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Murders or Questionable Deaths

This file contains some old Monroe County murders and questionable deaths. Information and sources relating to the cases is described in paragraphs for each victim.

Indices of Monroe County Coroner's Records, Coroner's Inquests, histories and published newspaper accounts were used to compile data for the victims. Newspaper articles for murder cases date from 1838 to 1987. Sensational Monroe County deaths made the "news" locally and nationally. Copies of news columns are provided in this notebook. Headlines include "Horror of Horrors," "I Witnessed Passion, Killing," "Juvenile Tragedy," "Accident or Murder."

The county seat was at Harrisonville, Illinois in 1816. The county seat was moved to Waterloo in 1825. The first Monroe County Courthouse building was built on the Southwest corner of the courthouse square near the current location of the band stand. The second Monroe County Courthouse was built in 1853. That part of the original building is still in use today. During the Circuit Court period from 1848 to 1882, over twenty cases were tried in court. Most of the accused escaped punishment, some were acquitted and a few were convicted.

The names of victims and assailants may vary in the data collected. Names of towns and communities have changed. Some towns have vanished as floods of the Mississippi River swallowed up the settlements. Court cases may be spelled one way and the newspaper articles another way.

An alphabetical list of victims and assailants is provided. Cases having newspaper articles are asterisked.

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Source:

Arrowheads to Aerojets 1966
From Tablet to Tablet 2018

Victim	Assailant	Victim	Assailant
Askins, John	Notter, Charles	Woodcock, Eleanor	?
Austin, Love	Jenkins, Kid	* Detectives	Bundy, Leroy
Bell, Jefferson	?	*Augustine, John	Lane, John
Boody, William	?	*Bailey, Robert C.	McBride, Emmet,James,Jesse
Collins, R. B.	Nagel, Richard	*Beason, John W.	Hawkins, Charles W.
Conners, William	Meier, George	*Berneking, William	?
Cutler, Clarence	Hays, Willie	*Bethler, Jacob	Holley, ?
Daniel, Alvis E.	?	*Brandt, William	Hoffmann, William
Dwyer, William	Terwchter, Jacob	*Chicken Thieves	Nelson. Bud
Gatch, Ben	O'Ficial, Charles	*DeRoussi, William	Godair, Alex
Harwick, Karl	?	*DeRoussi, William	Garneau, Henry
Horan, Johanna	?	*Ditch, William T.	Gray, Monroe M.
Ives, Joseph	Yates, Elisa	*Dollar, Louisa	Dollar, Louis
Juliet, Albert	Loyson, Louis	*Dowling, Peter	Leiper, John
Kaempfe, Norma	Kaempfe, Charles	*Eich, Ben	Meyer, Frederick Sr.
Kissel, Henry Sr.	Kissel, William	*Eidmann, Henry	Heath, William
Kneckelhahn, Henry	?	*Eidmann, Henry	May, Ellsberry
Koch, Ferdinand	Hofstetter, Leo	*Farmer, Frank	Warnock, Fletcher
Krack, John	?	*Fults, Jacob	Burrows, W. S.
Litsch, Frank	?	*Fultz, Melissa	Clark, Edward
Loch, Nicholas	Griffin, Louis	*Gelse, Henry & wife	Stahl, Charles
Lunsford, Josephene	?	*Gilman, Jacob	Varnum, Jarrett
Male Infant	Ensinger, Mary	*Goetz, Annie	?
Male Infant	Roth, Amelia	*Goetz, Henry	Stahl or Stall
McNabb, Lucien	Cavanaugh, John	*Gray, Mrs. M.M.	Gray, Monroe M.
McTique, Peter J.	?	*Grosse, Hattie	Buettner, Gus L.
Merz, Ben	Hermann, Harmon, Joseph	*Havey, Robert Emmett	Klinger, Henry
Micele or Miceli, Leo	?	*Henze, Henry or William	Alters, Henry
Nelson, Bud	Alex Koskoski	*Hobbs, Mr.	Gilbert, Alexander
Puler, Hubert, A. Jr.	?	*Jobusch, Louis H.	Gleason, Kid
Reichenbach, William	Leiser, Charles	*Johnson, Cathy	Johnson, William Edgar
Riebeling, Louis	Landgraf, Louis	*Josten, Mens	Loyson, Louis
Riss, Michel	?	*Kaiser Family; 8 mnbrs	Kaiser, Morris, father
Roemer, Edwin C.	?	*Klinger, John	Winterhalter, John
Rusteberg, August	?	*Lepp, Mrs.	Best, Philip
Schirling, G,	?	*Lepp, Mrs.	Roller or Roland, John
Schneider, Anna Mary	Schneider, Mary	*McMahon, Margaret	McMahon, Barney
Schneider, Peter	McDonald, Larry	*Merlenbach; Millenbach	Whitecaps Gang
Schwartz, Henry	levelys, Bryant	*Morris, John	Jackson, Andrew
Thompson, Frank	Seeger, William	*Murphy, William	McCoy, Stephan
Unknown Male	?	*Reichert, Michael	?
Unknown Male	?	*Rhinedeinger, Chrisman	Chrismans brothers
Unknown Tramp	?	*Rhinedeinger, Chrisman	Miller, ?
Voelker, Alois S	Becker, Kate	*Stoeckel, Mary	Stoeckel, Anton
Voss, Edwin	Rosemeier, Elmer's son	*Tyson, Henry	?
Wagner, George	Moffit, John	*Vogel, Mike	Vogel, Peter
Wallhaus, Arthur	?	*Wetzler, Willis	Buettner, Gus L.
Washausen, Henry	Meyer, William	*Whiteside Children	Indians
Wilcox, Ben F.	Raner, Ben F.	*Youngblood, Theodore	Durrer, Austin
Winterhalter, John	?	*Youngblood, Theodore	Doerr, Daniel

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Gilman, Jacob. This is the first murder case to be tried in Monroe County (*History of Randolph, Monroe, Perry Counties*, page 147) for the death of a young man. Gilman died under suspicious circumstances on December 22, 1827, Jewett Varnum was held by coroner's jury, indicted for murder March 8, 1828. Case was tried again August 13, 1828 and Varnum was acquitted. (*Arrowheads to Aerojets*, page 278).

Askin, John died of a shooting. Suspect was Charles Notter. Inquest was April 15, 1876 at Moredock Precinct. No burial place listed.

Bailey, Robert C., teacher, was stabbed. Suspect James (Jesse, Emmett) McBride. Inquest January 21, 1882. Court record Box A53. ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER January 22, 1882; ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL April 8, 1885 states Jesse McBride was pardoned by Governor Oglesby.

Bell, Jefferson died of monoxide gas. Inquest was December 6, 1955 at courthouse. No suspect listed. Burial place unknown.

Male Infant was murdered and concealed by Amelia Roth late of Monroe County, a married woman who had lived apart from her husband for three years. She killed the male child March 5, 1875. Jury found she was of unsound mind. Box A52.

Male Infant murdered by Mary Ensinger. Jurors found her guilty of killing male child. February 12, 1876. Box A52.

Schwartz, Henry of Maeysville was stabbed. The suspect in the case was Bryant Ievelys. He was buried at the U.C.C. Cemetery, Maysville. The inquest was held at Maysville July ? 1872.

Gatch, Benjamin was murdered by Charles O'Fical ? December, 1871. He was found guilty of murder. Box A52.

Unknown, Tramp, a male, died from a blow to the head by an unknown person. Burial of this victim was in Potters Field. The inquest was held at Waterloo July 8, 1877.

Vogel, Michael [or Lois McCray Vogel] was shot by suspect Peter Vogel. Inquest was at Renault on April 10, 1892. QUINCY DAILY JOURNAL dated April 6, 1893 gives information that Peter Vogel was "sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for killing his nephew last fall." The day after he was taken to Chester, he committed suicide by hanging. Box A55

Washausen, Henry died of a blow to the head. The suspect in the killing was William Meyer. The inquest was held in Moredock Precinct on April 28, 1897. Coroner record in Box A56: William Meier was convicted of manslaughter.

Wilcox, Ben F. of Chalfin Bridge was stabbed by suspect Ben F. Raner. The inquest was held at Chalfin Bridge on October 22, 1874.

Klinger, Henry was shot with a revolver by John Winterhalter. Inquest on October 2, 1877. Buried at Hartman Cemetery. Box A53: John Winterholter murdered Henry Klinger with a revolver per WATERLOO ADVOCATE dated Oct. 4, 1877. Also the ROCKFORD JOURNAL of October 13, 1877 notes this murder took place at Harrisonville. Name also appears as "Clinger."

Ives, Joseph was stabbed by Elisa Yates. Inquest March 18, 1882 at courthouse. Burial in Potters Field. Box A53.

Connors, William was assaulted by George Meier August 12, 1894. Then shot and murdered. Box A53.

McMahon Family – near Yankee Prarie. Indians killed part of the family. See April 13, 1848 ILLINOIS WEEKLY STATE JOURNAL.

McMahon, Margaret was killed by husband, Barney McMahan. He killed wife and burned her body August 9, 1874. Box A52. MASSACHUSETTS SPY dated November 20, 1874; see also Complaint: The People against Barney McMahon filed November 9, 1874.

McNabb, Lucien was killed by John Cavanaugh, who threw a beer glass at victim striking him in the head. Cavanaugh and Valentine Seiger had a fight. Cavanaugh threw a beer glass at Seiger and missed. The glass struck Lucian McNabb of Randolph County in the back of his head and he died instantly. Box A54.

Loch, Nicholas was shot May 13, 1885 by Louis Griffin. He may have been resisting arrest. Inquest was at Mitchie Precinct. Buried Miller Cemetery. Box A54.

Brandt, William of Maeystown was killed by gun shot. The suspect was William Hoffmann. The inquest was held in Maeystown on September 7, 1903. He was buried at Maeystown. The following newspapers state that William Hoffmann murdered his father-in-law. Refer to BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRATE Sept. 11, 1903; The QUINCY DAILY JOURNAL of Sept. 12, 1903; Trial in the QUINCY DAILY JOURNAL of Oct. 8, 1904. Box A56.

Dollar, Louisa of Columbia was killed by gun shot on June 21, 1910 by Louis Dollar, her 20 year old son who was of unsound mind. Inquest June 24, 1910 Burial was at Columbia U.C.C. BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT July 1, 1910.

Dwyer, William was killed by gun shot by suspect Jacob Terwchter. The inquest was held at Renault on August 4, 1901. Burial was at Tipton.

Kissel, Henry Sr. died of a fractured skull. The suspect was William Kissel. The inquest was held April 11, 1915 at Renault. The burial was in Red Bud. William Kissel delivered a blow to the head with a neck yoke. Box A57.

Merlenbach, Anton [Millenbach] died from shock caused by concussion of the brain. He had been hit in the head by an unknown person. The inquest was at Renault on October 19, 1906, burial was at Renault. No suspect. ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER, October 25, 1906 article entitled "Whitecaps Stone Man to Death," tells the victim was tied to a post and stoned by unnamed persons. Merlenbach died at Dr. Wilhelmj's home in Renault two hours after the incident. QUINCY DAILY JOURNAL dated October 25, 1906 indicates date of death October 20. Survivors were his wife and five small children.

Derousi William. He had been shot by Alexis Godair. Accomplice was Henry Garneau. The inquest was on December 16, 1883, Renault Precinct. Burial place not listed. Box A54. CINCINNATI POST December 18, 1883.

Ditch, Willaim T. died May 16, 1884. Manslaughter charges were against Monroe M. Gray who shot the victim. Inquest was held at Moredock Precinct. Box A53. DAILY GAZETTE, Rockford, IL May 17, 1884; DAILY ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER May 17, 1884; ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC December 17, 1890 and November 18, 1890.

Eich, Bernard died from blows to his body. Inquest was held October 2, 1877 at Mrs. Sheglers. Frederick Meyer, Sr. killed victim with a double barrel shotgun. Frederick Meyer, Jr. was an accessory to this murder. Box A53. WATERLOO ADVOCATE dated October. 4, 1877.

Farmer, Frank died from gun shot. His residence was in Maine. Fletcher Warnock was the shooting suspect. Burial was in Waterman Cemetery. The inquest was held in Columbia Precinct on March 25, 1881.

Fults, Jacob died of a shooting. Suspect was W. S. Burrows. Justifiable homicide was ruled. Inquest was held November 7, 1882 at Glasgow City (Renault). Fults was buried at Dick Cemetery in Fults. FT. WAYNE DAILY GAZETTE and GALVESTON WEEKLY NEWS, November 9, 1882 state he was killed at the polls.

Fultz, Melissa died of a shooting. The suspect was Edward Clark. Inquest was at Chalfin Bridge on September 29, 1886. Burial was at Fults Cemetery. JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT, Jackson, Michigan, October 1, 1886. Eddie Clark, 17, killed Melissa as she was walking home from school (Chalfin Bridge area), then he shot himself.

Goetz, Annie died from a blow to the head. Suspect is unknown. No other information available. Inquest November 8, 1877.

Goetz, Henry died of a shooting by John Carl Stall (Stahl). Inquest was held at Columbia on November 10, 1877. Stahl was lynched for the killing. DAILY INTER OCEAN (Chicago) November 12, 1877.

Gray, Mrs. M. M. [Monroe] died of a shooting. Suspect was Mr. M. M. Gray. Inquest was at Moredock Precinct on May 16, 1884. Burial was at Miles Cemetery. Box A53.

Harwick, Karl died from a shooting. No suspect listed. Inquest was at Waterloo on August 31, 1890.

Josten, Mence [Mens] was shot by Louis Loyson. Inquest was held at Harrisonville January 1, 1889. Box A55. ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC January 2, 1889.

Lunsford, Josephene died from smothering. Her inquest was at Waterloo December 18, 1876. No suspect named.

Morris, John died of a stabbing. The suspect was Andrew Jackson. Inquest was at Mitchie on March 1, 1876. Box A52: Jack Applegate accused of murdering Morris with a knife. WATERLOO ADVOCATE dated March 9, 1876.

Murphy, William of Chalfin Bridge died from a blow to the head with a fence post. The suspect was Stephan McCory. Inquest was at Chalfin Bridge on September 16, 1877. Burial was at Miller Cemetery. WATERLOO ADVOCATE dated September 20, 1877. Box A53.

Riss, Michel died September 2, 1881. Cause of death is unknown. Cannot identify this as a murder. Inquest was at Burksville Precinct on September 2, 1881 and burial was at Huses Land.

Rusteberg, August died of a hemorrhage and fractured skull by unknown persons who used a club. Inquest was at New Hanover on November 12, 1914. Burial was at Waterloo Cemetery. August was the father of John Rusteberg and the uncle of Henry A. Loehr. (Coroner's Box A30).

Unknown, white male died August 29, 1903 of wounds to the head. Foul play is noted. Inquest was at Ivy and burial was at Bealgels Island.

Unknown, male was hit in the head and thrown into the river. There was no suspect. Inquest was at Harrisonville April 10, 1907, and burial at Meisner Island.

Wagner, George died of gun shot. The suspect: John Moffit. Inquest was in Waterloo Precinct on August 20, 1900. Burial site not available.

Youngblood, Theodore died of a gun shot inflicted by Austin Durrer. Inquest was at Moredock Precinct on November 16, 1900. JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT OF November 17, 1900 states Daniel Doerr shot Youngblood. ILLINOIS STATE REGISTER of November 18, 1900 states the killing of Youngblood by Austin Durrer was justifiable.

Boody, William died of gun shot by an unknown party. Inquest was at Waterloo October 2, 1930. Burial in St. Louis, Missouri.

Cutler, Clarence was murdered by Willie Hays who confessed to the murder. Inquest was at Waterloo January 12, 1953. Burial was at East St. Louis.

Grosse, Hattie died of a gun shot wound to the chest inflicted by suspect Gus L. Buettner. Inquest was at Waterloo May 16, 1939 and burial was at Waterloo City Cemetery. Coroner's Inquest Box

A34 gives long description of circumstances surrounding the murder. Information given by John H. Mitchell and his wife, Myrtle Mitchell. Newspaper account WATERLOO REPUBLICAN of May 17, 1939 gives sordid details of the dual murder of Grosse and Wetzler. Buettner killed himself in Smithon, Illinois. See more details and photos from TRUE magazine.

Kaempfe, Norma died of a gun shot inflicted by husband Charles Kaempfe, the suspect. She was 31. Inquest was at Columbia July 19, 1921 and burial was at Columbia U.C.C. Cemetery.

Koch, Ferdinand died of a fractured skull. Suspect was Leo Hoffstetter. Inquest was at Fults on May 2, 1927, and burial was at Lutheran Cemetery at St. Joe. Information was provided by Samuel Hoffstetter. Box A58. (Criminal Transcript Box A-29): Leo Hoffstetter on 29 April 1927, did kill and murder Koch in and upon the head. Koch died May 1, 1927.

Micele, (Miceli) Leo died of gun shot by an unknown party. The inquest was held at Waterloo October 2, 1936. Burial was in St. Louis. He had been shot six times; was 37 years old. He was removed to St. Louis, Mo, and then to Chicago, IL for burial.

Reichenbach, William was hit by a car driven by Charles Leiser. The inquest was at Columbia on November 19, 1946. Burial was at Columbia U.C.C. Cemetery.

Wetzler, Willis. Died of a gun shot of the chest inflicted by suspect Gus L. Buettner. Inquest was at Waterloo on May 16, 1939. Burial was at Maeystown. (Coroner's Inquest Box A34): Long description of circumstances surrounding the murder in the file. Information provided by John H. Mitchell and his wife, Myrtle Mitchell. See WATERLOO REPUBLICAN dated May 17, 1939 for the dual murder of Wetzler and Hattie Grosse. Buettner committed suicide in Smithon, IL. See more details and photos in TRUE magazine article.

Austin, Love died of gunshot. Inquest was December 21, 1902 at Harrisonville. Suspect: Kid Jenkins (colored). Love's burial was in Dennis Hollow. Court record Box A56 states victim was killed with revolvers by William Ray. His accomplice was Kid Jenkins.

Riebeling, Louis shot by Louis Landgraf while hunting. Inquest on December 22, 1912 at Schneider Residence; burial in Columbia City Cemetery. He was born August 22, 1884. Box A30.

Tompson, Frank was shot by William Seeger(?). Inquest was at Tompson's House July 7, 1884. Burial was at Miller Cemetery. Box A53 data: William Saeger murdered victim by shooting Frank Thompson in the abdomen. Case entered a second time. Box A53.

Havey, Robert Emmett died of carbon monoxide gas poisoning. Inquest at Waterloo August 26, 1953. He was born January 29, 1925 to Alois and Winifrid Dunn Havey. Open verdict. Burial at Hecker Catholic Cemetery.

Horan, Johanna – drowned. Inquest July 10, 1932 at Kidd. Suspect unknown. Burial in St. Louis.

Kneckelhahn, Henry – cause of death undetermined. Suspect undetermined. Inquest on August 22, 1931 at Waterloo. Burial at Waterloo City Cemetery.

Krack, John died of fractured neck. Inquest October 23, 1937 at Waterloo. The suspect was not determined. Burial place unknown. Coroner's Box 34 gives information that the cause of the injury was not known. He was found lying on the highway bleeding from his mouth and head. He was taken to the Alms House where he died.

Litsch, Frank died of gun shot wound by unknown party or parties. Inquest was at Valmeyer October 11, 1925. Burial was at St. Louis. He was hunting on a sandbar with Helen Tickart when shots came from unknown men. (Coroner's Box A32).

Puler, Hubert A. Jr. Date of inquest June 23, 1946 at Waterloo. Cause: open verdict; Suspect: open verdict. Burial place unknown.

Wallhaus, Arthur. Inquest November 5, 1938 at Waterloo. Cause of death: monoxide gas. Suspect not determined. Burial in Kolmer Cemetery. (Coroner's Box A34). Arthur was 44 years of age. Information from brothers, Louis and Herman Wallhaus and his son, Paul Wallhaus.

Winterhalter, John (Coroner Book 1 1869-1897) Was shot and died October 2, 1887. Burial in Hartman Cemetery. See Klinger, Henry. Winterhalter was convicted of murdering Klinger with a revolver in 1877. Box A53.

Collins, R. B. Inquest June 5, 1894 at Waterloo. Cause of death: Scalded. Suspect: Accidental (RR). No burial information. (Box A55 record): Richard Nagel was convicted of murder; displaced railroad switch causing a train to overturn and kill the fireman of the train, Robert B. Collins.

Juliet, Albert (Circuit Court Record Box A-57). Trial held September 6, 1916 for the murder of Albert Juliet by Louis Loyson. Criminal Transcript Box A29 states Louis Loyson shot and killed Albert Juliet May 6, 1916 with a revolver. The crime was witnessed by John Burkhardt.

Merz, Ben – (Criminal Transcripts Box A29): Joseph Hermann, alias Joseph Harmon, did unlawfully, feloniously, willfully and with malice aforethought make an assault in and upon Ben Merz with a knife and did kill and murder him. No date, but probably in 1925. Coroner record Box A57.

Voelker, Alois S. Coroner Inquest December 10, 1904, (Box A30). He died December 10, 1904 from accidental discharge of a 22 rifle in the hands of 11 year old Kate Becker.

Roemer, Edwin C. (Coroner's Inquest Box A-30). Unknown white man (floater) came to death by drowning, June 1908. Mr. E. C. Rauth came down from St. Louis and took charge of the body which he said was his cousin.

Voss, Edwin, (Coroner's Inquest, Box A-30). He came to his death by a bullet wound. He was the son of Theodore Voss and was 4-1/2 years old and was accidentally shot by Elmer Rosemeier's son.

Schneider, Anna Mary, came to her death May 13, 1915 by falling into a tub of hot liquid soap being cooked by her mother, Mary Schneider. Anna was born 17 November 1911. (Coroner Box A31).

Schneider, Peter was killed by Larry McDonald by pushing him into the Mississippi River. Box A56 – Book: 1896-1904.

McTique, Peter J. came to his death October 2, 1930 by gunshot wound of the head fired by parties unknown. O.J. Maul, Sheriff of Monroe County, reports that he got a call from the police department in St. Louis advising him that they had a man in City Hospital in St. Louis who said that two men were dead and one wounded near Valmeyer, IL. Maul then got Dr. Maeys, the coroner, and found a man who had a bullet wound in his chest. They sent this man by ambulance to hospital in East St. Louis, IL. As they went on their way to find the two dead men, they saw three men who they suspected were the shooters. They arrested them and sent them to jail. They then proceeded on to the isolated spot on the Mississippi River and found a cabin riddled with bullet holes and a machine gun under the cot of one of the dead bodies. It was impossible to find any evidence to establish who might have done the shooting. (See Boody, William)

Daniel, Alvis E. Inquest 28 Sept. 1944. The only thing found was part of his skeletal remains. A billfold was found with his ID. He was a soldier from Jefferson Barracks, MO. Information provided by Josephine Schmidt and Victor Fischer. (Coroner's Inquest Box A34).

Stockel, Mary was shot and killed by her husband upon his return from a hunt. Inquest was held at Renault October 20, 1901 and death was ruled accidental. No burial place listed. WATERLOO REPUBLICAN, January 23, 1902 reports that Susan Modglin made a complaint before Squire Fults charging foul play. BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT of January 30, 1902 states that the city is excited that Anton Staekel was taken into custody on the charge of wife's murder. Box A56.

Jobusch, Louis H. Kid Gleason murdered Jobusch, formerly of Waterloo, on 28 January 1909. "Gleason, murderer, thief, crook and sneak, was shot and killed by detective Al Wetzel near 14th & Chestnut Streets, St. Louis at 12:30 a.m. Tuesday morning while trying to bulldoze officers of the law [1919]." See WATERLOO TIMES, January 10, 1919 Volume 50. No. 6.

LEROY BUNDY CASE (WATERLOO REPUBLICAN April 16, 1919). Not a Monroe County case. Trial was held in Monroe County.

CHICKEN THIEVES --"BUD NELSON, a reputed East St. Louis police character was shot and killed by St. Clair County farmer, Alex Koskoski, who found a remedy to stop the chicken thieves." WATERLOO REPUBLICAN, April 16, 1919.

Johnson, Cathy C., age 38, of 200 block of North Moore, Waterloo, was stabbed by her estranged husband, William Edgar Johnson, Feb. 1, 1986, as she was driving to work at the intersection of

State Route 3 & New Hanover Road. Mr. Johnson of 600 block of Mark Drive, Waterloo ended his life by stabbing himself in the throat after killing his estranged wife. **REPUBLIC TIMES** dated February 5, 1986.

Augustine, John was murdered approximately June 22, 1866 by John Lane near "Ft. Monroe" two miles north of Columbia. This was a grocery or saloon. Dr. Payne found Augustine lying dead. John Lane had murdered a woman and her child in the Bottom two years prior. The populace became very excited when these murders were narrated and the infuriated mob took charge and Lane was lynched. Source: **WATERLOO ADVOCATE** June 22, 1866; **The DEMOCRAT, BELLEVILLE** June 23, 1866; **CINCINNATI DAILY ENQUIRER** June 21, 1866.

Henze, Henry or William was shot and killed on July 5, 1860 by Henry Alters. Alters was hung in Waterloo, Il for the crime. **WATERLOO TIMES** column in **BELLEVILLE NEWS DEMOCRAT** dated February 13, 1920. **99 NOOSES: ILLINOIS JUSTICE AT THE END OF A ROPE, 1779-1896** John A Logan College Library IC9. **ARROWHEADS TO AEROJETS**, page 279.

Beason, John W. was killed by Charles W. Hawkins at Waterloo according to the July 14, 1868 issue of **PATRIOT** (Harrisburg, Pa.) and the **QUINCY WHIG** of same date.

Berniking, William was beaten by a mob in old Burksville last August and died approximately December 16, 1895. He had been struck on the head by a singletree in the hands of unknown party during a fight between the town and country boys. **ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC** dated December 18, 1895.

Bethler, Jacob, a Swiss man, was murdered near Waterloo by a man with whom he was boarding. The murderer's name was Holley according to **TIMES-PICAYUNE**, New Orleans dated January 8, 1853.

Dowling, Peter, a constable of Waterloo, was murdered on the 19th [August 1855] by John Leiper. A dispute arose over a game of cards, when Leiper drew a revolver and shot Dowling per the **ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL**, August 22, 1855. **WATERLOO PATRIOT**, cited in *Southern Crimes and Horrors*, gives graphic details of the quarrel over 'chuckle luck' at Chalfin prairie.

Hobbs, Mr. was murdered ? 1854 in the American Bottom, near Waterloo by Alexander Gilbert. Gilbert delivered himself to the Sheriff and was held to bail in the sum of \$600. **DAILY MISSOURI REPUBLICAN** (St. Louis, Mo.) dated March 17, 1854.

Eidmann, Henry was robbed and killed by William Heath and Ellsbury May with whom they were riding. The murderers were arrested and lodged in Monroe County jail. **QUINCY DAILY HERALD** January 25, 1866 quotes **WATERLOO PATRIOT** and see also **ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL** January 25, 1866.

Gelse, Henry and wife ? were murdered, and their house [in Columbia] pillaged. Charles Stahl was arrested as the murderer. November 16, 1877, **ST. ALBANS MESSENGER**, St. Albans, VT.

Lepp, Mrs., was murdered by her father, Philip Best. Accomplice was a John Roller or Roland. Best was tried in Randolph Court, Chester. A verdict of manslaughter was returned by the jury. Best was sentenced to eight years imprisonment in the penitentiary. DAILY UNION, Washington, D.C. December 27, 1854; SUN, Baltimore, MD, December 30, 1854; ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL May 11, 1855.

Reichert, Michael, was run over by Mobile and Ohio passenger train No. 3 at 9:30 p.m. The trainmen picked up the body and discovered that it was cold and had probably been dead for some time. Coroner Sennott was to investigate the case the next morning. ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC (SPECIAL) October 30, 1900.

Rhinedinger, Chrisman. Conspirators executed victim by hanging. It is reported that three Chrisman brothers and a Miller were the murderers. See "Awful Fratricide" PLAINS DEALER Cleveland, OH, February 17, 1849.

Tyson, Henry. On December 17, 1838 his body was discovered in a pond partly covered with weeds, having been shot through the head. He had left his home October 31, 1838 to go to the Divers farm, situated about 15 miles S.E. from Illinoistown {E. St. Louis} and nothing had been heard or seen of him. COLUMBIAN REGISTER New Haven, CT January 20, 1838.

Schirling, G. a farmer, and a physician (name not given) had a fight. When the constable arrived he threw Schirling downstairs, where he died a few moments later. The doctor and constable were both arrested. PRESS Philadelphia, PA January 13, 1858.

Woodcock, Eleanor. Her burned body was found in a field. She was either assaulted and foully murdered, or was the victim of an accident. Eleanor had lived in the house of her uncle, William Pryor. She was keeping house for her brother, Richard Woodcock, Jr., a cousin, Edward Pryor, and two strangers, Steve Notter and William Bediger. QUINCY DAILY JOURNAL October 22, 1904, also October 24, 1904.

Kaiser Family Tragedy. Inquest at Harrisonville for deceased members: Edward, Ella, Ellen, Harry, John, Lenard, Morris, Thomas Kaiser. All killed in a house burning on March 1, 1878 at Thomas Land. Inquest at Ivy Landing Precinct. Theory is the father, Morris Kaiser, shot family members and set house on fire, then killed himself. See newspaper accounts: DAILY CONSTITUTION Atlanta, GA of March 10, 1878; DAILY INTER OCEAN (Chicago) of March 4, 1878; DAILY REGISTER Rockford, IL of March 5, 1878.

Whiteside Children – Slain by Indians. One or two of Colonel Whiteside's children were killed and scalped a few hundred yards from Whiteside's station in present County of Monroe. 1795 or 1802. See John Reynolds article, "A Narrative of an Indian Tragedy In Illinois 1795" – ILLINOIS STATE JOURNAL dated May 5, 1857. The Whites were equally savage and performed bloody acts.