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- **BACON, Sumner N. - With the death of Sumner N. BACON at his home in Eagle last Friday, May 17, 1935, another of the pioneer settlers of Colorado and Eagle county has passed on to his reward.**

The deceased was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa, May 28, 1861, where he spent his boyhood days. He followed Horace Greeley's advice when he reached manhood' s estate and came west. He came to Colorado in the early eighties and in 1886 located in Burns Hole on the Colorado river and established himself in the cattle business being one of the hardy pioneers who helped to build that section into one of the famous cattle countries of the western slope. He remained there for nearly thirty years, selling his holdings in 1915. The following year he was united in marriage to Miss Alice THOBORG, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter THOBORG, another of the pioneer families of Eagle county.

On their marriage Mr. and Mrs. BACON moved to southern California where they remained for eleven years, returning to Eagle in 1927. Shortly after their return Mr. BACON resumed ranching, he having acquired the old Frank LONG ranch on Brush creek afterward purchased of Mr. BACON by Charles CHAMBERS.

Shortly after resuming ranch life, Mr. BACON was stricken with a heart ailment, and it was thought then he would not live long. but for the past six years he has fought off the end, being constantly confined to his home and most of the time to his bed, until Friday when the end came, mercifully ending his suffering.

The body was prepared for shipment to Denver by the Meyer Mortuary of Red Cliff and was taken there Monday evening where the body was cremated, and the funeral ceremonies were in charge of the Odd Fellows there. Mr. BACON was a member of Chino Lodge, I.O.O.F. of Chino, Calif. for forty-four years.

He is survived by his widow, a sister, Mrs. F. L. NEWCOMER, of Eagle, and other relatives. The deceased was a good neighbor, a citizen far above the average and

leaves a great many friends who regret the long suffering and death. (24 May 1935, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p.1)

- **BACON, W. H. - W. H. BACON, a stranger in the county, died very suddenly at Wolcott on last Saturday, April 4, 1908, The deceased was 69 years of age and his him was at Jackson, Tennessee.**

The deceased, w8ith two other men, was canvassing the county for the Iowa Manufacturing company, selling buggies. While engaged in conversation with his associates at a hotel in Wolcott he suddenly lost consciousness and died apparently of heart trouble.

His family at Jackson, Tennessee, was notified, and on request of his wife, whose straightened circumstances would not permit of the shipment of the remains to his home, the funeral and interment occurred at Gypsum on Monday.(9 April 1908, Eagle County Blade, p. 8)

- **BAILEY, John W. - Brief Sketch of the Life of One of Eagle County's Pioneers**

In our last issue we published a notice of J. W. BAILEY's death. The news was received too late to permit anything more than a brief mention and as Mr. BAILEY was one of the pioneers of mining of Eagle county, it is fitting that something more be said.

Mr. BAILEY died at his home in Bayonne, New Jersey, on Monday, September 27, after a short illness. He was 72 years of age. In 1875 he came to Colorado and immediately took an active part in the mining industry of the state. He was associated with Gov. John EVANS in several large enterprises. The greater part of his time for the past few years was spent in the Holy Cross mining district. There he had operated extensively, building a stamp mill and concentrator. He was at one time the owner of the TABOR residence in Denver and built the Bromleigh Court in that city. He was for twenty years a trustee of the Denver University.

Mr. BAILEY discovered and patented a new process for the manufacture of white lead and built a factory for that purpose in Denver . Mr. BAILEY moved from Denver to New York about ten years ago. He visited Red Cliff last July and while not enjoying his usual health seemed to be in good spirits. He had many friends here as well as throughout the county and was respected by all who knew him. He is survived by a widow and two sons.[7 Oct. 1909, Eagle County Blade, p1]

- **BAILEY, Joseph G. - Early Settler of Lake Creek Dies in Utah.**

Joseph G. BAILEY, one of the old time ranch men of the Lake creek neighborhood, passed away in Helper, Utah, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. May BRAY, on Friday, March 6.

Joseph GRIFFIN BAILEY was born in Genoa, Ill., in 1854, where he was married in early life to Miss Mary Samatha MCNEECIE. With his bride he migrated to Nebraska, and lived for several years. Twenty-seven years ago, traveling in a covered wagon, he brought his family to Colorado and located on a ranch on Lake creek, and there he remained until six or seven years ago, when on account of Mrs., BAILEY's failing health, he moved to a lower altitude, locating for a time at New Castle. In April, 1928, Mrs. BAILEY passed away, and since that time the deceased had made his home with a daughter, Mrs. May BRAY in Helper, Utah. Just prior to the end Mr. BAILEY had been in good health. On Friday morning he complained of being tired, and his daughter heard her father moan, and when she went to his side, found him to be dead, death having come quickly and quietly.

The deceased is survived by two sons, William and Homer, of Edwards, Colo.; four daughters, Mrs. Bertha MYCER, New Castle, Colo.; Mrs. Griffin MOTT, Grand Junction, Colo.; Mrs. Pearl JAMES, DeBeque, Colo.; and Mrs. BRAY, Helper, Utah.

Funeral services were held in New Castle Sunday afternoon, and the body was laid to rest beside that of his beloved wife in the New Castle cemetery.[13 March 1931, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BAILEY, Lucy - MRS. LUCY BAILEY DIES IN GRAND JUNCTION**

Saturday morning Moulton CHAMBERS received a telegram from Jackson DAVIS, announcing the death of Mr. DAVIS' mother, Mrs. Lucy BAILEY, at their home in Grand Junction the previous evening. Mrs. BAILEY was one of the pioneer women of the McCoy neighborhood, later living in Eagle, where she was greatly beloved.

We clip the following regarding Mrs. BAILEY from Saturday's Grand Junction Sentinel:

"Mrs. Lucy BAILEY, 78, beloved resident of Grand Junction and one of the true pioneers of Western Colorado, passed away suddenly last night at her home at 611 White avenue, from a heart attack.

Although she had been in failing health for a number of years, Mrs. BAILEY had been up and around the house and for the past few days had seemingly felt very well. She was stricken at the dinner table and died only a few minutes later.

"She was born in Charleston, Miss., March 22, 1858, where she spent the years of her girlhood. About 1900 she was married to George E. BAILEY and in that year they came to Western Colorado to make their home. They settled in Eagle county, near McCoy, where they experienced the true life of pioneers, undergoing many of the hardships which very few of the residents of this part of the country remember.

"Despite her long illness, Mrs. BAILEY always maintained a jovial outlook on life and had a most pleasing and outstanding personality. During her life here and had endeared herself to all who knew her and her passing will be deeply regretted by her many friends.

"Mrs. BAILEY had been a resident of Grand Junction for the past seven years during which time she had made her home with her son, Jackson DAVIS, her only survivor. Mr. BAILEY passed away at McCoy about fifteen years ago, following which she and her son moved to Eagle, where he engaged in business for a number of years, before they moved to Grand Junction.

"Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the chapel of the Martin funeral home." (31 January 1936, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p.1)

- **BAILEY, Mollie - Through continued suffering from ill health for the past several years Mrs. D. O. BAILEY, of McCoy, while temporarily deranged took strychnine with suicidal intent.**

Dr. COLE of Yampa was called but the patient was beyond all aide. Coroner GILPIN of Red Cliff was notified and deputized Mr. Chas. B. McCOY, Justice of the Peace at McCoy, to hold an inquest. The following jury, John A. EDGE, Frank GROH, George BROWN, Sam KIBIN, Dr. COLE, found that Mrs. D. O. BAILEY came to her death from the effects of strychnine administered by her own hand with suicidal intent.

At this time the bereaved husband is undecided as to where the funeral well be held, whether at McCOY's , or at Mrs. BAILEY's old home.[7 July 1910, Eagle County Blade, p1]

- **BAIR, Michael -**

The Vail Daily - Headline: Death of hotel guest likely caused by drugs

Name: Tamara Miller

Date: 6-22

EAGLE - A man found dead in an Eagle hotel last week died of a stroke, likely caused by frequent drug use, according to officials. Michael Bair, 29, was found dead Thursday, June 15 in a room at the Suburban Lodge in Eagle. A coroner's report so far reveals that Bair died of a burst blood clot in his brain. There were trace amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin in his blood, said Eagle Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer.

Eagle Police were called to the hotel to check Bair after hotel staff received calls from Bair's father and girlfriend to check on him. According to police reports,

officers made several attempts to contact Bair by knocking on the door and calling out to him. The room was locked with the dead bolt and a slide lock. Officers forced entry into the room. There was no sign of struggle in the room and foul play is not suspected. Bair was found dead sitting on a couch.

Bair had recently been released from the Eagle County Detention Center. Bair's last known address was in Delta.

- **BAKER, Clifford Baker - Clifford Leon BAKER died July 22 at North Colorado Medical Center in Greeley. He was 79.**

BAKER was born Sept. 10, 1917 in Christian County, Missouri, to Golda and Leonard BAKER. He grew up and attended school in Christian County. Following his mother's death, he and a sister moved to California in 1931.

On Jan. 20, 1939, he married Hilda LAMAN, who died April 3, 1966. He remarried in 1971, to Penny LOCKWOOD.

BAKER was a heavy equipment operator for several companies for more than 50 years. He worked on the construction of Interstate 70 through the mountains, as well as on various reservoir dam projects. He lived in Copper Spur between Bond and McCoy for more than 30 years. He enjoyed fishing, playing dominoes, and cutting wood.

BAKER was a member of the Teamsters Union, the American Legion Post at McCoy, and the Masonic Lodge, in which he was a 32nd degree Mason.

He is survived by: his wife, Penny, of Kersey, Colo.: two sons Clifford and Larry.[21 Aug. 1997, Eagle Valley Enterprise]

- **BAKER, Mrs. O. M. - The community was bowed in the deepest sorrow Tuesday evening to learn of the death of Mrs. O. M. BAKER at her home in Eagle.**

Mrs. BAKER had been sick with the dread influenza for eight days, and her condition was serious from the first. She was a very popular and much beloved woman and her death is keenly felt by every one in this vicinity. The bereaved husband and two little daughters have the heartfelt sympathy of all the citizens of Eagle.

Leona Marie HALL was born in Indiana December 1, 1884, being 33 years, 10 months, 29 days old at the time of her death. She was married to O. M. BAKER, and two daughters, Irene and Mary, were born to the union, who together with their father survive to mourn the loss of a devoted and loving mother and helpmeet.

The remains were taken to New Castle, where her parents reside, Wednesday evening, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery at that place Thursday.[1 Nov. 1918, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BALDWIN, J. W. - Death Suddenly Calls Another of the Early Day Figures of Eagle County History. J. W.(Blacky) BALDWIN was found dead in his home on Water street Thursday morning, by Marshal John ANDERSON. Apparently he had been dead several hours when found. His body was fully dressed and lying across the bed. He had been seen the previous night by A. S . MANGOLD. He was not complaining except from an injury received last summer, by being thrown from a wagon. Coroner Dr. DUNKLE pronounced death due to heart failure.**

Blackie BALDWIN, as everybody knew him, came to Red Cliff from near St. Louis, his native home being in Pennsylvania, in the early eighties. His business was green grocer and meat cutter, which business he carried on for years in Red Cliff. He also was engaged in mining for several years with the DISMANT Brothers and A. S. LITTLE on Cross creek and Battle Mountain.

Glenwood claimed him as a citizen for about ten years. He had many friends wherever he went. He was near the three score and ten mark in age. As a young man he was as handsome a man as you will find in a day's journey in any land, stood erect, wavy hair, dark lustrous eyes, florid complexion, pleasing manners. He was never married.

He leaves a brother and several sisters in the east. Undertaker MEYER has charge of the body and will await word from relatives for burial.-Red Cliff Holly Cross Trail.

Mr. BALDWIN has been spending the winter at the ranch home of Chas. HEMBERGER and Geo. SPANGLER on Cooley mesa, and had only returned to Red Cliff a few days before his death. While waiting in Eagle for a train Monday of last week, he visited the Enterprise office, and appeared to be in better health than usual. The deceased had many friends among those associated with mining in the early days in Colorado, all of whom will regret his passing.[21 Mar. 1924, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BANTA, Pearl - Mrs. Pearl BANTA, youngest daughter of Ralph MCGLOUHLIN of State Bridge and sister of County Judge Mable A. ETHEL, died early Saturday morning, December 16, 1933, at a Salida hospital. Mrs. BANTA had been in poor health for several months, but her condition had not been considered serious until a few days before her death.**

Funeral services were held in Rifle Tuesday of this week. The deceased was born and grew to womanhood in Eagle county, and was 31 years of age at the time of her death. She was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends here, and the bereaved

relatives have the greatest sympathy of friends in their loss.[22 Dec. 1933, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BARLOW, John - Death Claims Another Old Time Mining Man. John BARLOW Suddenly Passes Away After Several Years of poor Health--Buried in Red Cliff.**

John BARLOW, one of the old time miners of Leadville and Battle Mountain, reached the end of life's journey in a hospital in Glenwood Springs, last Friday, December 21.

Mr. BARLOW had been at the hospital for several weeks, but was cheerfully hopeful of spending Christmas with his family in Red Cliff.

Mr. BARLOW was born at Franklin Center, Canada, on November 2, 1880. He came with his parents to Leadville, Colo., at the age of fourteen months, where he grew to manhood. At the age of 26 he removed to Red Cliff and has since resided in Eagle county, for the past ten years of which time was spent on a ranch at Avon, having purchased the old Mack Fleck ranch, and that was his residence at the time of death.

Until the time of removal to the ranch he followed mining, first at Leadville and then on Battle mountain. For the past three years he has suffered with tuberculosis, which was the cause of his death.

In 1916 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Thomas OWENS. Besides his widow he is survived by John OWENS of Grass Valley, Calif., Mrs. R. F. ROGERS, a daughter, of Granite, Colo., and Mr. Walter OWENS of Avon, Colo. He has two sisters living, Mrs. Nellie NOLAN and Mrs. May ALLISON, both of Victor, Colo., besides a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral was held in the community church at Red Cliff on Monday, December 24, at 2: o'clock p. m., Rev A. R. DENNIS of Eagle officiated. Mrs. NORLANDER sang two beautiful solos. Mrs. BOWLAND accompanied her at the organ.

The pall bearers were: Mr. Fred KROELLING, Mr. Frank WALSH, Mr. Howard PHILLIPS, Mr. Pete DOYLE, Mr. L. C. SUMMERS and Mr. Jesse HEADLEY.

Interment was in Evergreen cemetery at Red Cliff, Mortician O. W. MEYER being in charge of the arrangements.

The deceased was an exceptionally good miner, and worked on some of the most important work on Battle Mountain after moving from Leadville to the Eagle county mining camp. He was employed by the Empire Zinc company in the most extensive development conducted by that company on their Battle Mountain properties--the driving of the long drift connecting the Newhouse tunnel with the Eagle mine No. 2, known locally as the Black Iron mine. He was a man of congenial

disposition and well beloved by his fellow workmen and with all whom he came in close contact. He was a kind and devoted husband and father, and the community has lost a good citizen in the passing of Jack BARLOW.[28 Dec. 1928, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BARLOW, John** - John Barlow of Avon passed on Friday morning in Glenwood Springs, from a protracted case of miner's T. B., the end coming unexpectedly, as up to almost the last hour he was hopeful of recovery, and wrote his wife in Red Cliff that he expected to be home for Christmas.

He was born in Franklin Center, Canada, coming to Leadville when only 17 months old. He moved to Red Cliff and Gilman in 1907, and was married to Mrs. Tom OWEN in 1916.

He followed the occupation of mining until about 10 years ago, at which time he purchased the old Mack Fleck ranch at Avon, where he had hoped to recuperate his failing health. Jack Barlow was the exceptional machine man in a mine. He was employed on the Empire Zinc property for years. It was he who drove the long 14 level drift from the Iron Mask over to the Black Iron workings. He did most of the upraising for the many ore pockets between the 14 and 16 levels and the loading pockets under the Newhouse tunnel. He paid the price like many other miners, sticking too close to the work they liked. Jack Barlow always was a favorite with his helpers.

He leaves a widow and two step sons, two sisters, Mrs. Nellie Nolan and Mrs. May Allison, both of Victor, several nieces and nephew and one step-daughter.

The funeral services will be conducted from their ranch home near Avon. Interment will be in the cemetery at Red Cliff where he always expressed a desire to be buried-nature's beauty spot for a last resting place; so the old timers are taking the long journey by twos and threes. Their ranks are thinning out. They finish their work and pass on.

Mrs Barlow and relatives have the sympathy of many friends.

(Paper and date unknown) [This obituary kindly donated by Kathleen Minion - 16 April 1999]

- **BARNES, Boyd** - Boyd BARNES is Drowned in Eagle River Monday. While in Bathing He Gets in Water Beyond His Depth And is Drowned Before Help Can Be Summoned.

Monday afternoon, while bathing in the Eagle river, in company with his younger brother, Darrell, and Allan STEIN, Boyd BARNES, 13 son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy T. BARNES of Eagle lost his life.

The swimming hole where the accident occurred is in the back of the BARNES home, under the big cliffs north of town. The boys were playing around the BARNES home and had been out of Mr. BARNES sight and hearing but a few moments when Darrell and Allan came running back with the startling announcement that Boyd was drowning. Boyd was try to learn to swim, and had gone in water beyond his depth before he realized it. He struggled to get back to shore and came to the surface several times before disappearing entirely. His companions s, only six and seven years old, could do nothing but go for help which they did. A large number of men were quickly assembled but it was nearly two hours before the body was recovered, and all attempts to return life were futile.

Boyd Trueman BARNES was born on the Eby creek ranch of his parents, north of Eagle, July 5, 1920, being 13 years, 26 days old when he met his unfortunate death. Boyd was a very bright lad, likable in disposition and with many friends among his playmates and schoolmates. For a lad of his age he had unusual ideals and ambitions. He had planned his calling in life, and had figured on how he would carry out his plans as he grew to manhood. He was industrious and a help to his parents in the ranch work beyond his years.

Funeral services held from the Eagle Community Methodist church were attended by a great concourse of neighbors and friends of the family who admired the boy, and of his playmates. Rev. T. B. McDIVITT delivered a very eloquent and comforting address at the church, which touched the hearts of those who heard it. The casket and altar were buried in beautiful flowers, the casket being covered with a blanket of sweetpeas woven by the loving hands of Boyd's schoolmates. During the services, Miss Buelah HAYS very touchingly sang a solo, "When You're Gone, I Won't Forget You," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marvin GAUT. A ladies quartet, consisting of Mesdames M. S. DICKERSON, H. R. CRIE, Alvin RULE and E. P. COLBURN sang "Sometime We'll Understand," "Meet Me There," and "In the Gardens." Pall bearers were six school mates of the deceased boy, Harold KOONCE, Harold QUICK, Eldon BINDLEY, Ed JORDAN, Robert CAMPBELL, Victor NELSON.

Funeral arrangements and burial were in charge of Mortician O. W. MEYER, and burial was made in the Eagle cemetery beside the remains of Boyd's sister, who had preceded him in death.

The near relatives who mourn the lad's death are his parents and brother, Darrell, and sister, Phyllis. They deeply mourn his death, and the community sincerely sympathizes with them in their sorrow.[4 Aug. 1933, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- BARNES, Marvel, Red Cliff Resident

Marvel BARNES, a life-long local, passed away on July 2, at Vail Valley Medical Center in the presence of her children.

BARNES was born to Howard and Juanita ASHLOCK on February 3, 1931, in Red Cliff, Colo. After graduating from Red Cliff High School, she and the family moved to Gilman where she met and married Darrell BARNES of Eagle.

BARNES moved to Vail in 1963 and worked for Rod SLIFER. In 1978, She purchased and operated Vail Home Rentals until her passing.

BARNES is survived by her four children Linda KLAHR and Larry BARNES, both of Eagle, Rick BARNES of Eagle-Vail, Rita FOWLER of Durango, and three grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers her family requests that memorial donations be made to those organizations.

Services will be held at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, July 10, at Vail Interfaith Chapel. Anyone wishing to share memories will be welcome to do so at that time. (Vail Trail 5 July 1996)

- **BARNES, Marvel**

Service set for Marvel BARNES, lifelong resident, 'unsung hero'

By Marka Moser Daily Staff Writer

Marvel Joyce BARNES, a Red Cliff native and lifelong resident of the Eagle Valley, died July 2 at the Vail Valley Medical Center of complications from a stroke suffered the previous day in the garden of her Eagle-Vail home. She was 65.

A memorial service is planned for 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 10, at the Vail Interfaith Chapel. Her cremated ashes will be buried with her mother in Eagle.

A hard-working businesswoman, Marvel was employed by Rod SLIFER in property management in 1963 after she moved to Vail from Minturn. She purchased Vail Home Rentals from SLIFER in 1978 and managed the business until she retired in January.

”Marvel was my right-hand person for more than 20 years,” said SLIFER, who hired her as his first employee when he began Vail Home Rentals shortly after Vail was founded. “She was a jack-of-all-trades and could handle everything from the bookkeeping to housekeeping. She was a single mom of four who was bringing home the bacon, so it was not easy for her.”

”It was people like Marvel that made Vail work in those early days,” SLIFER added. “she was one of those unsung heroes who established strong friendships with both the second-home owners and her employees. When we needed extra hands to help out, she would pull in family members to create a work force. She quietly gave

so much to the community, but wasn't one who received much recognition for all that she did.”

Vail's first physician, Dr. Tom STEINBERG, remembers Marvel because their children were close to the same ages. With so few children living in Vail during those early years, the two families were quickly connected through their kids.

As one of Vail's pioneers, STEINBERG was appreciative of how Marvel helped set the area's history for the newcomers settling into the fledgling resort of Vail. She provided a bridge between Vail and the well-established mining communities of Minturn and Red Cliff.

”Marvel was an extremely important element and one of those hard-working people who made it all tick,” Steinberg said.

Marvel's son Rich recalls his mother being on the job 12 hours a day, seven days a week. “We were all so happy for her when she finally decided to retire and take time for herself.”

In addition to a busy work schedule, Marvel was a wonderful mother and a community philanthropist who spent time helping others wherever and whenever possible. She served on the board of directors of Echo Ranch and helped spearhead the original Chocolate Lover's Classic that has evolved into an extremely successful annual fundraiser for Echo Ranch, a home for troubled youth.

”Marvel was legendary in Vail,” said Tsu WOLIN-BROWN, who worked with her for 11 years at Vail Home Rentals, and also served with her on the board of Echo Ranch. “She gave so many people opportunities and bonded with them almost like family. My son Eric was like another grand-son to her. Marvel was incredibly committed to her own kids as well as those needing help. If there was a child who needed something, like a Boy Scout who couldn't afford camp, she would anonymously make sure he could go.

”Marvel was a nurturer who instilled those some values in her children,” added WOLIN-BROWN. “She made a difference. Marvel took so many people under her wing and they all became a part of her extended family.”

A fun-loving person, Marvel was also known to her many friends as a clever prankster. She had a great sense of humor.

Her overwhelming sense of community commitment was also evident in the strong support she gave to the Vail Mountain Rescue Group.

Born in Red Cliff on Feb. 3, 1931, To Juanita and Howard ASHLOCK, BARNES graduated from Red Cliff High School. After moving to Gilman, she met and

married Darrell BARNES of Eagle. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband and a brother, Bob ASHLOCK.

She is survived by her children Linda KLAHR and Barry BARNES of Eagle, Rick BARNES of Eagle-Vail and Rita FOWLER of Durango; and three grandchildren, Wyatt BARNES of Eagle-Vail and Nicholas KLAHR and Brett KLAHR of Eagle.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Echo Ranch or Vail Mountain Rescue.

Bailey Funeral Home in Leadville is in charge of arrangements. (Vail Daily 8 July 1996)

- **BARTH, Kathyne SHRANT** - With the death of Kathyne BARTH, another of the courageous pioneer women and earliest settlers of Gypsum valley has passed to the Great Beyond. In death her features were calm, composed, and beautiful, with that majesty which always inspires awe, in the presence of the grim reaper.

Kathyne SHRANT was born in Hanover, Germany, August 24, 1842, died at her home in Gypsum valley, Colorado, January 4, 1929, at the ripe age of eighty-six years, following a six-days' illness from pneumonia. At the age of twenty she left the fatherland and came to the United States and during the early seventies she was married in Breckenridge, Colo., to Pete BARTH, a widower, with three children. Though no children blessed this union, Kathyne BARTH mothered her husband's children and loved them as her own, and they returned her affection. Years later she took four grandchildren into her home and cared for them when their own mother, Bertha BARTH MULLEN, was unable to care for them for several years on account of illness. And these stepchildren truly mourn the passing of their brave little grandmother, and three of them were at her bedside when the end came.

Kathryn SHRANT BARTH was born and raised a Catholic, and though without the rites of her church for a period of several years, she none the less obeyed, lived and died according to its mandates. Funeral services were held at the Gypsum Lutheran church Sunday afternoon, January 6, the Rev. Father CARRIGAN of Glenwood performing the last sacred rites, and a quartet--Mrs. W. E. BONAR, Miss Anna M. ANDERSON, Wm. H. LEA, and J. L. MOSHER--rendering two hymns during the service. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery, Gypsum.[11 Jan. 1929, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p8]

- **BARTH, Gus** - Mrs. L. GOODALL received the sad news last week of the death of her only son, Gus BARTH, which occurred at Lexington hospital, St. Louis, on July 24. Mrs. GOODALL and the other relatives here had not been notified of the death by the relatives in St. Louis for the reason that the latter feared by doing so at the time Mrs. GOODALL would endanger her own health by going at once to St. Louis during the unprecedented hot weather of that time. The body of the deceased has

been consigned temporarily to a vault, and the funeral and burial will be held later, at which Mrs. GOODALL will be present.

Gus BARTH was well known in Red Cliff and was last here some two years ago. About three years ago he became mildly deranged and for the great part of the time since has been a patient of the hospital where he died. His death will be learned with regret, and many friends in Red Cliff extend sympathy to the relatives.(22 Aug 1901, Eagle County Blade, p.3)

- **BARTH, Peter - NOTICE TO HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF PETER BARTH, DECEASED.**

State of Colorado ss. In the County Court in Probate

County of Eagle - In Re The Estate of Peter BARTH, Deceased.

To Katherina BARTH, Charles BARTH, Bertha MULLEN and William BARTH, AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are notified hereby that William BARTH of Butte, in the state of Montana, has presented to this court for probate, an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Peter BARTH, deceased, late of Gypsum in the county of Eagle and state of Colorado, bequeathing in said will to Katherina BARTH, of said Gypsum in said state of Colorado, all the estate and property both real and personal of which the said Peter BARTH died seized.

You are further notified that the second day of March A. D. 1906, and at the hour of 2 o'clock P.M. of said day, and at the county court room in Red Cliff, in the county of Eagle and state aforesaid has been set for the hearing the application for the probate of said instrument as the said last will and testament of the said Peter BARTH, at which time and place you may appear and show cause why said will should not be probated, if you so desire.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at Red Cliff, State of Colorado, this 31 st day of January, A. D. 1906. P. TAGUE, Judge

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- **BARTLE, Bertha - Miss Bertha BARTLE died in St. Luke's hospital in Denver from an attack of Bright's disease on February 22, 1924.**

Miss BARTLE was born in Central City, Colo., one of a family of five, daughter of Frank and Lizzie BARTLE. Frank BARTLE, Sr. was a successful miner and merchant in Central City in the seventies, moving to Red Cliff in 1881 with his family. He was engaged in mining on Battle Mountain during its palmiest days. Mr. BARTLE died in 1884. The children have all passed on except Frank BARTLE, our

resident deputy sheriff. Mrs. Lizzie BARTLE, the mother, and Frank were at the bedside of Bertha when death came.

Mrs. BARTLE and Miss Bertha lived in Red Cliff from the early days until 1895, when they moved to Victor and afterward to Denver. They returned to Red Cliff two years ago, since which time Miss Bertha has been chief operator for the Mountain States Telephone company and held the position until her last illness. She was a most efficient employee, always attentive to business. She had many warm friends who will miss her ever cheerful voice over the phone.-Holy Cross Trail.[29 Fed. 1924, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BARTLE, Frank** - There was a large concourse of friends and admirers of the late Frank BARTLE gathered at the little church in Red Cliff last Sunday afternoon, to pay their last respects to the deceased man. The congregation included many of the earlier settlers of Eagle county, who had known the deceased nearly all of his life.

A native of Colorado, born at Bald Mountain, near Central City nearly sixty years ago, in 1871, he moved with his parents to Red Cliff in 1881, when only ten years old, and that place has been his home continuously for fifty years.

Until the past few years Mr. BARTLE had always been in vigorous health, active in the affairs of his home town and county. But two years ago he developed the disease of the mining camps, known as miners consumption and had been slowly failing in health since. Last fall he and his mother went over to Denver for the winter, and, apparently, death was remote until just a few days before the end came, on March 12, 1931.

Rev. M. Lee SMITH, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Leadville, preached a most comforting sermon, and paid a high tribute to the life of Frank BARTLE.

Mrs R. NORLANDER and Mrs. J. CLEARLY sang beautifully three duets during the service, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Near the Cross," and "'Til We Meet Again," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. O. W. MEYER.

Pall bearers were G. E. FLAHERTY, Max KESSECKER, R. V. DISMANT, G. D. ROBERTS, W. H. COLLINS, and Hugh RILEY, all of them nearly life time friends of the deceased.

After the services at the church the body was sadly borne to the little cemetery on the hill at Red Cliff, and gently laid to rest beside those of father, brothers, and sisters, who had preceded Mr. BARTLE in death.

Of relatives only his aged mother is left to mourn his demise. His father, two sisters, Etta and Bertha, and two brothers, Bert and Clifford, having long since passed on to the Great Beyond. Mrs. BARTLE has the heartfelt sympathy in the loss of this, the

last, of her beloved family. BARTLE was a model son in the love and care of his mother, and his leaving will be a great sorrow to her.

BARTLE, as he was almost universally called by his friends, was a man. A tried and true friend, honest and loyal to his friendships, the community has lost a good citizen in his passing.[20 March, 1939, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- BARTON, Carolyn -

The Vail Daily - Summary headline: Troopers say there is little chance woman's death was intentional.

Byline: by Tamara Miller

Date: 13 October 2000

EDWARDS — The Colorado State Patrol said Thursday that Carolyn Barton's death most likely did not involve foul play.

Sgt. Ron Prater with the State Patrol said there is little chance that Barton, 34, of Edwards was pushed off the highway, and that her death was an accident.

Troopers said they believe Barton was riding west on the left shoulder of U.S. Highway 6, drifted into the grass and rode her bike over a bridge abutment between a bike path and the highway on Monday night.

Alcohol was a factor in her death, Prater said.

A cyclist spotted her body in the Lake Creek Tuesday morning and reported it to police.

According to an autopsy report, Barton had head injuries consistent with falling down the 25-foot embankment to the river. She was unable to get out of the water and drowned, the report said.

Prater said it is possible she was on the bike path at first, and then moved to the highway to avoid something blocking her way.

Eagle County sheriff's deputies want to interview two men who were arrested for disorderly conduct on the bike path around 1 a.m. Tuesday. No one has reported seeing Barton's body prior to Tuesday morning.

Police also found a bag of groceries with her body. Prater said it appears she made a few purchases after leaving Champions Bar Monday night, where she was last seen.

- **BAUMEISTER, John** - Last Tuesday at Minturn another of the Eagle County Pioneers was laid to rest. John BAUMEISTER who died at Minturn August 4, 1910 was born in Buffalo, N.Y. July 4, 1854. He came to Red Cliff in 1884 and after spending several years here, working in the mines in this district he moved to Minturn in 1888 where he has made his home since that time. The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever held in this section of the County which showed the great respect in which he was held.

He leaves a wife who resides in Minturn, also a brother who makes his home in New York and who came out to the funeral. The pall bearers were A. S. LITTLE, Louis MEETO, Thos. KEATING, Mike WALSH, Al H. BRYANT and Wm. GREINER

Interment took place in the local cemetery. Mortician GRAHAM had charge of the funeral.[11 Aug. 1910, Eagle County Blade, p1]

- **BAUMLI, child** - A Sad Accident. A sad accident occurred here on Monday, January 9th. The little two year old son of Jacob BAUMLI in some manner got hold of a bottle of strychnine and swallowed a considerable amount of it. Dr. KENNEDY was summoned but despite everything he could do the child died in about a half an hour.

The father was absent from home at the time and Mrs. BAUMLI was sick in bed.[13 Jan. 1911, Eagle County Blade, p5]

- **BEARD, Mrs. Wylie D.** - Former Resident Killed In Coast Auto Accident. Mrs. Wylie BEARD Met Death Sunday--Her Mother-In-Law and Nieces Also Seriously Injured When D. E. NORGAARD's Car was Wrecked.

Mrs. Wylie D. BEARD, formerly of Edwards and a sister to D. E. TORVILLE and Carl NORGAARD of Lake creek was killed in an automobile accident near Ontario, Calif., Sunday, according to word received by the NORGAARD family, at Edwards Sunday evening.

Other occupants of the car who were also injured, although not fatally, were D. E. NORGAARD, his two daughters, Donna, 20 months old, and Gloria, six years old, Mrs. BEARD'S mother-in-law, Mrs. M. M. P. BEARD. NORGAARD is reported in a dispatch to the Denver Post to have been driving the car.

NORGAARD'S wife, Mrs. Leona HOLMES NORGAARD, and mother of baby Donna, was killed in a similar accident in Glenwood canyon last December, just on the eve of her departure to the coast with her husband. Mr. NORGAARD later went to California for the winter, taking his two daughters with him for a visit with his sister and family, now living in California.

The elder Mrs. BEARD was reported as the most seriously hurt of those injured. Information as to particulars of the accident are lacking here, relatives at Edwards

of those in the accident, having received a dispatch announcing the death only.[25 April 1930, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BEARDEN, Ellis B. "Bearcat" - Ellis B. "Bearcat" BEARDEN was buried in the Glenwood Springs Cemetery Tuesday, and with him went a good part of the Squaw Creek Valley's ties to the past.**

BEARDEN, 79 was unique.

In this day of luxury resorts perched on ridge tops and \$500,000 homesites in the Squaw Creek valley west of Edwards, BEARDEN lived happily in a humble log cabin on the land his family homesteaded in 1913, when he was a toddler.

While Squaw Creek changed from a rancher's valley to a vacation and second-home retreat for the wealthy, BEARDEN continued to run his small herd of cattle in his unique style of ranching. The newcomers wore golf shirts with designer logos; Bearcat stayed with his trademark overalls. A lifelong bachelor, he kept an interested eye on the changes going on around him in the valley and the world, without compromising his own lifestyle.

Bill CLINKENBEARD, former managing partner of the Cordillera resort, remembers that when he first came to the valley, he invited BEARDEN to lunch.

BEARDEN suggested going to the "Petroleum Club." Flashing back on his background in the oil business, CLINKENBEARD was surprised to learn there was a Petroleum Club in Eagle County, and wondered if it was as elegant as the club in Houston.

BEARDEN led him to Jerry's Deli at the Texaco station in Edwards.

Ellis BEARDEN was born Dec. 13, 1913, to Roland BEARDEN, a horse trader, and Maude LEWRIGHT BEARDEN, in Cashe, Okla.

In 1915, Roland BEARDEN moved his family to the Eagle River Valley. Initially he worked on farms in the valley, then homesteaded three miles up Squaw Creek.

When Maude BEARDEN died in 1933, Roland and his three sons remained on the ranch, raising cattle and potatoes. After Roland's death in 1953, it was Ellis who stayed on the family homestead.

As a child, Ellis BEARDEN rode to the Squaw Creek School on a horse or a mule. In a 1924 photograph of the forth grade class, Ellis stands out clearly with his overalls and round face.

As he grew up, he became adept with horses, and did some trick riding. He also rode saddle broncos in competition, and remembered with particular fondness the big rodeos at Burns.

The nickname "Bearcat" is a holdover from his days in the boxing ring during the 1930's. The local newspaper dubbed him "The Fighting Bearcat of Squaw Creek." He answered cheerfully to that name for nearly the rest of his life. In his fighting days, BEARDEN stood 5 foot 7 and weighed 160 pounds.

"For several years, Ellis was on the boxing card every Saturday night somewhere in the valley," remembers Denny EATON of Eagle, one of BEARDEN's Squaw Creek classmates.

Boxing was a major entertainment in the small towns. Rancher Wayne JONES put a boxing ring on his ranch near Eagle and promoted some fights; then Hank ELLIOTT on Gore Creek took over the boxing promotions in the mid-1930's.

When no ring was available, spectators would sometimes pull their cars into a circle, turn on the headlights, and fighters would step into the make-shift ring.

The March 31, 1939 Eagle Valley Enterprise reported on one match: "A capacity crowd witnessed a bang-up fight card at Minturn Saturday night...Greatest interest centered around the fight between Dutch FENNER, the Red Mountain Buckaroo, and Ellis BEARDEN, The Fight Bearcat of Squaw Creek. Fans had picked the Bearcat to win, but FENNER upset their hopes to win by a knockout in the fifth round."

Many long-time residents can remember some knock outs that Ellis was on the wrong end of. However, family members say he was successful enough to do some fighting in the East and bring home enough money to add land to the homestead.

BEARDEN's friends describe him as a good hearted, friendly guy who enjoyed conversation. He was a familiar figure at the Berry Creek Equestrian Center.

He was an avid reader of The Wall Street Journal, and kept well informed. He had a trick of pumping people for their opinions on political issues; yet generally avoided voicing his own thought.

BEARDEN joined the Army in World War II, and fought for 21 months in Germany and France. He told friends about being caught in Belgium, in the Battle of the Bulge, just days before Christmas. The Allied troops were surrounded by Germans, and the cloudy weather prevented planes from providing air support for days. BEARDEN talked of his joy on the day the weather finally cleared, and the planes arrived to rescue the soldiers.

BEARDEN came home to Squaw Creek with well earned collection of ribbons and medals. His memorabilia included a citation signed by President Harry **TRUMAN**.

He also picked up an autograph from Gen. George **PATTON** scrawled on a dollar bill. Forty years after the war ended, **BEARDEN** still carried the treasured bill, wrapped carefully in cellophane, in his wallet, and with a little prompting, would display it for visitors.

According to a history of Squaw Creek compiled by former Vail resident June **SIMONTON**, the **BEARDEN** ranch grew through the 1950's, and Ellis bought some additional land and ran more cattle on Squaw Creek. When the market dropped in the '60's, he cut back on the cattle and supplemented his income with Highway Department work.

"Me and the bank own the cattle," **BEARDEN** cheerfully told visitors.

In Recent years, he ran a small herd of about 35 animals. His ranching style is legendary. Some would call it an "auto-pilot" form of ranching.

Retired Forest Ranger Don **PRICE** chuckles when he thinks of **BEARDEN** as a permittee running cattle on Squaw Creek and Bellyache.

"He always turned his cattle out and hoped his neighbors would gather them up and bring them home," **PRICE** says, "They ran any place they could find something to eat."

Neighboring lease holders tolerantly gathered up the **BEARDEN** cattle with their own and separated them for him. Forest Service employee Bill **JOHNSON** recalls that not too long ago, some of **BEARDEN**'s cattle roamed free for a couple of seasons of fending for themselves, the cattle became spookier than elk and deer.

"If you see one of my cows, go ahead and shoot it. It's yours," Bearcat cheerfully advised Forest Service workers. **JOHNSON** speculates that some of **BEARDEN**'s cows may yet still be roaming.

While **BEARDEN** may not have been the best permittee on the forest, Forest Service employees are unanimous in their conclusion that he was one of the more enjoyable people they dealt with.

Mike **LEDERHAUSE** of Gypsum, whose wife, Edith, is **BEARDEN**'s niece, remembers that Bearcat had a trick of loading his distinctive gold truck with hay, then leaving the vehicle in the middle of Squaw Creek Road until somebody would come along to help unload it. The cows took to pressing up against the back of the truck to graze while they waited for the hay to be unloaded. **LEDERHAUSE** says the truck eventually became sort of wrinkled in the back from the pressure of the cows.

CLINKENBEARD also got a taste of **BEARDEN's** "cooperative" theory of ranching.

One day, on a trip up Squaw Creek, **CLINKENBEARD's** car slid on ice and into a ditch. He hiked to **BEARDEN's** cabin for help. **BEARDEN** had his pickup loaded with hay, preparing to feed the cows.

CLINKENBEARD explained his dilemma, and **BEADEN** eyed him thoughtfully.

"You're an Iowa boy, aren't you?" he asked, pulling **CLINKENBEARD's** background from his phenomenal memory.

A wondering **CLINKENBEARD** acknowledged his roots.

"Guess you know how to pitch hay. I've got to feed these cattle before I do anything," **BEARDEN** said pointedly.

And off they went, **BEARDEN** bumping his pickup over the rough terrain while the manager of the Cordillera resort balanced precariously in the back, pitching hay to the hungry cows.

Once the car was rescued, **CLINKENBEARD**, by way of thank-you, asked **BEARDEN** what he liked to drink.

BEARDEN eyed him solemnly. "I'm a Mormon," he said. Silence. **CLINKENBEARD** felt bad. "I drink Jack Daniel's," **BEARDEN** advised, just as solemnly.

Former county Sheriff **Jim SEABRY** is still laughing about the encounter he had with **BEARDEN** on a cold, blizzard night on Squaw Creek many years ago.

While on patrol, **SEABRY** noticed Bearcat's pickup headed up the road, with just one working headlight and no taillights. **SEABRY** decided to stop him to deliver a friendly warning.

The closer he got to **BEARDEN's** vehicle, the faster **BEARDEN** nudged his truck up the road. Finally, exasperated, **SEABRY** turned on his siren and lights and pulled the rancher over.

"Damn it Bearcat, I've been trying to tell you that your lights are out," he informed **BEARDEN** when they were finally face-to-face.

"Oh," Bearcat replied cheerfully, "I wondered who that crazy son-of-a-bitch was who was trying to pass me on a night like this."

BEARDEN's small cabin was a rustic version of an efficiency apartment. SEABRY remembers that Bearcat liked to stoke the stove with a huge log that would burn all day as he slowly fed it into the fire. The cabin tended to be cold.

Visitors sometimes begged to step outside in order to warm up.

He got by with the bare necessities. BEARDEN never had a telephone. Although he did in recent years sell off some chunks of land, other than an occasional new truck, he never seemed to have a lot of use for money.

Cordillera developers would have loved to acquire some of the BEARDEN homestead, and CLINKENBEARD recalls that his partner, a wealthy London resident, could never understand their lack of success in negotiating with BEARDEN.

"Just offer him more money," he'd suggest. "Everybody has a price."

CLINKENBEARD told him money didn't matter to BEARDEN. The partner didn't believe him.

Hoping to prove a point, CLINKENBEARD set up a luncheon between the visiting partner, himself, and BEARDEN.

Catered by the five-star Picasso's restaurant in private office at Cordillera, the elegant table was loaded with crystal and silver. When the waiters removed the silver covers from the plates with a flourish, three wonderful club sandwiches stood ready to be devoured.

BEARDEN took the top crust off of his sandwich, removed a piece of ham, rolled it up, and ate it. Then he took a piece of turkey out of the sandwich, rolled it up, and put it in his pocket to save for dinner later that night.

The partner stopped questioning the land negotiations.

Another time, the Cordillera staff decided to give VEARDEN a Christmas present. Noting his well-used overalls, they purchased the best pair of extra large Oshkosh overalls they could find.

BEARDEN was thrilled, and wore the new outfit up to Cordillera to show it off. The surprised staff noted that rather than getting rid of the old pants, he had just put the new ones over them.

Last year, BEARDEN suffered a stroke that sent him to the Veteran's Hospital. Wheelchair-bound, the next stop for the man who had spent his life outdoors in the mountains was the nursing home in Rifle. There, BEARDEN asked the staff to call him Ellis, "Bearcat" sounds like an outlaw name, he explained.

Ellis BEARDEN is survived by his brothers, R.C. BEARDEN (Raymond) of Gypsum, Elton of El Jabel, several nieces and nephews, and many grand nieces and nephews.

He was buried in Glenwood Springs, with veteran's honors, near the graves of his parents.(18 June 1993, The Vail Trail, p.8)(There is another obit on Ellis in the Eagle Valley Enterprise, 17 Jun 1993, p.13 that is on file at the library in Eagle)

- **BEARDEN, Raymond C. - Raymond C. BEARDEN died Jan. 20 at the Glen Valley Nursing Home in Glenwood Springs. He was 85.**

Mr. Bearden was born June 9, 1908 in Cashe, Okla. to Rolland and Maude (Lewright) BEARDEN. His family moved to the Squaw Creek area in 1915. He graduated From Eagle County High School in 1926 and later worked in mining and on the family ranch.

He married Ida May FENNO on April 28, 1934 in Eagle, and the couple purchased the Burns General Store in 1935. Mr. BEARDEN was the Burns Postmaster for many years until he retired.

He also received an award from Phillips Petroleum for 30 years of service. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and visiting with the many friends he made during his years at the Burns store.

Survivors include: son and daughter-in-law R. Ross and Dorothy BEARDEN of Burns; daughter and son-in-law Edith and Mike LEDERHAUSE of Gypsum; brother and sister-in-law Elton and Dolly BEARDEN of El Jabel; grandchildren Allen BEARDEN, Elisabeth BITTERMAN, Earnie BEARDEN, Rose Marie BEARDEN, Larry LEDERHAUSE, Edie LENGEL, and Kathy LEDERHAUSE; and four great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Monday at 11 a.m. at the McCoy Cemetery in McCoy. The Rev. Bruce DONSDON officiated. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease Disorder, Rocky Mountain Chapter, 825 E. Spear Blvd., Suite No 1.(Eagle Valley Enterprise 27 Jan 1994)

- **BEARDON, Maude Leona LEWRIGHT - News of the death last Friday, November 3, 1933, of Mrs. R. J. BEARDON, at hospital in Salida, was received in Eagle county with a great sadness. Mrs. BEARDON was one of the most popular, likable women of the Squaw creek and Edwards community and neighbors were sorely grieved to learn of her death.**

The deceased lady had been in failing health for several months and a few weeks ago her husband took her to a hospital in Glenwood, where condition was found to be serious and she failed to respond to treatment.

About a week before her death Mrs. BEARDON returned home, and on her continued decline was removed to Salida, where an emergency operation was performed from which she failed to recover.

Maude Leona LEWRIGHT was born near Lithchfield, Ill., January 11, 1886, where she resided until in 1900 when she accompanied her parents when they moved to Ames, Okla. On November 16, 1905, she was united in marriage to Roland J. BEARDON in Enid, Okla. To this union were born three sons, Raymond, Ellis and Elton, all living. In 1915, the family moved to Colorado and settled on Squaw creek, where they have since lived and prospered. During the years she had lived in Eagle county Mrs. BEARDON had formed many friendships, and was beloved by all as a splendid neighbor and a woman of high character.

The deceased is survived by the husband and the three sons, all living on the Squaw creek ranch; her mother, Mrs. Amanda LUCKEY, and one sister, Mrs. Mary HENRY, both of Desmoines, N. M., and who were at the deceased bedside when death came; a brother, John LEWRIGHT, of Arnett, Okla.

Funeral services held at the Edwards school house Monday morning in charge of Funeral Director O. W. MEYER, were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and neighbors from up and down the Eagle valley. Dr. T. B. McDIVITT of the Eagle Methodist Episcopal church, delivered a splendid funeral discourse, a mixed quartet, consisting of Mesdames R. R. CRIE, Edward McHATTON, and Messrs. Melvin EATON and Alvin WEBB sang three hymn during the service. Following the services at the school house the funeral cortege moved to Glenwood Springs, where burial was made.

The bereaved family have the most sincere sympathy of hundreds of friends in the loss of their beloved wife and mother.[10 Nov. 1933, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BEASLEY, John Paul - John Paul "Sharkey" BEASLEY, 94, of Eagle County passed away due to natural causes September 23 at the Glen Valley Care Center in Glenwood Springs. He will be laid to rest at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Gypsum.**

The funeral service will be held September 29, 1997 at 2 p. m. at the Gypsum United Methodist Church. Reverend Keith HUDIBURGH will officiate the service, and visitation hours will be from noon until 2 p. m. at the church the day of the service.

A farmer and miner by trade, BEASLEY was a resident of Eagle County for 75 years. He was born November 5, 1906 in Ecu, Miss. to parents, Rev. Thomas Andrew Jeremiah BEASLEY and Addie Ophelia SNIPES. He spent his childhood and went to high school in Tupelo, Miss. and went on to attend college at the University of Tennessee in Martin.

John Paul BEASLEY is survived by his wife, Ruth Martha HENDRICKSON of Eagle, to whom he was married Sept. 7, 1930 in Leadville; son John Paul BEASLEY

Jr. of Gypsum; daughter Margaret L. COLLETT of Gypsum; brothers Kenneth BEASLEY of Tupelo, Miss. and Neel BEASLEY of Pine Bluff, Ark. He is the grandfather of six and the great grandfather of 10 children.

John Paul BEASLEY was a resident of Tupelo, Miss. and Gypsum and a member of the Southern Baptist Church. His interests included fishing, bingo, supporting athletic events, yard work and his flower garden.

Memeorial contributions can be made to WECM Recreation District, Paul BEASLEY Fund, P. O. Box 246, Eagle, Colo., 18631[29 September 1997, Vail Daily]

- **Beasley, John P.**

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John P. Beasley, 67, of Eagle passed away on Feb. 8 following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Beasley was born in Gypsum to Paul and Ruth Beasley on September 11, 1932.

Mr. Beasley was a United States Army Veteran and was a member of the American Legion, post 150

Mr. Beasley is preceded in death by his father, Paul Beasley. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Beasley of Eagle; wife Dianne Beasley of Eagle; a son, Bill Beasley (wife Sonja); two daughters, Danna Gerard of Gypsum and Rhonda Parker of Eagle; sister Margaret Collett of Gypsum; and 5 grandchildren.

There will be a visitation at the Farnum-Holt Funeral Home Chapel in Glenwood Springs the evening of Feb. 10 between 6 and 8 p.m.

Services will be held at the United Methodist Church in Eagle at 2 p.m. on Friday, February 11. Pastor Jeff Hanson will be officiating the service. Mr. Beasley will be buried at the Sunset View Cemetery in Eagle.

Memorial contributions may be made to the John Beasley Memorial Fund c/o Alpine Bank, Box 70, Eagle, CO 81631. Contributions will go toward the placement of a flag pole at the Western Eagle County Metropolitan Recreation District's Athletic Complex

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- **BECK, Michael M. - Memorial services for Michael M. BECK will be held April 10 at 11 a.m. at the Red Cliff community gymnasium. Mr. BECK died March 26, and his remains will be cremated.**

Michael was born June 30, 1952 in Leadville. He is survived by his fiancée, Katherine Heriot; His parents, Buster and Angela BECK; brothers Joe, Anthony, and Kenneth BECK; and sister Johanna WILSHIRE (Steve) of Red Cliff. He also leaves his sisters Patricia ROWE (Stan) of Buena Vista, and Chris BANICKI (Jim), and brothers Richard (Orlene) of Las Vegas, and William of Redmond, and sister Margaret URBAN-PHILLIPS (Joe) of Denver. Also surviving are grandfather Joe H. FEAR of Leadville and several aunts, uncles, nephews and nieces.

In lieu of flowers, the family prefers contributions sent to the Michael BECK Memorial Fund, FirstBank of Minturn, P.O. Box 159, Minturn, CO 81645/. The fund will go to the Habitat Improvement Fund for Big Game Unit 45. (Eagle Valley Enterprise)

- **BEERS, Jasper - BOILER BURST - Accident at Hyde's Mill in Which One Man Loses His Life**

Avon, Colo., November 23 --(Regular Correspondence) --A sad accident occurred November 18, 1907, at Hyde's sawmill, located four miles above Avon on Beaver creek, which resulted in the death of Jasper BEERS, aged 35 years , of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. BEERS came here from Leadville early in the spring. Mr. BEERS renting a part of Mr. OFFERSON's ranch. At the time of the accident he was hauling lumber from the mill to the railroad at this place.

On the morning of the accident he had gone to the mill for a load of lumber and was standing in the boiler room warming when suddenly the boiler exploded, demolishing the end of the building hurling BEERS a distance of thirty feet.

He was picked up by J. L. JONES, the engineer, and Mr. HYDE, frightfully scalded and taken to his home at Avon by Messrs. HYDE and JONES with all possible haste. Medical aid was summoned and all possible was done for the injured man but his condition gradually grew worse and he was started to a Leadville hospital on No. 2 on the morning of the 22nd inst., but expired when the train reached Tennessee Pass.

Jap, as he was known, was a jovial, good natured fellow. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and also Red Men, and these organizations will probably have charge of the funeral Monday, the 25th inst., at Leadville. Mrs. BEERS has the sympathy of the community in her sad bereavement.(28 Nov 1907, Eagle County Blade, p.1)

***Western Reserve Chronicle*, Warren, Trumbull County, OH
December 13, 1897**

JUDGE BELDEN IS NO MORE

He Was a Former Warren Attorney

Denver Republican, Dec. 4

Judge David D. Belden died yesterday morning at his residence, 801 Eighteenth avenue. He had been in poor health for a long time. November 22 he suffered a stroke of paralysis. November 28 he suffered a second stroke. David Douglass Belden was born in Farmington, Trumbull county, Ohio, March 24, 1821. Though always a student and a great lover of books, he did not have a college education, but attended different academies in Northern Ohio, and in August, 1846, entered the law office of Joshua R. Giddings, the famous abolition congressman. He afterwards studied one year in the law office of R. P. Ranney, chief justice of Ohio. In August, 1848, Mr. Belden was admitted to the bar and for seven years practiced law in Warren, Trumbull county, Ohio, in partnership with Judge Ira Fuller. He was married to Miss Emily C. Parmelee at Baltimore, Md., May 7, 1849. She accompanied him to Warren, where he had a lucrative practice.

He was prosecuting attorney of Trumbull county for two years, then followed the great tide of emigration to Omaha, Neb., then just coming into prominence, where he practiced law for six years. In the spring of 1859 he was elected mayor of Omaha by unanimous vote. He received the title of the city and deeded the lots to the citizens. Omaha was at that time passing through the formative period. Mr. Belden had a fierce fight with lot jumpers and defeated them. He was elected to the lower house of the legislative assembly in the fall of 1859; was elected to the upper branch of the legislature in the fall of 1860. He served in that body with Samuel H. Elbert, United States Senator Milton Thayer, United States Senator Tipton and John Taft. He was re-elected to the same body for two years by unanimous vote in 1862.

Early in the winter of 1863 Mr. Belden resigned his seat in the legislature and removed to Denver, a place toward which the eyes of the world were then turning.

In the fall of 1867 he was elected from Gilpin county to the upper branch of the Colorado legislature for a term of four years. While a member he had the casting vote in the senate by which the capital of Colorado was removed from Golden City to Denver. At that time feeling ran high and Mr. Belden's action in favoring the removal of the capital was much criticized by his own constituents. When the excitement passed he was heartily indorsed by the same constituency.

In the fall of 1868 Mr. Belden ran for congress again and though fairly elected by a small vote failed to receive the certificate to which he was entitled.

Such was his known integrity and kindness of heart that he was often called "the 'widows' and orphans' lawyer." Afterward, as his hearing became defective, it was no longer easy for him to go into court, he engaged in mining and was known in that business prominently in Central City, Leadville and Red Cliff. For the last few years he had been much broken in health and unable to engage in any active business, but though at times a great sufferer he was always the same genial spirit.

Mr. Belden was one of the founders of Unity church in this city, to whose interests and upbuilding he was strongly devoted. Funeral services will be held in Unity church.

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Western Reserve Chronicle, Warren, Trumbull Co, OH.
December 13, 1897

D. D. BELDEN, who practiced law in Warren, during the '50's and was prosecuting attorney of Trumbull county in 1853-4, died at his home in Denver, Colorado, on the 10th of the present month, of paralysis. He was born in Trumbull county on March 24, 1821. He studied law with Judge R. P. Ranney in Warren. In 1849 he married Emily C. Parmelee at Baltimore. About 185? He located at Omaha, Nebraska, and was elected to the legislature. Mr. Belden engaged extensively in mining enterprises in the Rocky Mountains. He, several years since, interested several Warren men in a mining project, which he had assurances from the projectors was a "good thing." However, it proved a failure. Mr. Belden reimbursed the Warren investors to the full amount of the stock they had taken and paid for. He was an honorable man and had many warm friends in this county.

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- BELDEN, Mrs. D. D. - The following from the Denver Republican of last Sunday morning will be of interest to many old residents of Eagle county. Judge D. D. BELDEN died a few years ago and in the early days of Red Cliff, with his estimable wife, were residents of Red Cliff.

The funeral of Mrs. D. D. BELDEN will be held from Unity church this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The services will undoubtedly be largely attended, for few women have taken a larger part in Denver's literary and charitable activities. She was one of the founders of the Orphans' home and the Old Ladies Relief home, and a long and active member of the Fortnightly club.

In Denver's early days public care and charity were scant and calls for private and personal aid were many. To these call Mrs. BELDEN was always responsive and years of benevolence are in her record. In a former century ships nearing Sandy Hook took as a landmark two noble oaks on the Jersey shore, and by them steered safely into lower New York harbor. When these were gone the mariner was at such a loss that the government reared in their place a beacon for his guidance. Like those oaks were for 40 years Judge and Mrs. BELDEN in Denver. Their integrity and charity, their intelligence and discretion, their sympathy with all excellence made them a help directly to many and indirectly to all. Our pioneers at the head of Denver's historic and growing procession had through the years none who held their confidence and affection more than these whose place now becomes vacant but whose memory among us will long be fragrant. (20 Mar 1902, Eagle County Blade, p. 1)

- BELDING, Frank M. - Frank M. BELDING a well known citizen of the county and business man of Eagle, died on Saturday, February 11, Mr. BELDING had been in ill health for a number of years from heart trouble and his demise was not unlooked for. The remains were taken to the deceased's former home in Michigan for interment. Mrs. BELDING and one son survive him. (16 Feb 1899 Eagle County Blade, p. 3) Frank BELDING remains shipped to Moscow, Michigan. (23 Feb 1899)
- BELK, Ruth - Ruth Violet BELK died Sunday, Oct. 27 at her home in Eckert, Colo. She was 82.

BELK was born in Comstock, Neb., on March 1, 1914, to Thomas and Elizabeth DUNBAR. She spent her childhood in Nebraska, and attended high school in Kimball.

She married Carl BELK in June of 1933 in Nebraska City. The BELKS lived in McCoy for many years, and she remained there until moving to the Horizons Health Care facility at Eckert nearly three years ago.

She is preceded in death by her husband and one brother. Survivors are daughter Patricia STULL of McCoy, brother Franklin DUNBAR of Calistoga, Calif, and sister Hazel MATTAUSCH of Eckert, as well as three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A life long homemaker, she enjoyed working on puzzles, cooking and sewing. She was a member of the Seventh day Adventist Church.

A graveside service was held yesterday, Oct 30, at the Eagle Cemetery. Services were arranged by Taylor Funeral Service.

- **BELLOTTI, Jerry - Logger At Pando Killed Accidentally By Boy Hunter. Bullet From 22 Caliber Rifle Kills Jerry BELLOTTI While He Was Standing In Cabin Door--Inquest Held Thursday.**

Jerry BELLOTTI, 53, a well known logger of Pando, died Sunday afternoon, two hours after having been accidentally shot with a bullet from a -- caliber rifle in the hands of Frank RODES, a 15-year-old boy, who was startling out to hunt rabbits on Taylor gulch near Pando.

BELLOTTI and young RODES were both employed at the Bert ANDERSON log camp in Taylor gulch. Sunday morning, Frank RODES started out with his 11 year-old brother, Joe RODES, to hunt rabbits up the gulch the older boy told County Coroner O. W. MEYER of Red Cliff after the fatal accident. As he threw a cartridge into the barrel of the rifle, the bolt slipped down and discharged the gun, according to the story in Monday evening's Herald Democrat. The small caliber bullet struck BELLOTTI, who was standing nearby and almost at the door of the cabin where he was living. Striking the man just below the ribs in the center of the chest, the bullet caused his death two hours later, shortly after medical help arrived from Leadville. The accident occurred at 10:45 a. m. and BELLOTTI died at 12:45 p. m.

As soon as the boys realized that BELLOTTI was seriously injured they ran for help and notified Walter CRITTENDEN of Pando. CRITTENDEN went to Tennessee Pass where he telephoned to Leadville for a physician. Dr. C. L. CONDON of that city made a hurried trip to the log camp at Taylor gulch but found the man in a dying condition when he arrived. BELLOTTI died about fifteen minutes after Dr. CONDON'S arrival.

Coroner O. W. MEYER of Red Cliff investigated the shooting and questioned the boys concerning the manner in which the accident occurred. Owing to the fact that the district attorney, together with early everyone else was out in the hills on the trail of deer, the coroner's inquest was delayed until Thursday when District Attorney LUBY, accompanied by his stenographer, Leo FESSENDEN, went to Red Cliff to assist Coroner MEYER in holding an investigation into the tragedy.

BELLOTTI was 53 years old, according to information obtained from his hunting license by the coroner. He has made his home in a cabin at Pando since the death of his wife in Leadville some fifteen years ago. In recent years, BELLOTTI has followed logging in the Pando district and had been employed at the Bert Anderson log camp in Taylor gulch for a considerable time prior to his death.

BELLOTTI'S only known relatives in this country are two nephews, Charles BIAGI, 116 Willard avenue, Chicago, Ill., and Vincent BIAGI, 2249 West

Fulton street, Chicago, and one niece, Miss Mary BIAGI, 116 Willard avenue, Chicago.

He is believed to be survived by two sisters in Italy.[18 Oct. 1929, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BEMIS, Charles - Charley BEMIS, a rancher from on Salt Creek near Eagle, died in the sanitarium in Glenwood Springs last Monday morning after an illness with pneumonia of but a few days. Mr. BEMIS had contracted pneumonia while doing his ranch work a few days before his death, and his condition had rapidly become so serious that he had been removed to the hospital last Friday where he could get the best of care. His condition, however, continued to get worse until his death.**

The remains were brought home Tuesday evening and the funeral held Wednesday afternoon. The remains were followed to the cemetery by a large number of friends and neighbors, where a short service was held by Rev. J. F. GAITHER of the Methodist church, and a song sung by the mixed quartet.

The deceased was born fifty-four years ago in northeastern Kansas, coming to Colorado in 1892. He was a teamster by trade, and followed this business for number of years, coming to Eagle county from Marble fifteen or sixteen years ago, and sometime after bought the little ranch where he lived with his family at the time of his death. He was married while living at Marble, and to this union was born one child a daughter, who together with the widow, survive the death of the husband and father. His passing is regretted by a large number of friends who knew him as a good and accommodating neighbor.[4 May 1923, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- **BENTON, Frank - Veteran Cattle Man Attends his Last "Round-Up". Frank BENTON passes Away At His Denver Home. Frank BENTON, well known cattleman of Burns, Eagle county died yesterday at his Denver residence, 1301 Lafayette street, after an illness lasting several months. Inflammatory rheumatism and accompanying maladies which worked discomfort to the deceased and gave concern to the friends of Mr. BENTON for several weeks finally brought on a comatose condition from which the veteran cattleman never rallied. He was unconscious almost a fortnight prior to death.**

Mr. BENTON and his big sombero and genial smile were well known for years about Denver and all parts of Colorado and Wyoming. He figured in practically all the doings in organization work among the stockmen and was always in evidence at conventions and meetings.

Not without the keen sense of humor, Mr. BENTON, in various publications, has handed down a posterity something of the local color of western life on the range. His satirical effort, "Cowboy Life On a Sidetrack," dealing with the slowness and perversity of railroads in handling the stock shippers interests and giving the sheepman a few merry quips, has amused thousands.

Frank BENTON was classed as one of the old time and picturesque figures among the cattlemen of the west. His keen wit and commanding personality have been in evidence --- a stockgrowers' meeting of Colorado and Wyoming and his counsels have figured in many episodes where the cattleman sought to maintain his rights.

Mr. BENTON was born at Grandville, Ill., July 19, 1853, He went to Kansas in the spring of 1872 with his parents and remained there nine years. He moved to Wyoming in 1881 and went from there to Hot Springs, S. D., in 1892.

Mr BENTON'S residence was Hardin, Colo., for a number of years. Since the building of the Moffat road he has been interested in land ownership and the maintenance of cattle in the Burns Hole country. Large interests were held by him there at the time of his death.

Surviving Mr. BENTON are his widow, Grace DURBIN BENTON; one daughter, Dora BENTON WHITE, wife of Ben M. WHITE of Eagle, Colo., three sons, Thomas Harry BENTON, George BENTON and Frank BENTON, Jr.; a brother, John BENTON, of Big Horn Basin, Wyo.; two sisters, Mrs. Willis SPEAR, of Sheridan, Wyo., and Mrs. Y. M. MELVILLE of Rupert, Idaho. Seven grandchildren are among the list of relatives.

Funeral services held last Sunday afternoon at the family residence.[18 Mar. 1921, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- BERLIN, Arthur Clelland - Arthur Clelland BERLIN, better known among his associates here as "Patsy", died last Monday morning, July 16, at 1 o'clock.

Although not very well known to many in the district the death of this young man has caused a general sorrow in the community. Mr. BERLIN came to Red Cliff last winter with a railroad surveying corps, and was here for several months. During the spring he was with the corps located near Canon City, returning here a few weeks ago and taking a position with J. F. Fleming & Co.

The deceased will be best remembered as the catcher of the Red Cliff baseball team. During the game at Eagle on the 11th Mr. BERLIN had to retire early in the contest on account of illness. Arriving at Red Cliff he took

to his bed from which he never arose. His ailment was typhoid fever of a very fatal type. Although everything possible was done for him in the way of medical attendance and care by his friends, it was of no avail.

On last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Paul BERLIN, of Springville, Iowa, parents of the young man, arrived at his bedside and were with him at the time of his death.

The deceased was but 22 years of age and was a young man of exemplary habits and conduct, who made many friends by his quiet and gentlemanly manner.

Accompanied by the bereaved parents the remains were taken to his old home in Iowa on Tuesday.(19 July 1906, Eagle County Blade, P.8)

- **BERNSTEIN, Carl - Hudson Car Turns Over on Highway One Man Killed. Carl BERNSTEIN Loses Life in Fatal Accident on Cooley Mesa -- Other Occupants of Car Uninjured -- Coroner's Inquest Being Held To Determine Blame For Accident.**

Thursday evening a coroner's jury brought in a verdict to the effect that Carl BERNSTEIN met his death through an unavoidable accident.

Gypsum, Colo., Nov. 6. -- A series of auto accidents culminating in a fatal termination in the death of Carl BERNSTEIN, occurred in this locality Tuesday. Mr. BERNSTEIN died at his home in Gypsum at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning from injuries sustained about 6:30 the previous evening, when the Hudson Super-six car, in which he and his son, Christian, and several other companions were riding, failed to make the sharp curve near the Stanley ranch on Cooley mesa and turned completely over. The car was driven by Billy CROWLEY, but the owner of the car was a man from Leadville, whose name we have been unable to learn. CROWLEY, in company with John Ed EATON, Stanley CLAUSSE, Richard STODDARD and Dude NOLAN, had borrowed the car for a joy ride.

Earlier in the day Stanley CLAUSSE and Harry COOK of Sweetwater, driving D. L. DODO'S new Ford sedan collided with Dude NOLAN, driving a Dodge roadster, on the Burns-Sweetwater road about one and one-half miles north of Gypsum. Both cars were almost completely demolished, but the occupants miraculously escaped injury. The Hudson car arrived on the scene a few minutes latter, picked up NOLAN and CLAUSSE and the party all repaired to Glenwood Springs. Returning through Gypsum, they invited Carl BERNSTEIN to join the party. Mr. BERNSTEIN was a blacksmith, and blacksmithing is no child's play; it requires long hours of the hardest kind of manual labor. Mr. BERNSTEIN had no car of his own and he enjoyed the recreation of riding, seldom refusing an invitation to go for a

ride it was after business hours. His shop was closed, so he accepted the invitation for a ride up to Eagle, and he took his own seven-year-old son Christian, with him sending the little fellow into the house after his coat and to tell his mother that they were going for a ride to Eagle. The fatal accident occurred on the return trip home. The car is said to have been going at the rate of sixty to seventy miles an hour at the time, and it is variously reported that the party were under the influence of liquor. Chas. STANLEY, son of County Commissioner STANLEY, returning home from work at 6:20 o'clock in his Chevrolet sedan, rescued the party and took them and the injured man to his home in Gypsum, where a physician was immediately summoned and found that Mr. BERNSTEIN appeared to be paralyzed from his neck down. He was unconscious until 1 a. m. Wednesday morning, when he seemed to rally and regained consciousness. But he could only speak in a whisper. He recognized his wife and smiled at her, but told her he was dying. He also asked for a drink and said his neck hurt terribly. He remained conscious until a few minutes before the end, which occurred at 9 o'clock a. m. Wednesday.

An autopsy was held on the body Wednesday afternoon when it was revealed that death was caused by the neck being broken. Coroner O. W. MEYER and District Attorney W. H. LUBY arrived in Gypsum Wednesday afternoon to investigate the accident and decided to hold an inquest which was in course of hearing as we made up the forms Thursday afternoon. CLAUSSON and CROWLEY called on the district Attorney Wednesday evening to give their version of the affair. CROWLEY, the driver of the death car seems to be very remorseful over the affair, and maintained that he, at least, was not drinking and that he was not driving over 35 miles an hour when the car turned over. CROWLEY is an employee at Jack Alterie's resort at Sweetwater lake, and came here from Chicago about a year ago.

The deceased leaves a widow and one son, Christian and the tenderest sympathy of the community is extended to them. The funeral will probably be held from the Lutheran church in Gypsum Friday afternoon. Carl BERNSTEIN was a substantial and much respected citizen of Gypsum owning his cozy home and a modernity equipped blacksmith shop adjoining it. He was a diligent and expert workman and devoted to his family. He and his family came to Gypsum about eighteen month ago from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gypsum sincerely regrets his loss and the tragic manner of his demise.[8 Nov. 1929, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p1]

- BERRY, Alijah "Bidge" - A letter to The Enterprise from Frank TERRELL written from Silt Monday contains news that will be of interest to Eagle county people, and especially those in the upper Eagle river valley. Following is Mr. Terrells communication:

We received a card today from a niece and cousin in Los Angeles telling us of the death of her father, Alijah "Bidge" BERRY, eighty one years of age, in Los Angeles on November 4.

Mr. BERRY is well known and will be remembered in Eagle county, having come to Edwards in 1888, the year the railroad was building in, and moved to Minturn shortly after in 1890 he married Adelaide Terrell SMITH and the next thirty years of his life were spent in and around Minturn. A life of useful and beautiful service to his friends and wife and children.

When his health began to fail in 1930, his daughters, Florence and Mrs. LOCKE, came from Los Angeles and took their father and mother to California. For several years he became much improved, but the past year, illness again claimed him and when death came it was not unexpected. He leaves his wife, two sons and two daughters, all of Los Angeles, and a host of friends in several states.

Mrs. BERRY, though not too well, is still active and enjoying an abundant life. Friends who may wish to reach her in this time of sorrow may write her at 239 South Wilton Place, Los Angeles, Calif.,

Sincerely yours, Frank TERRELL.

- BERRY, Minerva - Minerva BERRY died last Wednesday at the home of A. W. Burnison, 1544 Franklin St., Denver , of internal hemorrhages.

Mrs. Berry had been quite poorly since the last day of July at her home in Edwards. She was taken to Denver a short time ago and there she seemed to improve for awhile. But a relapse came and she gradually grew worse, and passed away at 12:10 the 6th of September.

Mrs. Berry was 65 years old, a resident of Eagle county for 32 years. She was the wife of Harrison Berry who died Dec 29th, 1897. She leaves to mourn her loss, besides many friends, one sister, Mrs. Carrie WESEL, and two brothers, David and William BOWEN. David living in Nebraska and William living in Iowa.

Also there half-sisters and 2 half brothers living in Iowa. Mrs. WESEL who is the mother of Mrs. BURNISON has lived near Mrs. BERRY at Edwards for nineteen years.

In Accordance with her last wish Mrs. BERRY was interned in the beautiful Fairmount cemetery in Denver on Friday, September 9th. Mrs. BERRY was of a bright and kindly disposition, a good help-mate and mother, a true Christian and well like and respected by all those who were acquainted with her.

She will be remembered by all her friends who are numerous in this county and bring sorrow to the hearts of the few old timers who also are going fast to the bourne from whence no one returns. May the soil rest lightly on the earthly remains and thy spirit be well received in the abode of the blessed. (Eagle Valley Enterprise 16 Sep 1916)

- **BERRY, Mrs. Leslie - Mrs. Leslie BERRY** died at Wolcott Wednesday of a complication of paralysis and heart trouble after several weeks illness. The diseased woman's home was in Cripple Creek, and she was visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. PLAYFORD, when taken with her fatal illness. She is survived by seven children and her husband. The body was shipped to Cripple Creek Thursday for burial.[26 Sept. 1919, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p5]
- **BERTROCH, Garland - Garland BERTROCH**, formerly of Eagle County, died of natural causes June 17 in Penrose, Colo. He was 90.

Mr. BERTROCH was born Feb. 17, 1909 in Ottumwa, Ia. to Jesse B. and Anne Maude (Byerly) BERTROCH. He worked as a highwayman for Eagle County during his local years.

He was a nature lover and mined for gold and studied rocks. He moved to Grand Junction in 1982 and moved away to live with his son, Wesley and his wife, until his death. He was a member of the Methodist church.

He married Hazel Ruth CAYWOOD on Dec 10, 1929 in Glenwood Springs. She preceded him in death in 1987.

Survivors include his daughter, Helen Joyce (Jay) MAYNE of American Fort, Utah; son Wesley P. (Alice) BERTROCH of Penrose; daughter Ruth Joanne (Tony) LaMOTTE of Billings, Mont., and Dixie Lee (James) JANDREAU of Pottsdam, NY; brothers Purly BERTROCH of Gypsum, Clairo BERTROCH of Grand Junction, and John BERTROCH of Palisade, Colo.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, brothers Virgil and Dude BERTROCH, and two sisters, Virginia GALPIN and Juanita CAYWOOD, as well as a son, Leslie G. BERTROCH.

Funeral services were held June 19, and a graveside service will be held Thursday, June 20 at the Palisade Cemetery with the Rev. Al WOOLMAN officiating. (20 Jun 1996, Eagle Valley Enterprise)

- **BERTROCH, Leslie Garland - Leslie Garland BERTROCH**, formerly of Eagle, died Saturday, Nov 4 at Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs of a sudden illness. He was 63.

Mr. BERTROCH was born May 28, 1932 in Rifle to Garland and Ruth (Caywood)BERTROCH. He spent his childhood in Rifle and graduated from Rifle High School. He married Sonya Collett BERTROCH Feb. 5, 1956 in Elko, Nev. and lived in Eagle from 1969 to 1981, when he moved to Delta, Colo.

Mr. BERTROCH was employed for 27 years by the Bridge and Building Department of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad; he retired in 1978. He served in the Korean conflict with the U.S. Army and enjoyed hunting, fishing and horses. He loved Harley Davidson motorcycles and his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Sonya BERTROCH of Delta; his father, Garland BERTROCH of Penrose, Colo.; daughters Melody CLARK of Grand Junction and Valerie ROSS of Eagle; brother Wesley Pete BERTROCH of Penrose; sister Joyce MAYNE of American Fork, UT., Ruthie LaMOTTE of Billings, Mont., and Dixie JANDREAU of Pottsdam, Nev., and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Nov 10 at 10 a.m. at the Mesa View Mortuary in Delta. Visitation is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 9, 6-8 p.m.

Martin Mortuary of Grand Junction was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contribution may be made to the Greater Eagle Fire Protection District, P.O. Box 961, Eagle, CO 81631. (Eagle Valley Enterprise 11/9/95)

- **BERTROCH, Virgil - Virgil BERTROCH formerly of Gypsum, died Aug. 6 at a nursing home in Fort Collins. He was 78.**

He was born Dec. 31, 1915 in Oak Creek, Colo., to Jesse and Maude (BYLERY) BERTROCH, and later married Elva "Terri" MCKEAN on July 17, 1971 in Fort Collins. He moved from Gypsum in 1971. He worked as a laborer for the Cook Lumber Company and was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Collins.

Survivors include his wife, Elva BERTROCH of Fort Collins; stepdaughters Harriett HOFF and Martha HOMOLKA of Fort Collins; brothers Purley BERTROCH of Gypsum; Clair and Garland BERTROCH of Grand Junction; John BERTROCH of Palisade; seven step-grandchildren and six step-great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Services were held Tuesday, Aug. 9 at the Warren-Bohlender Chapel in Fort Collins. Interment was at Resthaven Memory Gardens in Fort Collins. (Eagle Valley Enterprise August 11, 1994)

- **BETTS, Harry D.**

Harry D. Betts died at his home on Aug. 27, 2000, at the age of 70. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, at Callahan-Edfast, 2515 Patterson Road, Grand Junction.

Harry was born on Feb. 26, 1930, in Hardin, Mont., to Guy A. and Ida Mae Lethcoe Betts. He married Peggy Thomas on May 8, 1959. His family said he enjoyed ranching, fishing, hunting and traveling.

Harry is survived by his wife, Peggy; son Terry; daughters LaVina Beveridge, Billie Jacoby and Betty Booth; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by son Fred Betts. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: The Harry Betts Memorial Fund c/o Alpine Bank, P.O. Box 70, Eagle, CO 81631.

— Daily Staff Report, 28 August 2000

- **BILLOW, Beverly Jeanne - was born in Minturn, CO, April 23, 1931 where she lived the greater part of her short life. She lived in Red Cliff the past winter and on July 11 moved to Glenwood Springs with her mother and baby sister. She lived there but one week when she was stricken with scarlet fever and only survived the dread disease one week, passing away July 25 at the age of three years, three months and three days.**

Beverly was a beloved child, adored by all who knew here for her sweet sympathetic nature. She brought sunshine and a smile with her always. She leaves to mourn her loss, her mother, daddy and baby sister. Mr. and Mrs. H.M. BILLOW and Yvonne; her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. James ROSE and family, also her great grandparents, other relatives and a host of friends. (Eagle Valley Enterprise, 17 Aug 1934, p.1)

- **BIRKETT, - The oldest child of Mrs. Nellie BERKETT, a son, of Gilman, died on Wednesday morning. The child was two years and eight months old, and had been ill some time with paralysis. The child's patient mother is well nigh distracted with grief and is receiving the sympathy and assistance of many kind friends. The funeral will occur today with interment at Greenwood cemetery.(16 Nov 1899 Eagle County Blade, p.3)**
- **BLADES, Mrs. Matilda - Mrs. Matilda BLADES died in Leadville on Saturday, November 16, of appendicitis, after an illness of about three weeks. For some time Mrs. BLADES had been employed as cook at Owings & Co a sawmill, and was quite well known in Red Cliff. Just three weeks prior to her death Mrs. BLADES was taken ill and was sent to friends in Leadville. In that city she leaves a sister, Mrs. BERGSTROM, and two brothers named ANDERSON. She left a considerable**

estate, mostly in cash, and one of the brothers has already been appointed administrator.(21 Nov 1907, Eagle County Blade, p.1)

- **BLAIR, Annie - PIONEER LADY DIES**

Mrs. Annie BLAIR, one of the pioneer women of Eagle county, died at her home on the Frying Pan river last Friday. Burial services were held in Basalt Monday, attended by a great many old friends and neighbors. (21 Feb. 1936 Eagle Valley Enterprise, p.1)

- **BLOSS, Walter - SHEEPHORN RANCHER KILLS SELF WITH RIFLE NEW YEARS**

WALTER BLOSS BLOWS BRAINS OUT IN LONELY CABIN HOME - TRAGEDY DISCOVERED BY NEIGHBOR SHORTLY AFTER ITS OCCURANCE

A most gruesome sight greeted George L. BEDOR, a tie camp operator, when he entered the cabin home of T. W. BLOSS, between state bridge and Sheephorn creek, at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning, New Years day.

BLOSS' body lie prone in death with a 30.r0 rifle lying at his side, and his brains and portions of his skull scattered all about.

Mr. BEADOR lives in a cabin on the BLOSS ranch, about 100 yards distance from the one occupied by BLOSS. BEADOR carries his water for domestic purposes from the BLOSS cabin, and at about 8 o'clock that morning he went for water and visited a few minutes with his neighbor, who appeared in good spirits and health. When he returned to the cabin again at 10:45, the above described scene greeted his horrified senses.

Apparently BLOSS had sat on the floor, placed the muzzle of the heavy rifle to his temple and pushed the trigger with a stick which lie beside the gun.

The cabin was a shambles, blood and brains being scattered over the floor and splattered on the walls of the small cabin. Portions of the skull had broken holes in a window pane of the cabin.

Sheriff WILSON and deputy corner F. P. ALDERSON visited the scene upon being notified and made an examination of the situation, and it was decided that a coroner's inquest was unnecessary to determine cause of death.

A brother, who is employed on the SLOSS Brothers ranch on the Frying Pan, was notified at once and he went over Wednesday morning to take charge of his brother's body and affairs.

T. W. BLOSS was about 60 years of age and has long been a citizen of the Sheephorn neighborhood. Recently, discouraged at not having raised any crop the past season, he sold his ranch and cattle to a neighbor. It is thought that despondency at having parted with his property caused him to commit the rash act.

Mr. BLOSS was very highly respected citizen of the county, and was well thought of by his neighbors, who were shocked at his act.(4 January 1935, Eagle Valley Enterprise, p.1)

- **BLOUCH, Lily Jennie - Lily Jennie BLOUCH died Friday, March 4 at her home in Gypsum. She was 78. Mrs. Blouch was born March 26, 1915 in Colton, OH, to William and Jennie Lewis STOTTIS. She was raised and educated in Ohio, and in 1936 moved to Colorado and was married to Milton E. Blouch on May 21, 1937 in Glenwood Springs. She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan 19, 1975, and by one daughter, Ruth.**

She was very much an outdoors person who enjoyed gardening and flowers. She also enjoyed sewing crafts, playing cards, and cooking. she loved spending time with her family and preparing large meals for family gatherings. She was very active and enjoyed the privilege of being able to live in her own home, drive her own automobile, and do her own cooking , laundry and business until her death.

Survivors include; Her son, Jim BLOUCH and wife Shirley of Westminster, Colo.; daughter Jan BRADFORD and husband Bill of Gypsum; two sisters, Claribel REIGHARD of Toledo, Oh., and Ester KLEIN of Waterville, Oh.; brother Lee STOTTIS of Columbia City , Ind., and 11 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church in Gypsum, with Rev. Phil GREEN officiating. Visitation was at the church on the same day, followed by burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Gypsum. Memorials can be made to the Heart Memorial Fund, c/o Mrs. R. E. VANDERHOOF, P.O. box 490, Glenwood Springs, Co., 81602.