

African American Deaths, 1915-1922

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“Badly Burned,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 January 1915, p.1, col.6.

“Ed Deere, Convict, Shot and Killed,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 January 1915, p.3, col.4

Morgan Levi, colored, was shot and instantly killed by his stepfather, Roland Duren, also colored, at Duren’s home near Steep Hollow yesterday afternoon. Duren used a shotgun loaded with small shot, but was near Levi and the entire load entered his left breast near the heart, killing him instantly ... (article continues at length) ... Duren is well known in Bryan and is the father of Charlie Duren, the well known colored piano player of this city. Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 Jan. 1915, p.3, col.2.

“Negro Killed in Bottom,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 Feb. 1915, p.1, col.2.

The following sketch was furnished *The Eagle* by C.G. Parsons, in whose home the deceased was long a servant, and at his request it is published. Amie Jones (colored), aged about 60 years, died February 27 at the home of C.G. Parsons and mother, after an illness of some fourteen or fifteen months. She was well and favorably known by many white people of Bryan, several of whom she had served in time past as a faithful servant in their homes. The last eighteen years of her life up to the time her health failed her were spent in the employ and service of C.G. Parsons and mother, with unfaltering and untiring energy and faithfulness in the performance of her daily round of routine duties as cook and servant in their home. She was regarded by them, in view of her long and faithful service, honesty and trustworthiness, almost as one of the family, cheerfully ministering to her comfort and need to the end of her remaining days. Amie was well known and highly esteemed by the people of her race. She was a charter member of two colored societies – the Household of Ruth and S.M.T.’s, both of which orders officiated at her funeral services at Shiloh Baptist Church, the church to which she had belonged for thirty-six years. J.J. Ray and family and two sisters, C.G. Parsons and some other white people attended the funeral, and Mr. Ray made a few fitting remarks in eulogy of the old servant’s good traits of character and her love and devotion to his twin boys, which was very touching and well calculated to be a good object lesson or example to the colored race as to what honor, Christianity and true merit means. The pastor, Rev. Shivers, conducted the closing services. Those who knew Amie best and had an opportunity to observe her Christian life and work can feel assured that she has gone to a good reward. Bryan Daily Eagle, 5 March 1915, p.3, col.4.

“Uncle Mack Harris Dead,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 13 March 1915, p.3, col.2.

“Two Deaths Among Colored,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 April 1915, p.4, col.4.
Patsy Nettles, Nancy Tucker.

“Negro Killed by Passing Train,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 April 1915, p.3, col.2.

“Uncle Whit Moore Dead,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 May 1915, p.6, col.1

“A Negro Woman Ended Her Life,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 31 May 1915, p.3, col.4.
Mrs. Anthony Martin.

“Died in Jail,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 14 June 1915, p.3, col.6. Will Lewis

“Negro Killed Wife and Self,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 15 June 1915, p.3, col.5.

“Fearful Tragedy at Boonville,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 June 1915, p.3, col.5.
Elijah Cavitt

“Died Suddenly,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 June 1915, p.1, col.6. Jonas Blake

“Frank Jones Was Drowned in Brazos,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 June 1915, p.1,
col.5.

“Elijah Cavitt Behind the Bars,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 June 1915, p.1, col.5

“Negro Killed at Millican,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 August 1915, p.3, col.6.
Alfred Mims, who lived on G.W. Dunlap’s place.

“Elijah Cavitt Plead Guilty,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 23 September 1915, p.2, col.5.
To murder.

“Tom Scott Was Stabbed to Death,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 October 1915, p.2,
col.4. By Ben Colbert, Jr., below Millican, near the Navasota River

“Aunt Jane Overstreet,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 18 November 1915, p.4, col.3

“Negro Man Was Stabbed to Death,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 November 1915,
p.2, col.5. Bertha Rather killed Charley Stanley, near Millican.

“Dr. S.W. Hooks Seriously Shot,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 January 1916, p.3,
col.5.

“McQueen Made Bond,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 13 January 1916, p.2, col.5.

“Charged With Carrying a Pistol,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 18 January 1916, p.3,
col.3.

“Dr. S.W. Hooks Died of Wounds,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 24 January 1916, p.1,
col.1.

“Votes No Bill,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 March 1916, p.5, col.4.

“Given Examining Trial,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 April 1916, p.5, col.5. Clifton Jones

“Negro Boy Killed,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 31 May 1916, p.5, col.4

“Burns Prove Fatal,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 June 1916, p.4, col.3. Nellie Harris, adopted daughter of Loula Harris

“Woman Murdered with Child in Arms,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 23 June 1916, p.1, col.5. Jack Childs, Henry Welch, Mary Childs.

Bryan, Texas, June 24 – Mrs. Mary Childs was instantly killed and her aged father, Henry Welch, probably fatally shot late yesterday at their home, thirteen miles south of here. Jack Childs, husband of the dead woman, was arrested and is held here on a charge of murder. According to information gathered by Sheriff Nunn, who arrested Childs three hours after the killing, the woman was shot as she fled across a newly-plowed field, carrying her six-months-old baby in her arms. When found by the sheriff, she was lying face downward in the soft clay while her baby played in the blood-saturated earth beside her. The sheriff said Welch was shot first, following a quarrel, and Mrs. Childs then fled. Fort Worth Star Telegram, 25 June 1916, page 25

“Wife Murderer Was Not Allowed Bail,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 June 1916, p.?, col.6. Jack Childs.

“Negro Drops Dead in Meeting House,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 July 1916, p.2, col.5. George Kendall died at Benchley.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 8 ... Dr. P.F. Smith of Purcell, Okla, was called to the bedside of his sister, the wife of Prof. Brown, in Bryan, Tex. He wired his cousin, Miss L.A. Shaw, that he found his sister dead. Chicago Defender, 9 August 1916, page 12

After considerable argument about a horse which is owned by Lee Richardson and Robert Watson, his son-in-law, Watson took a shotgun and tried to kill Richardson. He shot at his head, but the small bird shot in the gun were not large enough to accomplish the intended purpose. Richardson was hit on the right side of his head, several shot taking effect in his cheek and two or three penetrating the eyeball. The trouble came up about one using the horse more than the other. Watson was arrested and given an examining trial and has been released under a \$300 bond to await the action of the grand jury. Bryan Daily Eagle, 16 August 1916, page 3, col.4.

“Mallet Handle is Death Weapon,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 August 1916, p.4, col.4. Haywood Scott killed Perry Brownloe on the old Harrington place near Millican.

“Haywood Scott’s Bond Fixed,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 August 1916, p.3, col.4. For killing Perry Brown.

“Negro is Killed by Freight Train,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 August 1916, p.1, col.4. Near Wellborn.

“Aged Negro Takes His Own Life,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 September 1916, p.2, col.5. Perry Alexander, from Houston.

“Negro Brakeman Killed,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 7 September 1916, p.4, col.4. Near Mumford.

Uncle Andy Johnson, one of Bryan’s old-time and well known colored men, died yesterday afternoon. Uncle Andy had many friends among both white and black who will regret to learn of his death. Bryan Daily Eagle, 23 September 1916, p.4, col.4

“Negro Woman Victim of Keen Knife,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 25 September 1916, p.7, col.2. Sam “Buster” Steptoe killed Bessie Bell near Clay Station.

“Steptoe Refused Bail,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 27 September 1916, p.6, col.3. Sam Steptoe.

“Write of Habeus Corpus Proceeding Gets Bail,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 September 1916, p.1, col.4. Sam Steptoe.

Jack Childs, colored, who has been on trial in the district court for the past two days, sprung quite a surprise in the district court this morning. The trial was complete except the argument and by agreement with the state’s attorney the defense allowed the prisoner to enter a plea of guilty and ask the mercy of the court. The jury, which had patiently gone through the trial, hearing all the evidence, took the plea and by instruction from the court wrote their verdict from the jury box which was 99 years in the state penitentiary at hard labor. Childs was charged by indictment with the murder of his wife, Mary Childs, last spring in the Harvey community. He went to the home of his wife’s father after she refused to go home with him, and after shooting his father-in-law, began abusing her and she jumped through an open window and fled with her baby in her arms. Childs gave chase and overtook her in a newly plowed field and shot her to the ground dead with their own child in her arms. The plea for mercy entered as it was is probably all that saved Childs’ neck, as he had previously made the statement that after his wife had left him he could not live without her and that he went to his father-in-law’s house the morning of the tragedy with the intention of either taking her home with him or killing her. Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 September 1916, page 1, col.6.

“Negro Man Blew His Head Off,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 November 1916, p.1, col.4. Berry Nixon; near Smetana

“Negro Was Killed,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 January 1917, p.6, col.1.

An I.& G.N. freight engine switching at College today, unfortunately frightened a team being driven by Andrew Adams, teamster for the mess hall, causing the horses to run away and as they lunged they jerked the front wheels from the wagon, leaving the bed and rear wheels in the path of the train, and Adams was run over and is not expected to live. Andrew Adams is one of the well known colored men of Bryan and has lived here all his life. He has many friends among both white and black who will regret to

learn of the terrible accident that has befallen him. Later – A report was received from College at 2:30 stating Adams was dead. Bryan Daily Eagle, 10 March 1917, page 8

“Smallpox Death Occurs Here Sunday,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 April 1917, p.1, col.4. Roy Haley, an African American, resident of Candy Hill in Bryan, died.

Bryan, Texas, April 12 – “Aunt” Vinnie Benson, 110, died here yesterday. Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 12 April 1917, page 1

“Smallpox Death Occurs Here Sunday,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 April 1917, p.1, col.4.

“Old Negro Drowns While Fishing,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 25 May 1917, p.3, col.4.

The Negro Baptist Church picnic held yesterday, terminated in a tragedy. A Negro young man by the name of Pal Franklin was drowned while bathing in the Little Brazos River near the picnic grounds, which were at the bridge on the Mudville road. Franklin was in a boat and dived from it into deep water. It is said that he could not swim. Whether or not made no difference as he did not come to the surface after the dive, dying beneath the water just after he dived. He was about 23 years of age. Justice of the Peace C.M. Degelia of precinct 8 held the inquest and gave a verdict of accidental drowning. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 June 1917, p.3, col.3.

In the Saturday evening's issue of the Eagle appeared a clipping captioned, “Negro Church Picnic Ends in Drowning.” It is very certain that the picnic referred to is that held last Friday near the Little Brazos Bridge under the auspices of the Shiloh Baptist Sunday school. We are very solicitous to have it known that our outing was a success. While we sorely regret the sudden and sad misfortune of the young man who drowned, his drowning constituted a circumstance over which we had no control. Having appeared on the scene at a later hour in the day and joined himself to the party as a visitor along with others who happened by, he was without the supervision of the chaperones in control of the party that left Bryan on a special car, over the Bryan and Central Texas Interurban. Every one leaving with this party passed a pleasant day and returned safely without the slightest casualty. From all appearances Franklin's act was inadvertent and promiscuous, since he was grown, and was unable to swim. We would have the better thinking class of people of Bryan to know that his death was simply an incidental to the picnic and not necessarily an incident of the picnic. I.N. White, superintendent; D.H. Shivers, pastor. Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 June 1917, p.1, col.1.

“Smallpox Patient Died,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 13 November 1917, p.1, col.4. Ed Luck.

“Child Burned to Death,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 17 November 1917, p.1, col.3. Daughter of Henry Williams, who lived on the farm of J.D. Adkins, near Rock Prairie.

“Wheelock Is Killed By A Knife Thrust,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 21 June 1917, p.1, col.3. John Wheelock, Doc Wilson.

“Two Negroes Dead, Two are Wounded, at Reddin Supper,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 September 1917, p.3, col.3. Charles Peddeford and Simon Reddin were killed.

Neville Landry, a Negro, who formerly worked for the city was buried at city expense Saturday. He came in from Camp Logan early last week and was taken sick, the Negro doctor who attended him pronouncing it pneumonia. He had been working at Camp Logan for some time, having been employed by the contractor there. Bryan Daily Eagle, 3 December 1917, p.4, col.3.

“Christmas Killing at Clay Plantation,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 26 December 1917, p.3, col.3. Richard Loftin killed another man in the Brazos bottoms.

“Loftin Bond Fixed at \$1,000 for Killing,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 27 December 1917, p.1, col.1. Richard Loftin killed Mr. Lawson.

Mrs. Lew A. Nash, who with her husband, who among the best known colored people of this city and section, died at the family home at 4:10 o'clock this morning after an illness of two weeks with la grippe. She was 58 years of age and was born in West Point, Miss., coming to Texas in 1872 when she was 12 years of age, and has lived in Burleson and Brazos Counties continuously since. She was married to Lew A. Nash in 1879, and together they have lived honorable lives in the community and by hard work at teaching and farming, had acquired a nice property, doing far more than is done by the average colored man and wife. She was a good woman and richly deserved the high esteem in which she was held by both colored and white. She is survived by her husband and one child, Nannie B., wife of M.B. Jones, one of the teachers in the city colored school. The funeral was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Allen Chapel A.M.E. church, with interment in the city cemetery. The funeral services being conducted by Rev. McDonald of Bryan and Rev. U.S. Keeling of Waco. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 31 January 1918, p.1

Jessie L. Sandel, a well-to-do Negro aged 31, died Wednesday, and was buried in the city cemetery. He was a member of the Lee Chapel M.E. church where the pastor Rev. Dr. W. Hartley Jackson conducted the services. The Woodmen of America participated. He carried a policy of \$1,000 in this order payable to his wife. Bryan Daily Eagle, 22 March 1918, p.1, col.3.

“Lightning Kills Negro,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 2 May 1918, p.4, col.4. Ross Levi, who lived on the Andrew's place near Harvey, was killed

Elisha Collins reports that his wife, Sallie, died in Franklin and was buried at the Mount Pleasant graveyard. She was a colored woman and formerly lived here. Bryan Daily Eagle, 13 May 1918, p.1, col.4

Bryan, Tex., July 19 – J. Canidy was electrocuted at A. & M. College last week, when he accidentally touched a live wire. His funeral was held Sunday and was conducted by the K. of P. lodge. Chicago Defender, 20 July 1918, page 1

Henry Spaight, a Negro man about forty years of age is the county jail. Complaint has been lodged against him before Justice of the Peace Gainer, charging him with murder in the killing of Stella Dickson, a Negro cook whose dead boy was found in the servant's house where she was employed, Saturday morning, August 10. Spaight is held on a warrant based on the complaint. The date of the examining trial has not been set. The Negress was lying nude before the fireplace in her room and her body bore evidence of having been beaten. It was later discovered that her neck had been broken, perhaps from a blow on the jaw. District Attorney Davis, Sheriff T.C. Nunn and Assistant County Attorney Minkert took hold of the case, detained a couple of Negroes against whom they could find insufficient evidence at that time, and later got on the trail of Spaight, against whom they say they have a pretty strong case. For several reasons, the full story of the crime and the detective work done is not ready for publication. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 22 August 1918, p.3.

Charlie Rhodes, a Negro, died at the Bryan hospital yesterday, where he had been taken August 23 for an operation following a gunshot wound received that day. Details of the tragedy have not been received here. Rhodes was a farmer, married and 40 years and three months old. He lived at Mumford on the Jim Jenkins place, and Mr. Jenkins has been in town on several occasions lately looking after his comfort. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 5 September 1918, p.4

Ola Hardy, a Negro woman, was killed and three other Negro women injured in the derailment of a motor car on the Bryan and Central Texas Interurban Monday evening. The body of the dead woman was taken to the Dansby undertaking rooms, where an examination showed that her left arm was practically cut off, her chest crushed and her neck broken. She was the wife of Comp Hardy, of Whittaker, Tex., and they were living on the Koppe Robinson plantation. Motorman Worthington was bruised so badly that he was not working today, and two Negro men were slightly hurt. It was stated by Hardy's father that a Negro woman was quite badly hurt and was taken home in an auto, but this information had not been conveyed to Manager Levinson of the railway company. The accident happened about a mile and a half from Bryan, the car leaving the track and striking the switch stand at the Y. The car was almost demolished. The cause of the accident beyond these facts has not been determined. None of the white passengers on the car were injured. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 26 September 1918, p.3

"Mary Shelton Dead," Bryan Daily Eagle, 30 September 1918, p.3, col.2. Was born in Freestone Co., Texas; sister of R.B. Goosby.

Four Negroes succumbed to the disease [influenza] last night and early this morning. Their bodies were taken in charge by the People's Undertaking company and prepared for burial. Their names are Albina Laudey, 25, Arthur Williams, 27, Tuni Jackson, 17, and George Malcolm, 20. Bryan Daily Eagle, 9 October 1918, page 1.

Frank Ellis, an old Negro man about 72 or 73 years old was found dead late yesterday afternoon on the Tony Scardino farm, about six miles north of Bryan on the Bryan-Benchley-Hearne road. The Negro is thought to have died from exposure to the weather. He is an old county character, and has been more or less of a charge on the county for some years. He was not considered just right mentally and frequently had

rows with his sister who lives in Bryan and who is older than he. Last Monday Sheriff Morehead released Ellis from the county jail, where he had kept him locked up for some days for fighting with his sister, and told him to go out to the county farm. The Negro left and Monday he hung around the oil mill and was not seen from that time until his dead body was found yesterday by a sixteen year old lad. The body was lying about three quarters of a mile from the main highway. The sheriff was notified and he, Coroner J.H. Hamilton, Will Martin and J.A. Brown went out and viewed the body. The opinion of these men agree that the Negro had started out for Calvert where he has relatives and during the bad weather of Tuesday and Wednesday of last week became lost and exhausted and unable to proceed. He had kicked off his shoes and most of his clothing and judging from his appearance he had been lying on the ground for several days. It is thought that death came about last Saturday or Sunday. The body was brought to town and will be buried sometime today. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 23 January 1919, p.4.

Ralph Williams, colored, is dead, and Minnie Williams, his wife, is seriously, if not mortally, wounded, as the result of a shooting which occurred last evening between 10 and 11 o'clock. The shooting was the result of a quarrel between Williams and his wife, who have been married only a few weeks. According to the reports, the couple had a violent quarrel Saturday and Ralph Williams left home. Last evening he returned and finding his wife absent he awaited her return. The woman, according to her statement to Sheriff Morehead, who reached the scene shortly after the shooting, had been over to a neighbor's house and about 10:30 o'clock was returning. As she reached her home she saw Ralph standing in front of the gate. As she approached he made some remarks to her about her running around and began shooting at her. She was hit in the stomach and in the leg. The woman claims that after Ralph began to shoot at her that she reached down into her stocking and got a pistol she was carrying, and then shot him, and that he fell in his tracks. Sheriff Morehead states that when he reached the scene of the killing that the Negro man was lying about 20 feet from the gate. The man's pistol has not been found, but those living in the neighborhood, over west of the park, say that there were eight to twelve shots fired. The man was hit two times, right over the heart, the bullet holes not being over an inch apart, and death must have been almost instant. The woman's pistol shows that she fired six times. The woman was removed to a hospital this forenoon and it was the intention of Dr. Hammond, her physician to operate today. Until the operation is performed it cannot be told just how seriously she is hurt. Those who know the couple state that Ralph Williams was a hard working Negro and not given to causing trouble. The woman does not bear the best of reputations, so it is claimed. Williams was about 45 years old, and his wife is about 35. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 29 May 1919, p.3.

It seems to be the fashion for Negro women to kill their husbands. Parthenia Harris, a Negress between 30 and 35 years of age, is charged with having shot and killed her husband, Will Harris last night between twelve and one o'clock. Harris was about 35 years old. The woman claims that she killed the man in self-defense, and says that they had been quarreling for the last week and that last night they had a fight between themselves and that the fight ended in her shooting the man with a shot gun through the heart. Sheriff Morehead arrived on the scene few minutes after the shooting and when he reached the house, which is one of Jim Darwin's rent houses, he found the man dead, lying in bed on his right side with a shot gun wound in his left breast, and from appearances the man did not move after he was shot. The cover was over him and his

legs were crossed in a natural position showing there had been no struggle. The woman refuses to make any statement except that she "had to kill him in self defense." It is reported, however, that Harris, who has been working at the H. and T.C. depot for some months went out last evening and when he returned the couple began their family row, the woman accusing the man with being out with another woman. One witness states that the man's under clothing was almost torn off his body, while this is denied by others who viewed the body. The woman was placed in jail to await the action of the grand jury. It is claimed that the couple have not lived in Bryan long, coming here from Calvert some months ago. Those who know Harris state he was a good, hard working Negro and was polite and obliging. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 12 June 1919, p.1.

For shooting her husband Elder Brooks through the head with a shotgun as he lay in his bed asleep at 1 o'clock this morning, Madaline Brooks, colored, is under arrest in the county jail, but is apparently unconcerned about the matter. The trouble is said to have arisen out a quarrel last night following the late return of Brooks to his house on the Turk ranch east of Rock Prairie. The Brooks woman is about forty and her husband was about the same age. She was arrested about 10 a.m. by Sheriff L.E. Morehead, and made no denial or explanation of the killing further than to say that she had done it. The weapon used was a single barrel shotgun. From the appearance of the body of the dead man the muzzle of the gun was placed quite close to his left eye as he lay asleep and the trigger pulled sending the contents of the barrel into his brain with instant death resulting. The entire left eye was blown away and an ugly hole torn into the head. The corpse was still in bed in night clothes when the sheriff called at the house. Negro men are said to be much wrought up over the occurrence, and one is quoted as saying that if such things are not severely dealt with "they ain't no man can be sure of a safe house." Bryan Weekly Eagle, 7 August 1919, p.3

William W. Pigford, a highly respected colored man, and resident of Brazos County for forty years, died today at his home three miles southwest of Bryan. He was in his 74th year and leaves seven children, among them W.E. and A.N. Pigford and F.F. Davenport, of Bryan. He was a native of Loderville, Miss. The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, from A.M.E. Church, conducted by Rev. A.J. Smith, pastor of that church. Bryan Daily Eagle, 18 August 1919, p.4, col.3

"Negro Man Accused of Shooting Young Woman of Own Race," Bryan Daily Eagle, 24 September 1919, p.1, col.6. Mr. J. Jenkins was accused of killing Sallie Hunter.

"Pleas of Guilty in District Court," Bryan Daily Eagle, 1 March 1920, p.1, col.2. Madeline Brooks killed her husband.

Charles During, a well known colored musician, died Saturday morning at 1 o'clock. He leaves a wife and three children. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Charles had made arrangements with John Daly, Jr., to play for the K.C. minstrel Monday night and a few hours before his death expressed the hope that he would be able to do so. He had many friends among the white and colored people of Bryan who regret to learn of his death. Bryan Daily Eagle, 24 Apr. 1920, p.1, col.3.

“Why Death Penalty Was Given Hunter And He Was Hanged,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 12 July 1920, p.1, col.1

“Green Hunter is Brought Back to Bryan for Burial,” Bryan Weekly Eagle, 15 July 1920, p.3, col.6

Louis Vonner, an old colored man past 80 years of age, was run over by the motor car on the Bryan-College Station Interurban this morning and quite seriously, if not fatally, injured. The old fellow is almost totally deaf and did not hear the car coming, and the motorman after discovering him on the track, could not stop the car in time to avoid the accident. It is said the motormen have stopped their cars several times before and taken the old man off the track, but this time the gasoline motor was being operated and it could not be stopped in time. He was taken to the College hospital and given attention. A report from that institution to the Eagle stated his face was badly lacerated, his jaw being cut entirely through and his remaining teeth knocked out. Ten stitches were taken in sewing up the wound in his face. One of his legs was badly cut and his ribs broken on the left side. His nose was also broken and he was bleeding at the ears. The report to the Eagle stated because of his great age and the seriousness of his injuries, he would hardly recover. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 9 September 1920

About 5 o'clock Thursday a fatal accident took place at the Experiment Station, a mile north of College Station, when the south bound I.& G.N. train railway passenger train engine struck the mules and wagon being driven by Sheely Ross, a colored farmer on the Newsome farm. Sheely was killed instantly and his head crushed and his wife was hurt about the shoulders and came to Bryan for treatment at Dr. I.N. Goodman's office. The body of Sheely Ross was brought to town by the I.& G.N. agent at College and turned over to the People's Undertaking Parlors for burial. The mules were killed and the wagon demolished and the woman was held under the debris until released. Sheely Ross was an honest hard working colored man and he and his wife had just been to town and sold some turkeys to purchase Christmas gifts when the deplorable tragedy took place. Bryan Daily Eagle, 24 December 1920, page 1.

Bryan ... Westly Harris, a Negro, was instantly killed and his wife seriously injured when the wagon in which they were riding was struck by a southbound International & Great Northern passenger train near the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The wagon was demolished and both mules killed. Dallas Morning News, December 26, 1920, p.3

Millican, Tex., Aug. 31 – During a thunder shower Albert Flewelyn and wife, Negroes, were struck by lightning and killed while coming from the field with a load of corn. No one saw the accident, but after the rain search was made and he was found dead as if knocked from the wagon, his wife dead on the load of corn and one of the mules dead, the other mule being badly tangled and unable to move. They lived on Mr. Hendrix's farm in Brazos bottom near Allenfarm. Galveston Daily News, 1 September 1921, page 3

“Bryan Negro Killed in Fort Worth,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 7 April 1921, p.4, col.2.
Son of Allen Martin

“Head is Severed from Body of an Aged Negro Man,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 29 August 1921, p.1, col.4. Sam Harris

Millican, Texas, Aug. 31 – During a thunderstorm Albert Flewelyn and wife, Negroes, were struck by lightning and killed here while coming from the field with a load of corn. Dallas Morning News, 1 September 1921, p.4

Will Johnson, colored, employed at the Bryan Oil Mill, was instantly killed this morning about 7 o'clock when he fell backward, supposedly in a faint, his head striking a shaft of the machinery, knocking out his brains. The man had not been well for several days, and was subject to spells of fainting. When he arrived at the mill this morning to begin his day's work, he went into the work room as was his custom, and sat down on a box to change his shoes and clothing for his work clothes, and without any seeming warning, the faint came over him and he fell backward and he was killed as above stated. Justice of the Peace J.W. Hamilton held an inquest, after which the body was taken to the home. A wife and two small children survive the dead man. Bryan Daily Eagle, 4 Oct. 1921, p.4, col.4.

Nancy Gray, a colored woman, familiarly known as “Old Aunt Nancy,” died last night at 10 o'clock. She was 87 years of age and was born in Buckingham County, Virginia, and came to Texas in 1844 with Dr. John Branch, an uncle of Mrs. M.P. Walker, and settled at Huntsville, later moving to Bryan in 1858. “Old Aunt Nancy” served as maid in this family until their death and then lived with Mrs. A.M. Berryman until her death six years ago. Since that time she has been living with a son but carefully looked after by the relatives of the white people she so faithfully served during war and peace. The good old time darkies of the South are fast passing away and soon will be only a memory of the past. She was buried this afternoon at 4 o'clock and as a testimony and tribute to her faithfulness, many of her white friends attended and laid a flower on her grave. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 27 October 1921, p.3.

“Faithful Darky Dies,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 11 April 1922, p.4, col.2. Limus Whitley was buried at Wixon Creek cemetery.

“Cicero Pierce (Col.) Fell Dead Thursday,” Bryan Daily Eagle, 6 May 1922, p.3, col.5. Lived on Echol's farm.

Austin, Texas, May 24. With the death of Colbert Wilson, a Negro, at Bryan last night, there was enrolled the ninth victim of mob violence in Texas since May 6. Wilson was accused of cattle theft and was whipped to death by a party of white men. Governor Neff has taken no action to investigate any of the acts of mob law, and he refused today to comment on the situation. New York Times, 25 May 1922, p.36

Colbert Wilson, the Negro who was whipped by unmasked men in a pasture near Fin-Feather Club Lake last night and found this morning at 9 o'clock, died about 11 o'clock according to reports received by Justice J.W. Hamilton. Officers are investigating. Colbert Wilson, a well known Negro living on the Smetana road three miles from Bryan was found in a pasture near the Fin-Feather Lake, by Joe Pordaski

about nine o'clock Tuesday morning and said he had been whipped by (unmasked) parties who were unknown to him and that there were five or six men in the party. The matter was immediately reported to officers and Sheriff L.E. Morehead, Chief of Police W.S. Martin, Justice J.W. Hamilton and Deputy Sheriff H.T. Wheelless began an investigation. It was found that Colbert Wilson had been discharged from jail where he had been imprisoned on a charge of killing a cow belonging to Roger Q. Astin on account of not being able to secure sufficient evidence for conviction. This is the fifth time Wilson has been arrested for various charges. He had been convicted in justice court on some charges and had pleaded guilty on some cases in the district court and some cases were dismissed including arson and maiming animals. Colbert's wife in the court inquiry before Justice Hamilton testified that more than twenty years ago Wilson shot into a crowd of White men in Trinity County and was run out of the county by determined men and he came to Brazos County. After Wilson was found in the pasture he was taken home in an automobile and an inquiry was held by the court and the officers believe they have a clue as to who whipped Wilson but not sufficient evidence to convict as Wilson can not identify any of the men although they wore no masks or disguises. The court records show and the men who whipped Wilson told him of the following charges against him since he came here from Trinity County after his wife says he shot at the white men: (1) disturbing peace, (2) burned a big barn, (3) poisoned hogs, (4) poisoned hogs and chickens, (5) shot a horse, (6) shot a brown heifer, (7) burned second barn, (8) shot Candy John's horse, (9) burned a third barn, (10) cut up watermelon and pea patch, (11) burned Candy John and brother's store, (12) shot Candy John's horse, (14) burned Candy John's house, (15) cut open Candy John's cow's side, (16) shot and killed Roger Q. Astin's cows, and various other charges. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 25 May 1922, p.2

Walter King, a well known Negro restaurant keeper died Thursday night at his home and was buried in the city cemetery Friday afternoon. He was 43 years of age and had accumulated quite a bit of property and was generally respected by the white men for his dependableness. Bryan Weekly Eagle, 13 July 1922, p.4, col.3