

**MRS. MABEL JENSON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mabel Jenson were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggener and Campbell chapel by Rev. Aron Johnson of the Bethlehem Lutheran church. During the services Don Shepard sang two solo selections accompanied at the organ by Mrs. J. M. Carlson. Friends acting as pall bearers were C. J. Halverson, John Kern, Sam Folwell, and Alfred Holben. Interment was in the Deaconsville cemetery.

**Obituary**

Mabel Woffan-Jenson was born December 18, 1883, at Glenwood, Minnesota. She came to Kallispell seven years ago to make her home and passed away here Sept. 25, 1945, at the age of 61 years.

She was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran church.

The only relative surviving is her sister-in-law, Mrs. H. O. Kellison, of Kallispell.

**SAM E. JOHNS**

Samuel Knook Johns was born March 9, 1866, in Bloxwich, Staffordshire, England.

When still a boy he came to the United States with his parents who settled in Minnesota. On September 5, 1899, Mr. Johns arrived in the Flathead, the valley that was to be his home for many years. On July 16, 1903, he was united in marriage to Mary Pauline and to this union one son was born, Douglas of Kallispell. Mr. Johns passed away suddenly at his home March 25, 1945. Besides his wife and son, Mr. Johns is also survived by two sisters: Mrs. Nellie Johns-Normann of Kallispell and Mrs. Fanny B. Smith of Detroit, Michigan.

The sudden passing of Sam E. Johns takes from Kallispell and Flathead county an outstanding pioneer. He will be remembered not only by the old-timers, but by the new-comers. In years to come, residents of the valley in making historical studies of the founding of Kallispell and Flathead county together with details of the settling of this country by the white man, will have to depend to a large degree upon the authentic details which were the result of hundreds of hours of labor on the part of Mr. Johns for months and years prior to his passing.

Mr. Johns was one of the early comers to the valley. He always talked of old-timers as the ones who came prior to 1890 and "new-comers" as those who came after that date. He was successful in business endeavors and as he passed middle-age his financial condition became secure and his family was well reared and started on the road to success.

Mr. Johns noted at this time the passing of years had dulled the memories of many of the old-timers of the Flathead and that accurate and authentic information relative to the history of the valley was becoming scarce and scarcer. He foresaw that as the pioneers were called to the great beyond, with them went many of the tales of yesteryear which would prove interesting for generations to come.

It was with this thought in mind that he established as his hobby the compiling of data in the form of clippings, pictures, souvenirs in the form of guns and relics of early days. His data dealt mostly with this section of the state but when occasion permitted he tied in relics and incidents from other sections so as to make his information reliable and unchallenged.

Many hours were spent by him in the search for various types of information. He spared no expense in securing what he was searching for. Mrs. Andrew Thompson was engaged to help with the editing of the materials.

Perhaps God had some way of letting Mr. Johns know that he was soon to be called. At any rate it might have been a coincidence that his work relative to the compilation of the history of the valley was finished only a short time before his death. The pictures, clippings and relics which bear proof of authenticity are on file at his home and at the Johns' Hardware store. A compiled manuscript in typed form, which represents hundreds of hours of work was recently presented to the Kallispell Carnegie library to be filed for public inspection and reference.

A short time ago the Montanans, Inc., decided that it would be worthwhile from a tourist standpoint, to resurrect tales of early days, particularly about the Indians and also to establish landmarks of sections of the state which would point out to the passer-by the locations of historical happenings. The Kallispell Chamber of Commerce was called upon to gather this data and a committee was appointed with Sam Johns as chairman. In the thoroughness with which he did all his work Mr. Johns compiled this information and supplied the Chamber of Commerce with these maps and data which they requested. He even marked on the maps his suggestions for markings. This job was completed shortly prior to his death.

In years to come it is likely that his collections, which are priceless, and which represent a considerable amount of expense in gathering, will find their way into some local museum. Perhaps this museum will bear his name. At any rate he will be given due credit on the collection display racks and his name will live long with the people of Flathead valley.

**AMANDA M. JOHNSON**

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda M. Johnson were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Waggoner and Campbell chapel by Rev. Amos O. Johnson of the Bethlehem Lutheran church. During the service Don Shepard sang two solo selections accompanied at the organ by Mrs. J. M. Carlson. Friends acting as pall bearers were H. A. Fisher, Chas Iverson, William Managhan, Albert Knutson, Wilson Managhan and Fred Knutson. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Odessa.

Amanda, Matilda Johnson was born July 8, 1861 in Sweden. She moved to Christiania, Norway as a small child to make her home with her grandparents. She grew up there and was married Feb. 14, 1884 to John Johnson. Four years later they came to America and moved to Minn. N. Dakota. In 1892 they came to the Flathead and lived for many years in the Egan district and later in Smith Valley.

Mr. Johnson passed away in the fall of 1943. Mrs. Johnson had been an invalid for nearly three years and passed away December 5, 1945 at the age of 84 years.

She is survived by her two sons, Janner of Kalispell and Wolfrey of Seattle, Wash.; five daughters, Mrs. C. E. Gilbertson of Warland, Mont., Mrs. William Spurzenti and Mrs. Ed Conant, both of Oakland, Calif., Mrs. Custer Bonathin of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. R. L. Dickey of Kalispell, also 18 grand children and five great grandchildren.

**JOHN A. JOHNSON**

John Andrew Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Laurits Johnson, was born at Vesteraalen, Norway, February 22, 1872. His childhood was spent in the land of his birth, and in 1893 (at the age of 21) he migrated to America. He came at the time of the World's Fair at Chicago, this being his first destination in the new land.

Following a brief stay at Chicago, Mr. Johnson spent the winter in Wisconsin. Then he moved to Iowa, where he lived several years. From Iowa he came to western Montana, and for three years worked on steamers on the Kootenai river. After this he farmed.

In 1905 Mr. Johnson returned to Norway for a visit. It was then that he met Miss Alvhild Anderson, and the young couple was married. Following their marriage they sailed to America, and settled for a short period at Garner, Iowa. Six months later they moved to the Flathead valley in Montana, and he spent the next two years working in the lumber mill at Somers.

In 1910 Mr. and Mrs. Johnson purchased the farm northwest of Kalispell, where they had resided until the time of his death.

To this union were born four children all of whom are living.

Last fall Mr. Johnson realized that his health was rapidly failing. He visited his children on the west coast, and returned to the Flathead. He was progressing reasonably well until taken by a sudden stroke this past week. On June 8, 1945, he passed away at the age of 73 years.

Surviving Mr. Johnson are his widow; four children: Lief H. Johnson and Victor C. Johnson at Port Alexander, Alaska; Mrs. Aliv Sherman of Portland, Oregon; Widsleev R. Johnson with the armed forces in France; one sister living in Chicago; brothers and sisters in Norway; an uncle, Haaken Widsleev of Port Angeles, Wash., two grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

**JOHN W. JOHNSON**

Funeral services for John W Johnson were held Monday morning at 10:30 at the Waggoner and Campbell chapel by Rev. Russell J Prentice of the Presbyterian church. During the services Dan Shepard sang two hymn selections accompanied at the organ by Mrs. J. M. Carlson. Interment was made in the Conrad Memorial cemetery.

**Obituary**

John William Johnson was born to Charles and Mildred Johnson at Rolla, North Dakota, July 16, 1906. The family lived at several places in Dakota where John grew to manhood. He was a single man and came to Kalispell two years ago to make his home.

He passed away Tuesday, December 4, 1945, at the age of 39 years.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George Selye of Creston, Montana and Mrs. Thomas Adams of Seattle. There are also several nephews and a niece.

**Killed In Action**



Pfc. Lawrence C. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester L. Johnson of 350 Second avenue east north, was 20 years old when he met death in combat in Germany. He had been reported missing in action, December 11, 1944, and on January 2, 1945, he was listed as dead.

Lawrence C. Johnson was born June 1, 1924, at Kalispell. His parents had both attended grade and high school in Kalispell and their son followed in their footsteps. Lawrence graduated with the class of 1942. He registered for service the last day of school that year and while waiting for his call to the army, he worked for the railroad and also for the Woodland Flower shop until called to duty. He had been in the army since May 22, 1943.

Starting in the anti-aircraft in the personnel department, Lawrence was then transferred to the infantry division. He completed infantry training and had been overseas only four months. In the September 4 issue of Life Magazine, his picture appeared on page 22. It was taken at Chetres. At the time of his death, he was in the 415th Infantry, 104th division.

Lawrence was the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Lipincott and Oscar Johnson, old-time residents of Kalispell.

Many friends have expressed their deep sympathy for the bereaved family and the family wishes to express its thanks for the thoughtfulness expressed through lovely flowers, cards and letters and also to the high school faculty for its expression of sympathy in a letter to the family. Lawrence was held in high esteem by his many friends in this community.

**MARY A. JOHNSON**

Mary Agnes Johnson, eldest daughter of Mary and Pat Monroe, was born in 1862 in Charlotte, New York and received her education at the Sacred Heart Convent in Rochester, New York. On September 27, 1888 she was united in marriage to Hiram Johnson at Alton, Wisconsin. Mr. Johnson preceded her in death in August of 1927.

Mrs. Johnson is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Helen Amcabury of Redding, Calif., and two sons, Ray E. Johnson of Cut Bank, Montana, and George H. Johnson of Whitefish, Montana.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of the Presbyterian church for more than 50 years and a member of the Eastern Star. All her life she had been a lover of music and up to the time of her last illness she played the piano remarkably well.

**ESTHER M. JULIAN**

Funeral services for Esther May Julian were held Monday afternoon at the Holt chapel with Rev. W. Paul Jones of the Calvary Tabernacle officiating. During the service three appropriate selections were sung by Miss Mildred Anderson and Mrs. R. A. Gniepp. Friends acting as casket bearers were: Max McBride, Roy Kirby, Ed Heath, Stanley Potts, Dick Williams and Art Porter. Interment was made in the Lone Pine cemetery under the direction of the Elliot Mortuary.

**Obituary**

Esther May Putman was born March 13, 1909, near Bemidji, Minnesota, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Putman. When five months old she moved with her family to Sanish, North Dakota, and it was there that she received her schooling. On October 23, 1927, she was united in marriage to Omer Julian and to this union four children were born: Phyllis, Omae, Ellen and Donald. Shortly after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Julian moved to Missouri to make their home and in 1943 came to Montana, making their home in the Flathead valley since 1938.

Besides her husband and four children, Mrs. Julian is survived by her mother, Mrs. Ellen Weedeman of Sanish, North Dakota; one brother, Clarence Putman, of Chiocok, Mont.; a sister, Mrs. Florence Prosser, and a nephew, Layton A. Prosser, both of Sanish, North Dakota. Her father passed away in 1910.