weeks. The funeral will be held from the Baptist church at Yale tomorrow afternoon at 2 o’clock and interment will be made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1911, p. (5).]

“Carrie Shanks; 52 years; married; died December 4, 1911, in Yale. Funeral Dec. 6. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Geo. Shanks. \$85.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 291.]

Simmons, Willie

Born: 1901; Died: 1921

Information collected from Joan Kunkel, Barton County, Missouri, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 (1984).
[This headstone did not exist in the cemetery in the Fall of 1990.]

Slaughter, Ollie

Born: 1887; Died: 1925

Information collected from Joan Kunkel, Barton County, Missouri, Cemeteries, Vol. 1 (1984).
[This headstone did not exist in the cemetery in the Fall of 1990.]

“Ollie Slaughter, Died December 10, 1925 in Detroit, Michigan. Funeral December 13, 1925 at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, Kansas. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill \$494.50 paid by Minnie Tomlinson.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-6, page 63.]

Smith, John

News article relating the death of John Smith by John Jackson. Mr. Jackson shot and killed Mr. Smith on Feb. 13, 1895, at the home of John Smith. They were both from Yale and it was over a debt. Mr. Smith “was a member of the colored Odd Fellows lodge.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Feb. 15, 1895, p. (4).]

“Services were held at the residence of Mr. Johnson [sic] Smith last Sunday [March 3] and many friends from surround mines were present.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 8, 1895, p. (4).]

Stephens, Beatrice

“Croweburg, Oct. 7 – Funeral services for Mrs. Beatrice Stephens, Negro, 35, will be held at 1 o’clock Saturday afternoon in the Croweburg Baptist church with Rev. Brown of Girard in charge. Burial will be in Yale cemetery. The body will be taken to the home tomorrow afternoon from the Siple-Friskel chapel at Arma. Mrs. Stephens died at 4 o’clock yesterday afternoon at the home here after a long illness.

Mrs. Stephens was born at Yale, Oct. 22, 1901, and had been a resident here for 27 years. Survivors include the widower, Houston Stephens; five daughters, Cleopha, Maxine, Lavon, Juanita and Mamie Stephens, all of the home and three sons, Houston, Jr., John Henry and Nathania Stephens of the home, and the father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Harris of Croweburg.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Thursday, October 7, 1937, 12.]

“Croweburg, Oct. 8 -- Last rites for Mrs. Beatrice Stephens, Negro, will be held at 1 o’clock Saturday afternoon in the Baptist church here. Rev. Brown of Girard will have charge and interment will be in the Yale cemetery. Mrs. Stephens died Wednesday [Oct. 6] afternoon at the home here.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday, Oct. 8, 1937, p. .]

Sterns, Samuel

“Name: Samuel Sterns; Age: 27 years; Date of death: March 16, 1906; Cause of death: coal mine at Curranville; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: R. P. Gorrell.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 114, 30.]

“Sterns, Sam, 27 d. march 16, 1906 in Mine No. 2. Int. Yale cemetery. (Note; Local 405 Curranville Local Chapman Mine #2) (black).” [Gladys Mundt, Comp., “Funeral Records From Brenner’s {actually Bowman Furniture Company at the time} Mortuary,” typescript in looseleaf notebook of two ledgers (Pittsburg, KS, n.d.), Ledger 1, page 63.]

“Sam Sternes, the negro coal miner who was killed by a fall of rock in shaft No. 2 of the Chapman Coal company's mine at Yale yesterday, was buried this afternoon in the cemetery near that camp.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 17, 1906, p. 6.]

“The funeral of Sam Sleens [sic], the victim of the Iowa mine, was held at the Mt. Hebron church, Rev. Jones officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the State Line cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, March 23, 1906, p. 4.]

Stovall, Lorene

“Lorene Stovall, age 2 mos 29 days, born November 9, 1918; infant. Died February 8, 1919 at 410 N Grand, Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr H L Geeder, Pittsburg, Kansas. Funeral February 9, 1919, 10 a.m., at the home 410 N Grand, Pittsburg, Kansas. Burial Yale Cemetery. Father: Vernon Stovall born in Kansas, Mother: Corene Howard born in Kansas. Bill \$19.00 paid by Pickens and James Howard.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book E-5, page 77.]

Stovens, W. M.

“Name: W. M. Stovens; Age: 28 years; Date of death: October 13, 1895; Cause of death: shot; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: Bowman.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book D, p. 8, 1008.]

Sumner, Bert

“Name: Bert Sumner; Age: 11 days; Date of death: April 16, 1902; Cause of death: jaundice; Residence at death: Yale; Undertaker: E. J. Downing, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Cowens, Midway.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 140, 628.]

Talibut, Nettie

“Name: Nettie Talibut; Age: 18 years; Date of death: December 6, 1906; Cause of death: consumption; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Domestic; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: N. B. Ford, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 147, 371.]

“TALIBOT--In Yale, Dec. 6, of consumption, Nettie Talibot, aged 18 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Dec. 8, 1906, p. (5).]

“Mattie Beasley has returned to Pittsburg since the death of her sister, Mrs. Tolbert [sic].” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Dec. 17, 1906, p. (7).]

Terry, William [Jr.]

“William Terry, aged seventeen months, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Terry, of Yale, died at the home of the parents at 2:30 yesterday afternoon of summer complaint.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church in Yale this afternoon at 2:30 and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 25, 1909, (6).]

Terry, William [Sr.]

“William Terry, a Negro 42 years old, was killed some time before 7 o’clock last night while firing off shots in Western Mining and Coal Company’s mine No. 17, just across the state line into Missouri, near Yale.

When found about 7 o’clock the Negro was completely covered up with coal and earth, after two shots had been touched off by him in the room in which he lay. It is known that another man was firing off shots in a room adjoining and the theory is that a piece of rock, which was jarred loose by the explosion in the adjoining room, struck Terry.

The mark of a blow was found just back of the left ear and it is believed that the falling rock struck him there, either causing instantaneous death, or unconsciousness, and that his death was caused by the falling rock and coal from his own room after the two shots went off. The victim was hurriedly dug out but was dead.

Leon Besson, state mine inspector, was notified of the accident late this afternoon, on his return from an inspection trip in another part of the county.

The Negro leaves a wife and two children, who live at Yale. The funeral will be held at 2 o’clock tomorrow afternoon from the Methodist church, with interment in Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 6, 1912, p. 1]

“Wm. Terry; 42 years; married; Shot firer; died July 6, 1912, at Mine #17 Western Coal Co. from explosion of shot. Funeral July 7 at 2 pm at Methodist Church; clergyman: Jas. F. Monday. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Mrs. Terry (\$29.00) and Western Coal Mining Co. (\$80.00) [Services included 2 carriages and 1 hearse].” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 4, page 297.]

Thomas, Elsie

“Elsie, the 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Thomas, colored, died this morning at the home on Seventeenth Street. The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o’clock in the Yale church. Burial will be in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, October 5, 1914, 5.]

Thomas, Nettie

“Name: Nettie Thomas (female); Age: 10 months old; Date of death: March 15, 1903; Cause of death: dropsy; Residence at death: Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 189, 551.]

Thompson, Mollie

[Name collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Thurman, Percy

“Percy Thurman, age 20, single, Edson Camp, coal miner, died April 7, 1918, Mt Carmel Hospital, ran over by railroad car, Dr. R P Pierce, Ringo. Funeral April 9, 1918 at 11 a.m. at Crowburg [sic] Baptist Church, Rev L C Cooper. Burial Yale Cemetery. Born February 24, 1898 in Georgia, father Jas Thurman, mother Lillie Jackson both born in Georgia. Bill charged to Mr and Mrs Mack Phelps \$142.90.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-3, page 228.]

Tindrell, Launa

Born: 1891; Died: 1920
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Toney, Bessie (White)

Died c. 1930. [Personal interview with Darlene (Adkins) Mitchell, Pittsburg, Kansas, 27 February 1991. Bessie Toney is Mrs. Mitchell’s grandmother.]

Toney, Lee

“Name: Lee Tony; Age: 34 years; Date of death: October 1, 1906; Cause of death: heart failure; Residence at death: Curranville, Kansas; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: M. G. Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Dr. Orr.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 141, (4).]

“Lee Tony, colored, who was shot about a year ago in a row among the colored people, died this morning at Curranville from the effects of his wound. The injured man realized that he could never recover and told a resident of Pittsburg last night that he was going to die soon. The funeral will be held at Curranville tomorrow forenoon and interment will be made in the cemetery at Yale. Deceased was a miner by profession, and was well known among the colored people of this section.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 2, 1906, p. (5).]

“Lee Toney, who has been on the sick list [sic] for about eight months, died Monday [Oct. 1] night and was buried Wednesday at 3:30.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 5, 1906, p. (12).]

Townsell, William

News article related his death occurred on Oct. 23, 1904, about 8 p.m. Died from an accidentally self-inflicted gun wound. “He was 21 years of age and was considered a good worker. The funeral was held yesterday . . . and remains were interred in the cemetery across the state line.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wed., Oct. 26, 1904, p. 5.]

“The victim of the shooting affray died Sunday between nine and ten . . . and was buried at the Yale cemetery Monday evening.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 28, 1904, p. 2.]

Turner, Fred

“Name: Fred Turner; Age: 13 months; Date of death: October 31, 1902; Cause of death: thrash; Residence at death: Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 174, 347.]

Turner, Leola

“Name: Leola Turner; Age: 7 years; Date of death: August 14, 1907; Cause of death: malaria fever; Residence at death: Yale; Occupation: school girl; Undertaker: Gorrell; Physician: Dr. Odell, Currenville [sic].” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 183, (10).]

“TURNER--In Yale, Aug. 14, of typhoid fever, Leola Turner, aged 7 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 17, 1907, p. (7).]

Vaughn, June

“Name: June Vaughn (male); Age: 34 years; Date of death: December 21, 1904; Cause of death: pneumonia; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 45, (5).]

“The funeral of June Vaughan [sic], who died at Yale Monday [Dec. 19] evening, was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains interred in the Yale cemetery. He was comparatively a stranger in Yale and had been there about two weeks when he was taken ill with pneumonia. He had lived near Yale once before and the funeral was conducted from the home of a colored friend.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wed., Dec. 21, 1904, p. 6.] (An additional news article on page 5 of same date.)

“Jaun Vawn died Monday between 3 and 4 o'clock with fever. He came here from Mineral about three weeks ago but he never recovered. His funeral will take place tomorrow. The K. of P. lodge took charge of his body.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Friday, Dec. 23, 1904, p. 2.]

“June Vaughn, 34, miner, died December 19, 1904, of pneumonia. Funeral December 21 afternoon in Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Crawford County.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 276.]

Warden, (infant)

“An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Warden was buried Friday in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Wed., Jan. 27, 1904, p. 3.]

Weaver, Charles

“Name: Charles Weaver; Age: 60 years; Date of death: July 31, 1905; Cause of death: inflammation of bowels; Place of burial: Yale; Date of burial: August 1, 1905; Place of birth: Alabama; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Single; Occupation: Miner; Other: Had lived in Kansas for 10 years; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 78, 1.]

“Charles Weaver, colored, of Yale, died yesterday evening of inflammation of the bowels, aged sixty years. The funeral was held at three o'clock this afternoon at Yale.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 1, 1905, p. 4.]

Weaver, Elmer Lorene

“Elmer Lorene Weaver, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver of Yale, died at the home of his parents Sunday morning at 5:30 o’clock. The child was born Aug. 26, 1922. Funeral services were conducted from the home this afternoon at 2 o’clock and interment was made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, February 12, 1923, 5.]

“Elmer Lorene Weaver; age 5 months, 15 days; died Feb. 11, 1923, in Yale. Funeral Feb. 12 at 2:30 pm at Yale Cemetery. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Clarence Weaver, father, Yale camp. \$47.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 8, page 479.]

Weaver, Lizzie

“Mrs. Lizzie Weaver, a colored widow woman residing at No. 215 East Tenth street, died Saturday afternoon at 3:30 of heart trouble, aged 53 years. The dead woman leaves a son and three daughters to mourn her death. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the church at Yale and the body was interred in the cemetery in that town.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Tuesday, November 15, 1910, p. 1 and November 17, 1910, p. 4]

“Lizzie Weaver; Age 54 yrs; single; Retired; died November 12, 1910 of Heart Failure at 210 E 10th St., Pittsburg, Kansas, Dr Gardener, Pittsburg, Kansas. Funeral November 14, 1910 at 2:00 pm at Yale, Rev Darrow. Burial Yale Cemetery. Bill \$119.00 charged to Estate.” [Funeral Record of Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Record Book E-5, page 139]

Wheaton, George

“The funeral of U. F. Wheaton, the negro boy who died Saturday night from injuries received while helping a gang of men bale hay, were held yesterday at the family home in Yale. Burial was in Yale.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, July 17, 1911, p. 2.]

“Geo. Wheaton; 10 years; died July 16, 1911, in Yale of accident. Funeral July 16 at 10 am in Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Geo. Wheaton. \$75.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 242.]

Wheaton, Laura

“Name: Laura Wheaton; Age: 30 years; Date of death: May 20, 1911; Cause of death: Easemic [sic] poisoning; Date of report: June 9, 1911; Place of burial: Yale; Date of burial: May 21, 1911; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: Brady, Pittsburg; Physician: Tice, Pittsburg.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book F, p. 108, 10.]

“Laura Wheaton; 30 years; married; housewife; died May 20, 1911, in Yale of Eurauic [sic] Poisoning; Dr. Tice. Funeral May 21 at 2 pm at Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: George W. Wheaton. \$60.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 216.]

White, (infant boy)

“Infant son of John White; age--2 months, 10 days; died August 8, 1901, Shaft #31 Midway; Dr. Smith of Yale. Funeral August 9. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: K & T Coal Co. \$10.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #141.]

White, (infant girl)

“Died--Saturday, July 5th, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White, age one year.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 10, 1902, p. 5.]

White, Bob

“Name: Bob White; Age: 45 years; Date of death: July 27, 1907; Cause of death: murdered; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: Dr. Orr, Yale, KS.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 180, (9).]

“White--Near Nelson, July 28, by being murdered, Bob White (col.) of Western No. 17 camp, aged about 35 years.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, August 5, 1907, p. (3).]

Bob White, member of pit committee of Mine No. 17 and a member of local No. 445 of the U.M.W.A., found dead on railroad tracks north of Nelson on July 28, 1907. News article reports how he was discovered on tracks. [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, July 29, 1907, p. (1).]

White, George

Born: 1872; Died: 1915
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Geo White, age 42, born Feb 23, 1873; married to Hattie White; ret'd coal miner; died April 05, 1915 in Yale, Dr Keller, Curranville. Funeral at 1:00 p.m. at Mt Hebron Baptist Church, Pittsburg, KS, Rev S. A. Williams. Burial Yale Cemetery. His father, Geo White born in South Carolina, mother, Miss Bramlett born in Tenn. Bill charged to Hattie White, \$164.50.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Undertaking Co., Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book # E-2, page 84.]

White, James

“James White, a stone mason, 80 years old, died of old age at 1 o'clock yesterday at Nelson camp. He leaves a wife and five children, two boys and three girls. The funeral was held at 2:30 this afternoon from the Baptist church at Yale, of which body he was a member.

Mr. White has lived in Crawford county since the early 90's and was formerly a resident of this city.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Nov. 25, 1908, p. (2).]

“Name: JAMES WHITE; Age: 60 years; Occupation: Miner; Death Date: Nov. 26, 1908; Place of Death: Camp #17; Cause: General Debility; Physician: Dr. Gibb, Pittsburg; Undertaker: M. G. Brady.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas.]

White, James H.

“James H. White; 33 years; married; miner; died April 16, 1911, in Columbus of tuberculosis. Funeral April 18 at 2 pm at Yale; clergyman: Rev. Walker. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: J. A. McAuley, Columbus, Ks. \$22.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, page 213.]

White, Jeff L.

Born: April 4, 1857[9?]; Died: Oct. 5, 1914
[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Jeff L. White, colored, 57 years old, died on his farm near Yale at 1 o’clock yesterday of strangulated hernia. The disease was caused by an injury he received several years ago. The funeral was held at 3 o’clock this afternoon from the Yale African Baptist church, Rev. S. A. Williams officiating. Burial will be in the Yale cemetery. The deceased was a member of the Masonic lodge No. 88 at Franklin and the Grand United Order of I.O.O.F. in Pittsburg. He leaves a widow.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, October 6, 1914, 2.]

“Jeff L. White; age: 57 years, 6 months, 2 days; married; died Oct. 5, 1914, in Yale; Dr. Kellar. Funeral Oct. 6 at 3 pm at Baptist Church; clergyman: S. A. Williams. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill: \$172.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 279.]

White, Mary

“Mrs. Mary White, colored, of Croweburg died April 6, 1912, at the failly home. The funeral was held the 13th [sic] and the body was interred at the Yale cemetery, after a funeral service held in the church there at 4 o’clock. She was sixteen years of age.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Saturday, April 13, 1912, p. 7.]

Maybe another Mary White: Might be buried in Yale cemetery. Died c. 1920s. Mother of March White. [Personal interview with Mrs. Darlene (Adkins) Mitchell, Pittsburg, Kansas, 27 February 1991.]

White, Nannie

“Nannie White; 42 years; died Sept. 12, 1900, at Yale; Dr. Smith. Funeral Sept. 13 at 2. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: H. W. White (House 100, Yale). \$45.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, unnumbered Ledger, entry #46.]

“Name: Nancie White; Age: 42 years; Date of death: September 12, 1900; Date of report: September 27, 1900; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Housewife; Undertaker: C. D. Manley, Pittsburg; Physician: C. A. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book B, p. 85, 250.]

White, William March

“White, William March, 27, married, died Nov. 26, 1904, of gunshot wound; Dr. McKelvey. Funeral Nov. 27, 3 o’clock at Yale; clergyman: A. J. Rogers. Casket: 6-0. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: John White (303 E. Park, Pittsburg), G. W. Bond (Yale) & Phelix Robinson (#17 Nelson); \$47.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 1, page 269.]

“Mark [sic] White, colored, of Yale, died Saturday afternoon from the effects of a gun shot wound and the funeral and interment took place yesterday afternoon.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Nov. 28, 1904, p. 6.]

“March White, a colored citizen of Kansas for nearly all his life, died 20 minutes after ten Saturday morning, Nov. 26, and was buried Sunday. He left a wife, but no children.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Nov. 28, 1904, p. 3.]

Two news articles regarding the shooting appeared in the Pittsburg Daily Headlight: 1) Nov. 29, 1904, p. 5 and 2) Dec. 12, 1904, p. 6.

Whitehead, L. W.

Born: 1865; Died: 1920

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Whitehead, Lewis Eullian

“Lewis Eullian Whitehead; 51 years; Married; Coal Miner; died Nov. 19, 1920, in mine accident at Mine #15 West; Dr. Keller. Funeral Nov. 23 at 12 noon in Franklin; Clergyman: R. C. Wilson. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: Henrietta Whitehead. \$305.00.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger 8, page 263.]

Williams, Terry

Died: Jan. 5, 1907.

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

“Terry Williams died this morning at 7 o'clock at his home in Yale after a two weeks illness with typhoid fever. The deceased was among the most widely known colored men of that camp and was 57 years of age. The funeral will be held from the Methodist church in Yale tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment made in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Jan. 5, 1907, p. 2.]

“Yale, Kansas, Jan. 7, 1907.

Terry Williams departed this life January 5, 1907, at 7:23 o'clock a.m. at his home, Yale, Kansas. He was born December 1, 1850, Greenville, S.C. at his death he was 56 years 1 month and 4 days of age. He married Mattie Hulsey of Gainesville Ga., in 1876.

He joined the G.U.O. of O.F. in 1885 at Gainesville, Ga., and lived a consistent brother; he was dutiful and was ever found at his post, with the principles of Odd Fellowship buried deep in his heart

He was a member of the Baptist church for more than forty years and served as deacon for thirty years.

He leaves a son and a daughter and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He will be long remembered by all who knew him. At his death he filled the office of chaplain in the G.U.O. of O.F.

J. E. FINLEY,
J. E. HARVEY,
B. G. JACKSON,
Committee.”

[Pittsburg Daily Headlight, January 9, 1907, p. (3).]

“Name: Terry Williams; Age: 57 years; Date of death: January 5, 1907; Cause of death: typhoid fever; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Widower; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: M. G. Brady; Physician: Dr. Smith, Yale.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 151, 12.]

Wilson, (infant girl)

“A 14-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Wilson, colored, died Saturday afternoon at 2 o’clock at Litchfield. The funeral was yesterday afternoon at 2 o’clock from the home and burial was in the Yale cemetery.” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Monday, September 8, 1913, 5.]

“Unnamed daughter of C. R. Wilson; 14 days old; died Sept. 6, 1913, in Litchfield; Dr. Osborne. Funeral Sept. 7 in Yale. Burial: Yale Cemetery. Bill charged to: C. R. Wilson. \$12.50.” [Funeral Records from Bowman Furniture Company, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, Kansas, Ledger I, page 135.]

Wilson, John

“Colored Miner Killed.

John Wilson (colored), an employe[e] at No. 5 mine of the Western Coal and Mining Company at Yale, met his death just as he started upon the cage last night about 10 o’clock. As near as can be learned of the particulars he had completed his night’s work and got on the cage and ‘belled away,’ which signal was answered by the engineer. Wilson answered back according to the rules governing such circumstances and the engineer started his engine and the cage started up. Immediately afterwards he heard Wilson call out as if in pain and he stopped the engine and then went down to investigate. He found Wilson dead with his head caught between the cage and shaft timbers. . . .” [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, Oct. 4, 1899, p. 1.]

Wilson, Violet May

“Violet May Wilson; age 2 yrs; died May 17, 1912 in Litchfield of poisoning from lye, physician, Dr P T Theis, Yale. Funeral May 18, 1912 at 12 noon. Burial in Yale Cemetery. Orders and Bill charged to C. R. Wilson.” [Funeral Records from Ellsworth Funeral Home, Brenner Mortuary, Pittsburg, KS, Record Book #E-1, page 40.]

Woods, James/Will

“Name: James Wood; Age: 23 years; Date of death: April 5, 1905; Cause of death: smothered in mine; Residence at death: Yale; Marriage status: Married; Occupation: Miner; Undertaker: Downing; Physician: Dr. Bacon, Nelson.” [From the “Death Record Books” at Crawford County Courthouse, Girard, Kansas, Book A, p. 62, 10.]

News story indicating James Woods, “colored” man from mine 31 northeast of Pittsburg, died April 5, 1905. [Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 6, 1905, p. 12.]

“Will Woods of No. 31, departed this life sometime during Sunday night [April 9, 1905]. His lifeless body was found in the mines where he was employed as a water bailer. He leaves a wife and child and relatives to mourn his loss.” [“Yale Item,” Pittsburg Daily Headlight, April 13, 1905, p. 10.]

Young, Allen

Born: 1891; Died: 1918.

[Information collected from headstone in cemetery in Fall 1990.]

Additional Names:

There is a strong possibility that the following individuals are also buried in the Yale Cemetery, but no concrete documentation has been found at the time of this posting. If you see a name of an individual that is of interest, please query Debbie Swindle (swindle@gus.pittstate.edu) for information to date for that person (or, if you have documentation to verify their burial in this cemetery).

Adkins, Bert	Maples, Ella
Beaton, Gus	Maples, Spencer
Bloden, Lizzie	McDaniel, Mr. & Mrs.
Bonwell, Clara	McDaniel, Marguerite
Callaway, “Boots”	Meredith, Henry
Coleman, Mr.	Moore, Laura
Dorsey, JoAnn	Murdock, Thomas
Dorsey, Richard	O’Brien, Mrs.
Dorsey, Tenezebe	Owens, Jim
Edmondson, Quiler	Palmer, “Daddy”
Felton, Mr. & Mrs.	Palmer, Donnie
Gilliam, “Pop”	Palmer, Frank
Grayson, Alpha	Phelps, Mr.
Harris, Harlo	Phelps, (infant twin sons)
Harris, Mary	Reed, George
Hudson, Dennis	Robinson, Debbie
Jackson, Bailey	Sims, Jeffery
Jackson, “Bubba”	Smith, Ralph
Jackson, Kenneth	Thomas, Mary
Jenkins, Mr.	Thomas, Pete
Kennedy, Rosie	Turner, Jessie
Lemley, Shorty	Turner, Turk
Lewis, Callie	Vinning, Tom
Lewis, John	Weaver, Clarence
Mack, Courtney	White, Sarah

Williams, Harry
Yarbrough, John
Yarbrough, Mannie