

# African American Deaths, 1895-1899

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Reese Banner, the popular and well-known colored barber who has made his home in Bryan for a quarter of a century, died suddenly at his home in this city after about two weeks' illness. He sat up and ate quite heartily shortly before his death, which was an unexpected shock to his large circle of friends, numbering many white as well as colored people. Reese was born in Washington County, and came to Bryan twenty-five years ago, and has worked as a barber nearly all the time. Lately he has been studying for the ministry and began preaching a short time ago. He had considerable social and religious influence among his people and was held in esteem as an unusually good Negro by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and several children. His funeral was conducted by Elder D.H. Shivers and S.M. Holmes, and was attended by four or five hundred people, many of them white. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 February 1895, p.6, col.3

Hicks, Emmet; African American; worked at "trucking cotton" at Wellborn; killed by train; died in Bryan. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 Feb.1895, p.6, col.4; 7 Mar.1895, p.2, col.1.

Bryan ... A Negro was brought here with one leg mashed off. He was found near the track, and presumably fell from a train. He died late this evening. Galveston Daily News, 23 Feb.1895, p.5, col.4

Bryan ... The Negro Emmet Hicks, who fell from a train and was brought here yesterday afternoon and died shortly after, was picked up first by a northbound train and left without medical attention at Hearne until brought here. Galveston Daily News, 24 Feb.1895, p.9, col.2

\*Ernest RAYFORD, a cook at the Exchange Hotel, died after taking tapeworm medicine. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 18 Apr. 1895, p.3, col.2; 25 Apr. 1895, p.11, col.2

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., April 17 – In the county court here Martin Hearn, the young white boy who recently accidentally shot a Negro girl while hunting in the Brazos bottom, was declared not guilty of negligent homicide. Dallas Morning News, 19 April 1895, p.5

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., April 28 – A Negro named Kinzie died here yesterday of lockjaw, having been unable to get his mouth open since last Wednesday. An effort to open his mouth by force caused profuse bleeding. Dallas Morning News, April 29, 1895, p.6

\*Mrs. BAISY, wife of Mat BAISY; African American woman; shot & killed by her husband; lived on Alf JOHNSON's place about 5 miles south of Wellborn. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 May 1895, p.1, col.4; Galveston Daily News, 11 May 1895, p.5, col.5

Wellborn ... News reached here this morning that Mat Baisey, a Negro, living on Alf Johnson's place, south of Wellborn, shot and mortally wounded his wife with a pistol. He then armed himself and went to the house of Gus Roys, another Negro, living about two miles from his house, and inquired if Gus was at home. He was not, but rode up a few moments later, when Baisey opened fire on him. The Negro fell from his horse, unhit. Baisey evidently thought that he had killed him, as he immediately left for parts unknown. Family trouble the cause. Later news just received says Baisey has been caught in Houston. Dallas Morning News, 11 May 1895, p.2

\*Ollin WALTON, son of Wiley WALTON, died from "American Fever" in Liberia, Africa; family had emigrated to Liberia and then returned to Bryan. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 June 1895, p.3, col.3; 20 June 1895, p.3, col.3. Galveston Daily News, 15 June 1895, p.7, col.2

\*Charlie ROBINSON, drowned in the Brazos River at Batte's Ferry. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 4 July 1895, p.3, col.1. Galveston Daily News, 1 July 1895, p.5, col.2.

\*Roscoe JOHNSON, convict, drowned near Mumford. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 July 1895, p.3, col.2

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., Aug. 1 – A Negro named Dave Ford was brained with a club by another Negro, whose name could not be learned, at Cartwheel, nine miles from Bryan last night. Galveston Daily News, 2 August 1895, page 6, col.5

A Negro named Dave Ford is reported to have been killed by another Negro at Cartwheel, nine miles east of Bryan, Wednesday night of last week. Ford was brained with a club. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 8 August 1895, page 7, col.1

The wife of Cam Jones, a colored man well known about town, died Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock and the usual arrangements were for the enternment were promptly made. The attendance at Negro funerals is proverbially large, and on this occasion, when it became noised about the streets that a colored woman, claiming to be able to perform miracles, would make an attempt at the funeral to raise the corpse "from the dead," the colored people turned out in droves, and a number of white people were attracted to Shiloh Baptist Church, which was the scene of the services, deceased having been a member of that body ... (article continues at length) ... Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 January 1896

Bryan ... Mat Basy, colored, charged with wife murder, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and sentence to the penitentiary for seven years. The shooting was done some time last year and Basy was sent up for attempt to murder. She died later and an indictment for murder was lodged against Basy. Dallas Morning News, 21 March 1896, p.4

Bryan, Texas, May 25 – Washington Hollis, 17 years old, colored, went swimming in the Little Brazos river, and, diving head foremost into shallow water, his head struck the bottom with such force and violence that his neck was broken. Dallas Morning News, 26 May 1896, p.3

\*Miss Stella NOBLES, lived at Sol HOLSTON's place on Thompson's Creek; accidentally burned to death. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 Apr. 1896, p.1, col.5

\*Mrs. Cherry BUCKHALTON died; Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 Apr. 1896, p.4, col.2

\*Alex LOVETT was shot & killed. Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 April 1896, p.4, col.1

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., April 9 – The Negro, Alex Lovett, who was shot in the Brazos bottom a few days since, was brought to Bryan and died this morning. Dallas Morning News, April 10, 1896, p.1

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., April 17 – The 3 year old child of Frank Cooper, colored, fell into an underground cistern here yesterday afternoon and was drowned. Dallas Morning News, 18 April 1896, p.2

In an altercation between Dr. W. T. Green and Dr. J. S. Reed, both colored, Green was shot this afternoon. The two met in the post office about 2 p. m. Both parties drew their pistols and commenced firing, resulting in Dr. Green receiving a fatal shot in the left breast and Dr. Reed a slight wound in the left arm. Reed was arrested and landed in jail, and in an interview says that the shooting was an outcome of an article printed in a local colored paper, and that he did the shooting in self-defense. Green is not expected to recover. Galveston Daily News, 31 May 1896

#### The Shooting

#### Doctors Green and Reed Use Their Guns

--- ---, a would-be doctor of this community needs to "sneak off" to some secluded place and let the hay seed be combed out of his hair. If he doesn't know any more about medicine than he really knows about medical ethics, I pity the community in which he pretends to practice medicine. And while I am writing this article I would like to give him this bit of advice: never collect another doctor's money unauthorized; never prescribe for another doctor's patient without first consulting that doctor. Read your medical ethics and if you are too lazy to read use common sense, if you have any.

[signed] Dr. W. T. Green.

The above article, which appeared in the *Republican* yesterday, resulted in the two parties coming together soon after the appearance of the paper and settling the matter with their guns. The statements regarding the shooting are numerous. Reed says that he accidentally met Green at the post office and asked him about the article in the *Republican* (a Negro paper edited by Green) and was replied to by Green reaching for his gun, remarking that "I wrote that article, and damn you I'm going to kill you," following up the remark by shooting. Reed says that he then pulled his gun and shot Green in self defense.

A street statement is that they met in the post office and Reed told Green that he must retract the article in the *Republican* or he would kill him. Green then reached for his gun, which caught in his clothes and before he could release it Reed pulled his gun and fired, Green running into Mr. Tom Boyett's ice house pulling at the gun and trying to get it loose, Reed following and firing. As soon as Green could get his gun he appeared on the street and opened fire on Reed who ran down the street and across Main Street for James' drug store, followed by Green to the front of Haswell's store where he fell exhausted from a wound in the left breast, just below the heart.

Other statements are that Green fired at Reed who ran and fired back at Green as he went, and that Reed drew his gun after he was fired upon. Reed received only a slight flesh wound in the left arm. It is evident that three shots were fired by each party. Reed surrendered and was lodged in jail. Green was seriously hurt and is not expected to live.

News reached us last night that Dr. Green died a few minutes past nine o'clock last night. Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 June 1896, p.4;

The examining trial of Dr. J. S. Reid for the killing of Dr. W. T. Greene, was concluded yesterday evening his bond fixed at \$1,000, which he gave. Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 June 1896, p.4

Tuesday ... The case of Dr. J. S. Reid, charged with the murder of Dr. Green, was called in the District Court yesterday and defendant plead not guilty. A venire of sixty men and the regular jury was exhausted and only eight jurors secured. Another venire of sixty men was ordered and court adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 25 March 1897, p.6

Thursday ... The case of Dr. J. S. Reid, charged with the murder of Dr. Green, taken up Monday in the district court, was concluded yesterday afternoon, the jury returning a verdict of not guilty after being out only seventeen minutes. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 April 1897, p.3

Bryan, Tex., Special. Resolutions passed by Allen Chapel Church, Sunday school and choir in honor of Dr. W. T. Green. On May 30, 1896, at 9:45 p. m. we noted the death of our most worthy scholar and eminent physician, Dr. W. T. Green. Dr. Green joined Allen Chapel A. M. E. Sunday school July 17, 1892, and ever since has been an active member and faithful worker, thereby devoting his time to the best interest of the Sunday school.

Whereas, Dr. W. T. Green was a faithful member of our Sunday school and sparing no means for its advancement, be it,

Resolved, That his chair which he occupied in the Sunday school be draped in mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the following papers: *Christian Recorder*, *Florida Christian Recorder*, *Indianapolis Freeman* and *Bryan Republican*, and a copy of the same be sent to the family, also a copy of the same be placed in the archives of the Sunday school.

Committee: S. M. Holmes, pastor; F. M. Bell, C. S. Lewis, C. A. R. Grant.

Resolutions by Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church:

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in his inscrutable wisdom to call from his earthly labors our beloved brother, Dr. W. T. Green, be it

Resolved, That while bowing to the will of our Heavenly Master, we can but deplore the demise of this faithful member, Christian and friend; further

Resolved, That we tender our sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing wife and relatives, and will pray our Heavenly Father to guard, guide and protect them in their journey through this world of sorrow, trials and tribulations.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished to the family and the public press by our church secretary.

Committee: A. H. Colwell, Jacob McIntosh, Lee Sanders, Edward Deer, C. S. Shelton, S. M. Holmes, pastor.

Resolutions by Allen Chapel A. M. E. choir, in honor of Dr. W. T. Green:

It is with sorrow that we, the choir of Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church meet to offer resolutions in respect to the memory of our deceased member, Dr. W. T. Green, who died May 30, '96, at his residence in West Bryan. Dr. Green was a faithful member and performer of our church choir, ever ready to assist in rendering music suitable for all occasions. In listening to the sweet music in which he was a prominent factor, it caused our minds to be wafted to the strains of the angelic host above. In losing Dr. Green, the choir has lost an active member, a well trained voice and an excellent performer, whose place cannot be readily filled. We hope that his absence in our choir will be filled by his presence in the choir above where his sweet strains of music will never cease.

Whereas, He was a good, active and attentive member of the choir, and devoting his best musical talent for our advancement, be it

Resolved, That his chair remain draped in mourning thirty days.

Resolved, That we express our deep sympathy for the bereaved family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in the *Christian Recorder, Florida Christian Recorder, Indianapolis Freeman* and *Bryan Republican*, and a copy of the same be sent the family.

Committee: Rev. S. M. Holmes, pastor, C. A. R. Grant, E. P. Hall, F. M. Ball, C. C. McIntosh. The Freeman (Indianapolis, Indiana), 13 June 1896, page 3

George JOHNSON, aged about 19, was lynched. Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 June 1896, p.4, col.4; 12 June 1896, p.4, col.2; 18 June 1896, p.4, cols.2-3; 21 June 1896, p.4, col.2

\*Mrs. LAW, widow of Comp. LAW, accidentally burned to death near White's place in the Brazos bottoms. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 July 1896, p.4, col.2

In a difficulty at a dance at Allenfarm Saturday night a Negro woman named Rena VAUGHN was cut to death. Mary SMITH, a young mulatto woman, has been lodged in jail here, charged with the crime. When seen by the reporter yesterday she admitted having had a difficulty with two women and showed places on her arm and shoulder where she had been bitten by them. She also admitted having struck some person with a rock during the melee, but claimed to have no knowledge of the knife play which resulted in the death of the VAUGHN woman. Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 July 1896, p.4, col.2

Charlie Cook, a colored cook at the mess hall at College, was found dead there yesterday morning. He showed no marks of violence and evidently died from heat. Justice Charles Gainer was summoned and held an inquest. The Negro was apparently all right and performed his duties as usual the day previous to his death. Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 August 1896, p.4, col.2

\*Ed CHILDRESS shot & killed Steve ROBINSON at JONE's School House. Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 Sept. 1896, p.4, col.1

\*Peter DAVIS, "old," drowned in Bryan City reservoir. Bryan Daily Eagle, 8 Sept. 1896, p.1, col.5; 8 Sept. 1896, p.4, col.3

Mr. Tecson BARTIP (name hard to read) was killed at Allenfarm; Bryan Daily Eagle, 20 Sept. 1896, p.4, col.2

Will HUTCHINGS, a Negro, was arrested at Allenfarm, charged with the murder of Tecson BARTIP, the Negro found dead near the railroad below Wellborn a few days ago. Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 September 1896, p.4, col.2

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., Sept.19 – Dave Mills, a Negro, attended a dance last night at Myers, in Bureson County, consumed too much cold soda and ice cream, took cramps and fell dead upon the floor while dancing. Dallas Morning News, 20 September 1896, p.2

Mitchell Alexander, a colored barber, died of consumption here Wednesday night. Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 October 1896, p.4, col.2

Rafe ERWIN, a Negro said to be 100 years old, died in this city. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 Nov. 1896, p.2, col.1. [also see Galveston Daily News, 19 Nov. 1896, p.2, col.4]

In a difficulty over a game of cards near Batte's ferry one of the Negroes, named Sam Jackson was shot twice and probably fatally wounded. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 November 1896, p.7, col.2;

Ed Hefley, colored, has surrendered to the authorities of Burleson County for the shooting of Sam Jackson, another Negro, near Batte's Ferry Sunday afternoon.

(weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 November 1896, p.7, col.4

John White, a well known old Negro, died and was buried here Sunday. Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 December 1896, p.4, col.2

\*Tom ROWDEN, aged about 50, was killed; A.C. HAIRGROVE and H. GRAVES were implicated in his shooting at Thompson's Creek. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 December 1896, p.1, col.4; 24 Dec. 1896, p.7, cols.2, 3; 7 January 1897, p.1, col.6

Bryan – H. Groves, a white man, is in jail, charged as an accessory to the killing of Tom Rowden, a Negro, December 19. Dallas Morning News, 28 December 1896, p.3

Bryan, Tex., Jan. 23 – Eugene Washington, the Negro arrested yesterday for an assault upon Miss DeHart on Thursday, near this place, now hangs to a limb of a cottonwood tree on Main Street, in this city. His death is the work of an infuriated mob at 6:30 this evening composed of the best people of the city and county. St. Louis Republic, 24 January 1897, page 1

Bryan, Tex. ... Eugene Washington, the Negro rape fiend, was not cut down until 10 o'clock this morning, the coroner deciding that he was hanged by unknown parties. The rope on which he was executed was cut up into little pieces, to be saved as mementoes. At the jail yesterday a Negro horse doctor attempted to shoot the officers who were guarding the prisoner. To-day the Negroes accosted him and a riot occurred. The sheriff finally got him safely behind the bars, as the Negroes were going to hang him.

New Orleans Times Picayune, 25 January 1897, page 2

"Gene Washington Hung," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 January 1897, p.1, col.4. He was lynched.

\*Gene Washington was lynched on the 23<sup>rd</sup> in Bryan. Temple Times, 29 January 1897

"That Lynching Bee," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 February 1897, p.1, col.4. The lynching of Gene Washington.

Malinda Whitehead, a colored woman said to be 110 years old, died here Tuesday night. She had lived in Bryan many years, and leaves several generations of descendents. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 February 1897, p.3, col.1.

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., March 19 – A.C. Hargrave, charged with the killing of Tom Rowden, colored, was convicted of manslaughter, and given two years in the penitentiary. Dallas Morning News, March 20, 1897, p.2

\*Maria Watson was accused of killing Judge Lum on Mr. Shelton's place. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 1 April 1897, p.2, col.2

\*Ananias WILLIAMS was shot & killed in the Brazos bottom. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 April 1897, p.6, col.3

Sam Brazile, an old Negro, died and was buried here yesterday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 April 1897, p.6, col.5

"Negro Boy Killed," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 6 May 1897, p.6, col.2. Robert Lovett killed Willis Jones in Burleson County.

\*George PERRY was killed on Judge HENDERSON's place in the Brazos Bottom; his brother Will PERRY was accused of the crime. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 6 May 1897, p.6, col.5

\*Mrs. Jim JONES, lived in Brazos Bottom; died of heart disease. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 May 1897, p.6, col.3

\*Mitchell THOMPSON, aged about 30, accidentally shot himself; lived on Bester South's place. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 3 June 1897, p.6, col.2

Wellborn, Tex., July 19 – Lewis Price, a Negro boy 20 years old, while bathing in the Brazos River three miles south of here last evening, was drowned. The body was recovered. Dallas Morning News, 12 July 1897, p.3

Millican, Brazos Co., Tex. – Justice Pool went to Allenfarm this morning to hold an inquest over the dead body of a Negro woman, killed there last night accidentally. Her home is in Brenham. Galveston Daily News, 12 July 1897, page 2

Navasota ... Yesterday at Allenfarm, Nealy SHANNON and Jake GASTON got into a fight, during which Matilda PETLY was shot accidentally and killed. All are Negroes. SHANNON was arrested by Deputy Sheriff STEELE of Brazos County. Dallas Morning News, 13 July 1897, page 6

Navasota, Tex., July 13 – At Allenfarm Nealy SHANNON and Jake GASTON got into a fight, during which Matilda Petly was shot accidentally and killed. All are Negroes. Shannon was arrested. Fort Worth Register, 14 July 1897, page 2

Deputy Sheriff Will DUNLAP of Millican, brought here and lodged in jail yesterday a Negro named Neely SHANNON, charged with the killing of a Negro woman named Tildy PETTY at Allenfarm Saturday night. It is stated that the shot which killed the woman was not intended for her, in which case her death was an accident. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 15 July 1897, p.3, col.2

\*Lewis PRICE, aged 21, drowned in Brazos River at Straw Bluff, perhaps near Wellborn, (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 22 July 1897, p.3, col.5

Bryan, Tex., July 27 – In a difficulty between two Negroes on Shelton's place, ten miles from here, last night, Bill McGee was shot and killed and Albert Roundtop shot through the side. Dallas Morning News, July 28, 1897, p.6

\*Albert ROUNDTOP shot & killed Bill McGEE. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 29 July 1897, p.3, col. 4; 12 Aug. 1897, p.6, col.3; 7 Apr. 1898, p.6, col.4

Bryan, Texas, August 20 – A Negro by the name of John Henry Tonsel (?) was run over by the cars and fragments of his body scattered along the track for fifty feet at the Agricultural and Mechanical College last night. He lived at Navasota and had been here to see his cousin, and was returning home on a freight train when he met his horrible fate. Houston Post, 21 August 1897, page 2

Bryan, Tex., Aug. 20 – A Negro named John Henry Tonsel was mangled by a freight train just below College Station last night. The body was torn to pieces and dragged for some distance. The Negro spent the day here yesterday and boarded a train last night for Navasota, where he lived. Galveston Daily News, 21 August 1897, page 6

Friday ... The northbound passenger crew found a Negro torn to pieces 300 yards below the College switch. He was mangled beyond recognition, and the largest piece that could be found was one leg from the knee down. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 August 1897, page 6, col.2.

Saturday ... The Negro killed on the railroad below College and whose death was mentioned in the Eagle yesterday morning, was identified as Henry Tonsel of Navasota. He had been here on a visit to a relative and was on the way home on a freight train when his death occurred. The body was horribly mangled as stated yesterday and scattered along the track. His hat was brought in by Constable C.L. Baker and identified by the party he came to visit. Justice Jones of Wellborn was notified to hold an inquest. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 26 August 1897, page 6, col.3.

\*Mr. Sim FORBY, died at Kurten; was thrown by a mule. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 16 Sept. 1897, p.6, col.1

Bryan, Tex., Sept.20 – Mittie Simpson, a Negro girl, was severely burned here to-day. Her skirt caught fire from the blaze around a wash pot. Constable Baker lodged a Negro named Charley Washington in jail here to-day on a charge of killing another Negro named Mitch Anderson in the Brazos bottoms Sunday. Anderson had a ghastly wound in the neck from a double-barrel shotgun. Dallas Morning News, 21 Sept.1897, p.4

Bryan, Brazos Co., Tex., Sept.29 – A Negro named Button Williams has been lodged in jail here charged with shooting his wife through the abdomen. The shooting took place in the Brazos Bottom and the woman was considered fatally wounded... Dallas Morning News, 30 Sept.1897, p.8

Bryan, Tex., Oct. 5 – Ike McIntosh, charged with murder, gave bond to-day in the sum of \$700. Sam Johnson, colored, charged with assault to murder, was found guilty of aggravated assault in the district court. Dallas Morning News, October 6, 1897, p.4

\*Mrs. Susan WILLIAMS was shot & killed in the Brazos bottom by her husband Button WILLIAMS. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 7 October 1897, p.6, col.3; 7 April 1898, p.6, col.1

\*Mr. Calford BRADLEY was shot and killed on Marshal PHILIP's place where he lived; he had come from Navasota about one year earlier. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 7 October 1897, p.6, col.4

Mr. J.H. McGregor of Wellborn, one of Brazos County's oldest and best citizens, brings to the Eagle a request from numerous citizens of Wellborn and vicinity that the death of Ned McGregor, colored, be appropriately mentioned in view of the sincere regard for the deceased Negro's worth entertained by those who knew him. Ned McGregor was born March 5, 1830, and died Sept. 30, 1897. Mr. B. McGregor brought him to this state in 1843. He was a good servant until he was freed, when Mr. McGregor gave him a home. For 25 years he was a member of the Methodist Church, and he was all his life a good honest citizen, respected by white and colored people. Those whom he had served so faithfully administered to his wants in his last illness, and many attended his funeral. He leaves a wife and four children. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 7 October 1897, p.3, col.2

Bryan ... Anderson Johnson, a Negro, has been lodged in jail here, charged with the murder of another Negro, named King Jones. Dallas Morning News, October 13, 1897, p.3

\*King JONES, killed at Bee Creek or Cedar Creek by Anderson JOHNSON. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 14 October 1897, p.6, cols.2, 3

Mary Thompson, an aged Negro woman was buried yesterday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 October 1897, p.6, col.2

Mary Pitts, a Negro woman said to be 119 years old, died here yesterday morning and was buried in the afternoon. She professed religion the day before her death. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 11 Nov. 1897, p.3, col.1

Bob McQueen, colored, a son of Shade McQueen, died Friday and was buried yesterday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 Jan. 1898, p.6, col.4

Bryan, Tex., March 21 – The wife of a Negro named Grant McKnight was shot on Shelton's place in the Brazos bottom Saturday night and died yesterday. McKnight was lodged in jail here to-day, charged with the murder. He claims the shooting was accidental. Dallas Morning News, 22 March 1898, p.5

\*Mrs. Anna McKNIGHT was shot & killed on SHELTON's place in the bottom; she was about 28 years old; her husband Grant McKNIGHT was accused of the crime. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 24 March 1898, p.6, col.5. Brazos County Inquest Record, pp.2-3 (microfilm # 1020045).

\*Tom BISHOP was murdered; Will SMOTHERS, also an African American, was charged. Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 Feb. 1898, p.4, col.4; (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 June 1898, p.6, col.2

Bryan ... Tom Bishop, a Negro who resides on a farm in the bottom across the Brazos River, came to town yesterday riding a mule and met his death in a peculiar manner last night on the way home. It was stated by those who informed the Negro's employer here that he had been drinking and fell from the mule when the animal kicked his brains out. Dallas Morning News, 12 Feb.1898, p.2

Bryan, Tex., March 22 – Robert George, a Negro, was killed in the Brazos bottom this morning. Dallas Morning News, March 23, 1898, p.5

Jake McIntosh, a Negro who has driven a dray here for the past twenty years, died Sunday. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 March 1898, p.10, col.5

Mrs. Boretzky, a Bohemian woman, residing below College, was in town Saturday and reported that three children of George Williams, a Negro, were burned in a tenant house on her place Friday. Williams was not at home and his wife left the children at home and went over to the house of Mrs. Boretzky to get some milk. Before she could return the house took fire and burned down and all three of the children were burned. The oldest was only five years of age. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 April 1898, page 3, col.3

Bryan, Tex., July 2 – A Negro man was killed by a runaway team on Judge Moore's plantation in the Brazos bottom this morning. Dallas Morning News, 3 July 1898, p.21

Bryan - A mule team ran away with a Negro man on Judge W.J. Moore's farm in the Brazos bottom, horribly mashing him up, from which he died a few hours later. Houston Daily Post, 3 July 1898, p.5, col.2

Calvert, Tex., July 14 – Yesterday evening Joe Hammond, a Negro who lives about six miles from town, accidentally discharged his gun while taking it down from a rack on the wall and killed his wife, the entire load striking her in the abdomen. He was starting out to kill a squirrel for his sick child when the accident occurred.

Dallas Morning News, 15 July 1898, p.3

Bryan, Tex., July 16 – Dick Umphreys, an aged Negro living near College, dropped dead in his yard this morning. He was 62 years old and had lived in this county forty years. His wife told The News reporter she thought he died from sunstroke. He was as well as usual this morning and was at work in the field until about 11 o'clock. Dallas Morning News, July 17, 1898, p.24

An old Negro named Dick Umphreys, who has lived in this country 40 years, fell dead at his home near College yesterday. He was probably sixty-five years old. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 21 July 1898, page 6, col.2

Richard Humphreys, an African American who lived in the country; died; the cause of death was from "heart disease; he was buried in the Freedman's Section at Bryan Cemetery on 17 July 1898. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 October 1898, page 4, col.3.

The report that Jim King was killed by a train near Hearne Wednesday night erroneous. He was struck by a train however and had one eye knocked out, and was otherwise dangerously hurt. He was brought home yesterday afternoon. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 August 1898, p.3, col.2

Jim King, the young Negro so seriously injured by a train near Hearne a few days ago died and was buried Sunday. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 Aug.1898, p.3, col.2

King, James "Jim"; African American; aged 18; lived in Bryan; hit by train at Hearne. Brazos County Inquest Records, pp.4-5 (microfilm # 1010045).

Bryan ... Jim King, the young Negro hurt by a train near Hearne, has been brought here and is dangerously injured. His skull is fractured, one eye knocked out and he is otherwise injured. Galveston Daily News, 6 August 1898, p.7

Bryan ... Jim King, the young Negro injured by a train near Hearne a few days ago, died here last night. Galveston Daily News, 8 August 1898, p.2

The wife of Jake McIntosh, (col.) deceased, has received \$1000 insurance on the life of her husband from the Mutual Reserve represented by Joe B. Reed. Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 October 1898, p.3, col.2

The colored Odd Fellows held a meeting Wednesday night and gave Mrs. Will Calhoun \$100 endowment on the life of her husband. Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 October 1898, p.3, col.3

Bryan, Texas - A tenant house on the farm of Mrs. Astin in the Brazos bottom was burned yesterday afternoon. It was occupied by Jim Brown, colored, and one of his children was cremated in the burning house, and another one badly burned, but will recover. Houston Daily Post, 30 October 1898, p.3, col.7

Bryan, Tex., Oct. 29 – The house of Jim Brown, a Negro, on Astin's place near Mumford, was burned yesterday evening, and a 4-year-old Negro child was burned to death and younger child injured. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought the members of the family were at work, having left the children at home, and the fire was caused by some accident. Dallas Morning News, 31 Oct. 1898, p.3

Health Officer Tabor reported eight new cases of smallpox yesterday, all Negroes and all outside the city limits. Seven of the cases were together in a house at Woodville, and one of the patients, a baby two months old, died yesterday morning from want of attention, the cases not having been reported. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 March 1899, p.6

Wellborn ... A Negro was killed here by the train Friday night. He was supposed to have been trying to steal a ride and fell under the cars. His name was Joe Brown and he lived at Clay Station. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 June 1899, p.3, col.3.

"Andrew Dozier," Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 June 1899, p.1, col.6. Charged with killing Annie Brigance.

Jule Chapman, a well known Negro, was drowned in the Little Brazos at the Sandy Point Road crossing on Thursday, trying to get to his family. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 6 July 1899, p.2, col.3

"A Shooting Affray," (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 13 July 1899, p.1, col.1. Griffin JOHNSON, aged about 75, was shot and killed by Charley Robertson, also an African American.

Bryan ... Griffin Jackson, a gray-haired Negro, said to be 75 years old, was shot and killed near the colored Methodist church in Freedmantown, near here, this afternoon. Colored Policeman Levy Neal witnessed the killing, which was done with a double-barreled shotgun. Dallas Morning News, July 7, 1899, p.2

Millican ... "Aunt Net" Scott, an aged colored woman, who has been very sick for several weeks passed peacefully away Thursday morning at 4 o'clock. "Aunt Net" was one of the landmarks of our town, and will be greatly missed. She was faithful in all things and liked by every one. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 31 Aug. 1899, p.3, col.3

Andrew Dozier, charged with the murder of Annie Brigance, was tried in the district court yesterday and found guilty of murder in the second degree and given 25 years in the penitentiary. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 October 1899, p.3, col.2

Allen Clark, colored, charged with the murder of Henry Nettles, also colored, has been on trial in the district court the past two days. Bryan Daily Eagle, 7 October 1899, p.3, col.2

The jury in the case of Allen Clark, charged with the murder of Henry Nettles, was dismissed yesterday, having failed to agree on a verdict. Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 October 1899, p.3, col.4

\*Henry NETTLES, aged about 60, was shot & killed on 15 August 1899. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 12 October 1899, p.6, col.2. Also Brazos Co. Inquest Record, pp.18-19 (microfilm # 1020045).

\*Mose MANLEN, said to be from Grimes County; was shot & killed “on the old Billy Johnson place” about 8 miles northeast of Bryan; John Caldwell, also an African American, was accused of the crime. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 30 November 1899, p.6, col.1

Neal Jackson, the colored drayman known to everybody in this section, died from exposure at an early hour Thursday morning in the southwest part of town. It appears he wandered away and got down some time during the night, and there alone fought out the struggle of life and death, with the chilling wind and rain, and lost. Neal was a good old Negro, popular with everybody. He was trusted and esteemed by the white people, and expressions of deep regret at his untimely death were heard on all sides yesterday. Had his peril been known there are many who would have gone to his relief. There were those who had played upon his dray as boys, whom he had served as men, who gladly would have given him relief, and when he was beyond the reach of human aid, when the hand of death had forever stilled the beating of his faithful old heart, they gave of their means to bury him with a liberality which attested the esteem in which he was held. A too great fondness for “the cup that cheers” was the old darkey’s greatest fault, and probably led to his unhappy end. An inquest held yesterday confirmed the manner of his death. (weekly) Bryan Eagle, 28 December 1899, p.1, col.1