

Surname
Anderson

Given
John

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From the *Gazette* we learn that John Anderson ex-treasurer, died on the 2d of December. Mr. Anderson is one of the old timers, having come to Montana in 1863. He was appointed probate Judge in 1887 and elected county treasurer in 1888, being defeated by treasurer Bailey last fall. He was appointed Register of the Missoula land office by president Harrison some time ago, which position he has never filled, as he was taken severely ill immediately after his appointment. He will be greatly missed by his host of friends.

Armstrong

Duane J

14 Mar 1890 pg 4

AN OLD TIME EDITOR GONE.
Duane J. Armstrong formerly editor and proprietor of the *Missoulian*, died at the Warm Springs, March 00, 1890. Mr. Armstrong bought out the *Missoulian* plant in August '79. In March 1883 he sold the office to Harrison Spaulding on account of poor health, and a few months later was taken to the hospital in Deer Lodge county. Mr. Armstrong leaves a devoted wife, a brother and one sister to mourn his demise. He was one of the most highly respected men in Missoula, and for honesty and integrity was beyond reproach.

DIED.

Of pneumonia at the residence of J. H. Graves, Ashley, Mont. Wm. H. Barren aged 69 years. The deceased was born in Hudson, Columbia county, New York, and was one of that fast disappearing army of pioneers ("the forty-niners") whose names and deeds are embalmed in the history of the Pacific coast, and through the works of such writers as Joaquin Miller and Bret Hart will be remembered long after the present generations have passed away.

Landing at San Francisco during the winter of '49 and '50 he had mined in most of the camps in the Sierras, Fraser River, Montana City on Prickly Pear, in 1864, before the days of Helena, and in the early days of Cedar Creek in this county.

Uncle Billy in his younger days and prime had been a man of magnificent physique, one of "those giants" who regardless of savage men and beasts, hewed the trails through the mighty mountains and vast timbered solitudes of our western slope and made it possible for a later civilization to follow.

Kind hearted and generous to a fault with malice towards none and charity to all death had no terrors for him. The world was his country and to do good his religion, and willingly did he respond to the call that all must some day answer.

A large number of sincere friends and mourners followed the remains to the cemetery where the Hon. W. R. Ramsdell made a few touching and appropriate remarks. Another oldtimer gone.

Beidler

John X

31 Jan 1890 *Remiescat in Pace.*

JOHN A. BEIDLER DEAD.
John X. Beidler, one of the oldest pioneers in Montana died at the Pacific Hotel in Helena on the 22d inst., of heart failure, aged 58 years. X. Beidler was an historical character. He was deputy U. S. marshal in Montana in the early days, and was an active member of the vigilantes and probably more than any one man helped to put down the desperadoes who infested this country at that time. Beidler was generally hangman when executions took place and pulled the rope that sent scores of desperadoes to their last account. His valuable services have been at various times acknowledged by the state, although he never got the appropriation he asked of the legislature. His life in Montana covered the most eventful period in her history, and his adventures are not paralleled outside of works of fiction. He was a hero in his way and was one of the most remarkable characters in the West. He leaves two brothers in the East, one an editor at Mount Pulaski, Ill. He was buried by the Montana Pioneer Society.

Cartright

Frank C

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FRANK C. CARTRIGHT, a bright and well bred young man of Helena, shot himself last Friday morning. Caused by too many sprees and gambling.

Demersville, Montana.
September 30th, 1890.
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Coroner upon the bodies of those persons unknown there lying dead by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed. The said jurors upon their oaths do say, that from the evidence brought before them they believe the names of the parties to be Daniel McDonald, Ben Tomkins and John Celey and that the said parties came to their death on or about the month of December A. D. 1887 at Wolf Creek Crossing, on Wolf Prairie, Missoula county, State of Montana, distance about one hundred miles north-west of this place, by gun shot wounds, said wounds were inflicted unlawfully, feloniously and maliciously by Indians known to this jury as Little John, Sloane and Antier, and we, the jurors, further find, that the Indian boy known as Carrier was an accessory to the crime of murdering the said Daniel McDonald, Ben Tomkins and John Celey.

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Justice of the Peace,
Acting Coroner.

DIED.

CLIFFORD—Mary Rose Delima, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Clifford, January 15, 1890, aged just five months.

The death angel visited Demersville last Wednesday and took little Mary Clifford away. Her brief life of five short months has had more than its share of suffering although everything that love could devise or money procure has been done to secure for her that greatest of all earthly blessings, health. A few days ago she was attacked with influenza, accompanied by conjection, which was more than the frail little body could bear, so her pure innocent spirit returned to the God who gave. She was the light and joy of the household, and her death leaves an aching void in the hearts of all who knew her. The bereaved parents are almost heart-broken over the loss of their dearly loved only child, and there is no balm for their bleeding hearts save the healing hand of time. Friends are powerless to fill a mother's empty arms, or ease a father's aching heart; the Lord chastens those he loves, and He alone can help them in their sorrow. The body has been buried at Demersville until the weather is suitable for taking the body to Frenchtown, when it will be removed to that place and laid to rest in the family vault. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford have the earnest sympathy of the entire neighborhood in this their great affliction.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clifford start Saturday for Frenchtown with the remains of their infant daughter where they will deposit the body enclosed in a handsome metallic casket in the vault. They will stop at Missoula long enough to have a photograph taken by the city photographer, F. M. Ingalls. Mr. Clifford and wife will probably be gone a month or more, as J. E. has considerable business to attend to while away.

Cockman

John

21 Mar 1890 pg 1

LAI D TO REST.

The friends will not be surprised to learn of the death of Mr. John Cockman, who came to this valley from Iowa last fall for the benefit of his health, but alas too late. That dread disease—consumption—had too strong a hold upon him, and on Wednesday about 5 o'clock he bade good bye to this world of toil and care. The following is a brief sketch of his life:

The deceased was born in the town of Ware, Hartfordshire, Eng. At the age of eleven he emigrated with his parents to Patterson, N. J. and from there to Illinois, where he was married to Miss Betsy Robberts. From Illinois he moved to Clinton Co, Iowa, from there to Bremer county where he resided 28 years. Here he buried

his wife who had been in poor health for some time. From Iowa he came to Montana to live with his daughter Mrs. F. D. Head, thinking to better his health, but the rough ride across the reservation was too much for him in his delicate state of health. The deceased was sixty-five years four months and seven days old. He leaves three daughters and two sons to mourn his demise.

Detrick

John B

28 Feb 1890 pg 4

TIT: dead body of John B. Detrick was found near Melrose, he perished during the late storms.

Dunn

J M

19 Sep 1890 pg 3

POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION.
 G. M. Scott, of Post Falls, Idaho, came in on Wednesday's boat for the purpose of identifying the clothing of the white man killed on Angel Hill, by the Indian, Pacale, as that worn by J. M. Dunn, at the time he left his hotel at Post Falls, in June 1889. Mr. Scott gave an exact description of the clothing found by the posse last July, near the remains of this whiteman and when shown a small piece of the vest said that in Dunn's trunk, now at his house was a coat of the same figure and material, also that there was suits of underclothing exactly like those described as found upon the ground. Mr Scott describes the horse Dunn rode away as being a low stocky built grey horse weighing from 850 to 900 pounds, bearing a brand of either a letter "E" or an "eagles' claw"—he is not positive which. He says he had probably from \$1,200 to \$1,500, that he wore a canvass belt with a large white buckle and thinks he must have had some deeds and other valuable papers on his person. Mr Dunn also wore a valuable gold watch with a Knight Templar charm, for which there is a reward offered. There is not the slightest doubt in the world but the skeleton found on Angel Hill are those of J. M. Dunn of Ida Grove.

Eastin

George D

13 Jun 1890 pg 2

GEORGE D. EASTIN died at the Warm Springs, on the morning of the 3rd inst., where he was sent a few months ago to test the benefits of the hot medicated waters. Mr. Eastin was for some time connected with the *Pioneer Press*, at St. Paul, in an editorial relation and was also editor of the *Helena Independent* a year or more ago. He leaves a young wife to mourn his demise.

Eaton

Edward

26 Dec 1890 pg 3

—Edward Eaton, a man about 30 years of age, who took up a ranch in the Half Moon country about four months ago, died quite suddenly on the 18th inst. of what his physician termed mountain fever. He was buried in the timber near the ranch he occupied.

Emerson

Mrs Frank

21 Mar 1890 pg 1

—Word reached Demersville last night that Mrs. Frank Emerson died in Missoula on the 18inst. She went there some three or four months ago for treatment by Dr. Mills, but has continually failed day by day, until death relieved her sufferings. Mrs. Emerson leaves a host of friends who sympathize with the bereaved husband and friends in their great loss.

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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN—Mrs. Frank Emerson, who died in Missoula on the 18th inst, leaves to mourn her loss in this valley, a devoted husband, father, mother and two sisters. She has been a resident of this country since '86 and has won the love and esteem of all who knew her. There are few people who could have left us that would have been more missed and mourned for. She was 21 years, and 6 months old and was married to Frank Emerson the 1st of June, 1867. The bereaved husband and parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

Shed not for her the bitter tear,
Nor give the heart to vain regret;
Tis but the cushion that lies here,
The gem that filled it sparkles yet.

INCOG.

Finley

Wm

11 jul 1890 pg 3

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

Another human being has entered the great beyond. On July 4th, while Antoine Finley was holding down a drunken Indian named Goosta, while he was being secured so as to be removed where he could do no harm, Wm. Finley approached and tried to take him off so as to liberate Goosta. As they arose Antoine pulled out his revolver (which Finley seized by the muzzle) and placed it close to Finley's abdomen and fired, the ball intering about two inches above and to left of umbilicus. He lived until Saturday afternoon. Immediately after death a coroner's inquest was held over his remains. Drs. Sanders and Coe when placed upon the stand both testified that it would be impossible to determine the exact cause of death with out a post mortem examination, upon which the inquest was postponed until Sunday at 1. P. M. when a post mortem was held and the testimony of the witnesses taken by the Cornor's jury. They rendered a verdict that one William Finley came to his death from a pistol shot fired by one Antoine Finley, a half-breed, and said shot was fired intentionally. He is now in jail here pending his trial which is set for next Monday.

Gardner

Horace A

26 Dec 1890 pg 3

DIED.

GARDNER—At his home near Egan, on Dec. 24th, 1890, Horace A. Gardner, aged 34 years 5 months and 12 days, of Pneumonia.

Mr. Gardner was taken sick about 3 months ago and has been a patient sufferer ever since until released by death on Wednesday morning. He was an honored member of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Lake City, Iowa, and also of the A. O. U. W. lodge No. 1 of Butte. His remains received temporal burial at his home on Christmas day at 4 o'clock p. m., Rev. E. L. Lee officiating.

Greene

B H

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GEN. B. H. GREENE, ex-Surveyor General died at his home in Helena, January 4th, 1890, of Bright's disease. Gen. Greene and family are well and favorably known to the people of the Flathead valley. Mrs. Greene, son and daughters spent some time this summer on their ranch on the opposite side of the river, and a few weeks later the General in company with a party of Helena friends spent several days hunting and fishing in the valley. General Greene was a genial, companionable, wholesouled gentleman, who though a resident of Montana but little more than four years, enjoyed complete immunity from the prejudice that usually attaches to federal officials sent into territories from other states. He had a large circle of friends in Montana who sincerely mourn his loss.

Lambert

daughter of H A

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—A little three year old daughter of H. A. Lambert, of Arlee, died of spinal meningitis, on the 31st day of March.

Lampton

Mr

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—Mr. Lampton, father of Mrs. Shuler, died Jan. 14th 1890, of consumption. Further particulars of which we are unable to learn.

Leppard

Maud

19 Sep 1890 pg 3

DIED.

LEPPARD. — Maud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Leppard of Demersville on Sept 18th 1890 of typhoid fever.

Little Maud was taken suddenly sick over a week ago and notwithstanding she has had every care that loving hands could give, died yesterday at one o'clock. She was a bright, sweet child and was a great favorite among her school friends and companions from whose number she will be greatly missed. The funeral took place from the City Hall at 2 p. m. to day.

Loumphery

Joseph

29 Aug 1890 pg 3

— Joseph Loumphery, the oldest settler in the Bitter Root valley, died at his home at Stevensville last week aged 84 years. He piloted Father Desmet into this country in 1841 and lived in the valley since 1845 or 1846.

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—Theodule Mennier was stabbed to death at Flat Creek, a place about 70 miles west of Missoula, by Frank Gagnon.

ACCIDENT OR CRIME?

**JOHN POYSER FATALLY INJURED AT
JOCKO—FORCED TO JUMP FROM
A MOVING TRAIN.**

An accident that may prove to be a crime, when all the facts are known, occurred at the water tank near Jocko Saturday night. A man named John Poyser boarded the west bound passenger at Arlee, and was trying to beat his way to Spokane when he was discovered by the conductor. He was compelled to jump from the train when at full speed, the conductor holding a loaded revolver in his hand and threatening to shoot him if he did not obey orders and take a leap in the dark. Poyser was fatally injured by the fall, regaining consciousness some hours later but was unable to move. The following day he was brought to Ravalli by Indians and given a berth on the depot floor where he lay in great agony and without medical attendance until Monday. Sunday evening Poyser's ante-mortem statement was taken by Deputy Sheriff Ramsdell and A. B. Keith, of Helena, from which the foregoing account of the affair is taken. The conductor's story remains to be told. He may be able to exonerate himself, but the fact that Poyser had no weapon puts him in a bad light. The character of Poyser's injuries confirm his statement as to the moving train. He was badly bruised on the head and back, his lower limbs being paralyzed.

NEW COURT HOUSE.

JOHN POYSER, the man who was fatally injured by being forced to jump from a moving train, died at the Sister's hospital at Missoula, a few days after being injured. The authorities are taking the matter in hand as this is the third man who has died from effect of injuries received at the hands of trainmen.

The coroner's jury in the case of Jack Poyser returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from injuries received by being thrown or falling from a train near Ravalli. The verdict was according to the evidence, but autopsy, we believe would have shown that the man died from heart failure.—Gazette.

Preston

O

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FROZE TO DEATH.
O. Preston, one of the extensive stockmen of the east side, started last Monday for the head of Swan lake to look after his cattle, there wintering. When within a mile or so of the Big Fork, he discovered a man lying in the road dead, and upon investigation found it to be Thomas Elliott. The particulars as near as we can learn are as follows: Mr. Elliott has been living for some time with his son-in-law, Frank Swim, who has also a large band of cattle at the head of Big Fork, whither Mr. Elliott had started with a team and provisions, intending to remain during the winter. While crossing the Big Fork on the ice—a very treacherous stream to cross—his team broke through the ice and were drowned, and it is supposed that in attempting to save his horses he got into the water up to his waist, and being a man nearly 60 years old, became numb and cold from the exposure. He had started back to find shelter in some cabin, but had not gone far before was obliged to give up, and either fell or laid down and died, where Mr. Preston found him. Mr. Preston notified the friends and relatives of the deceased who took charge of the body. Mr. Elliott leaves several children and a divorced wife.

Randall

Samuel J

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AFTER a long and painful illness Samuel J. Randall has passed to the great beyond. He died a poor man, and leaves his family very little of this worlds goods, but a stainless name. No one ever questioned his integrity.

Stephens

son of A J

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—A son of A. J. Stephens was buried in the Demersville cemetery last Thursday, aged 6 years.

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A BRUTAL MURDER.

A brutal murder was committed at Carter, on the 8th. Jack Barry, a saloon keeper at the Iron mountain, went to Carter to collect a barbill of \$9.75 of a miner named Pat Welch who refused to pay it when a quarrel ensued, after which Welch left the saloon very drunk. Barry followed him to another saloon and rushing in struck him a blow which felled him to the floor. He then jumped onto the prostrate man and pounded and stamped him to death. It is said that fully a dozen people stood by and not one offered to interfere.

Wilson

J S

6 Jun 1890 pg 3

HE HAS GONE.

J. S. Wilson died at the residence of W. J. Loveall on the east side, in the upper valley, last Saturday night, May 31st, aged about 28 or 29 years, of a complication of diseases, or general disability. Mr. Wilson came to this valley about two years ago from Montrose, Minnesota, where we understand he has brothers and friends. He is originally from Logansport, West Virginia, where he has a father and mother living. He had advertised to make final proof to-day—June 6th—on his pre-emption on the east side but death jumped his claim. He was a young man who was respected by all his friends and neighbors. His intimate friend and companion W. J. Loveall, did all in his power to alleviate his sufferings and administered as only a brother could administer. His remains were interred in the east side cemetery last Monday.

Wolf

Wife of

25 Apr 1890 pg 1

—A notable death among the Indians is that which occurred on Tuesday last at Half Moon, in the demise of a squaw at the reputed age of 110 years. She was the wife of Wolf, the noted chief of the Chippewa tribe, and tradition is that she was but a mere child when the foot of the pale face had not entered territory west of the Mississippi river.