

TUSCANIA

Grear, Roy William
1895 MO – 1946 MO

Roy W. Grear Dies In Excelsior Springs

Roy William Grear, 51, of La Plata, died at the Veteran's Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Saturday night, the Kirksville Daily Express said yesterday.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grear, he was born at Kenwood, Mo., March 17, 1895. When about ten years old, he came with his parents to La Plata and most of the time since then he has lived there. He served in World War I.

He is survived by his parents, and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. William Gassaway of Joliet, Illinois, Ora of Mattfield Green, Kansas, Mrs. G. D. Mott of Stockton, California, Mrs. Etta Fulmer and Wilsey Grear, both of La Plata; and Mrs. V. W. Spear of Fairbanks, Alaska. One brother died in infancy.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, it was stated.

Obituary of Roy William Grear - "Macon [MO] Chronicle-Herald" 5 Nov 1946 p 1

GREAR, ROY W. 249,974 W
(Surname) (Christian name) (Army serial number) (Race)

Residence:
LA PLATA, MO
(Street and house number) (Town or City) (County) (State)
*Inducted at: JEFF BARRACKS on 11/24/1917

Place of birth: Age or date of birth: 22 2/3 YRS

Organizations served in, with dates of assignments and transfers:
158 AER SQ TO DISCHARGE

Grades, with date of appointment:
CK 2/19

Engagements:
Wounds or other injuries received in action:
Served overseas from † 1/24/1918 To † 3/7/1919 from † To †
Honorable discharged on demobilization Y
In view of occupation he was, on date of discharge, reported N per cent disabled

Remarks:

From the MO State Archives – courtesy of Steven Schwartz of Renton WA

S. No. 2
M-2-43
r. 5-17-30
B-1 X35697

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
FILED NOV 25 1946
Registration District No. 71

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
Primary Registration District No. 3012

State File No. 36394
Registrar's No. 147

1. PLACE OF DEATH:
(a) County... Clay
(b) City or town... Excelsior Springs, Missouri
(c) Name of hospital or institution... Veterans Administration Hospital
(d) Length of stay: In hospital or institution... 11 days
In this community... 11 days

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:
(a) State... Missouri (b) County... Macon
(c) City or town... LaPlata
(d) Street No. 422 N. Brown
(e) Citizen of foreign country? No

3. (a) PRINT FULL NAME Roy William Grear
(b) If veteran, name was World War I
(c) Social Security No. 498-10-9469

4. Sex Male
(b) Name of husband or wife...
(c) Age of husband or wife if alive...
(d) Birth date of deceased... March 17 1895

5. Color or race White
(b) Name of husband or wife...
(c) Age of husband or wife if alive...
(d) Birth date of deceased... March 17 1895

6. AGE: Years 51 Months 7 Days 16

7. Birthplace Kenwood Missouri
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

8. Usual occupation Cement worker - unemployed

9. Industry or business

10. Name Edward Grear
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

11. Birthplace Martha Pruett
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

12. Birthplace Missouri
(City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

13. Informant Hospital Records, Veterans Administration Hospital
(b) Address Excelsior Springs, Missouri
(c) Date thereof 11-24-46
(d) Place of removal: LaPlata, Mo.

14. Signature of funeral director...
(b) Address Excelsior Springs, Missouri
(c) Date thereof 11/11/46

15. Signature of Registrar...
(b) Address Excelsior Springs, Mo.

16. DATE OF DEATH: Month November day 2 year 1946 hour 9:00 minute P. M.

17. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from October 23 1946 to November 2 1946.
that I last saw him alive on November 2 1946.
and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death Tuberculosis, pulmonary chronic, far advanced, bilateral
Duration Unknown

18. MEDICAL CERTIFICATION
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22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) ...
(b) Date of occurrence ...
(c) Where did injury occur? ...
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? ...

23. Signature of H. KAPLAN, M.D., CLINICAL DIRECTOR
Address: Veterans Administration Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Mo.

WRITE PLAINLY—USE UNFADING BLACK INK—MAKE A PERMANENT RECORD

36394

MO death certificate – died of tuberculosis at Veterans Administration Hospital, Excelsior Springs, Clay MO

CHECK TYPE REQUIRED
(See instructions attached)

☐ UPRIGHT MARBLE HEADSTONE
☐ UPRIGHT GRANITE HEADSTONE
☐ FLAT MARBLE MARKER
☒ FLAT GRANITE MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE OR MARKER
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enlistment dates Nov. 24, 1917
Discharge dates APRIL 1, 1919
Pension number C-1487974
Serial number 249974

ORIGINAL

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<u>GREAR, ROY W.</u>	<u>Cook</u>	<u>158th</u>	<u>Aero Squadron</u> <u>Air Service</u>	<u>Nov. 2, 1946</u>

Name of Cemetery LaPlata
City LaPlata State Mo.
If World War Veteran Division State Mo.
EMBLEM Christian
Hebrew
None

To be shipped to Martha M. Grear at Santa Fe LaPlata, Macon, Mo.
(Name of consignee) (Give it. R., NAME OF TOWN, county, and State)

Whose post-office address is LaPlata, Mo.

DO NOT WRITE HERE
For verification FEB 18 1947
W. CHELMOWICZ, MASS. MAY 2, 1947
Ordered 6698343
B/L _____
Shipped _____

This application is for a headstone or marker for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. The Government STONE will be furnished and shipped freight prepaid at Government expense to you direct, where "Delivery Service" by the railroad is in effect; otherwise to the nearest railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone or marker at destination, remove it, and properly place it at decedent's grave at my expense.

Martha M. Grear Applicant.
(Signature of Applicant)
Address LaPlata Mo. Date 2-13-1947

WAB DEPARTMENT O. & M. G. Form No. 623 Approved Aug. 12, 1913; May 18, 1931; Feb. 15, 1937; May 1, 1939; July 1, 1940; July 1, 1948.

IMPORTANT—COMPLETE REVERSE SIDE 16-11453-1 GPO

appt sent 2-20-47
marked 2/20/47
Date of Birth March 17, 1895

Veteran headstone application -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2375/images/40050_520307095_0381-02593?pid=914773

GREAR ROY W 202 (10) X C 1 487 974

Cook 158 Aero Squad K

La Plata Mo A 1 239 163

Ssn 249 974 Died 11-2-46 T

Born 3/17/95 R

Enl 11/24/17 Dis 4/1/19 CL 477 563

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U. S. VETERANS BUREAU
MAIL AND RECORDS
Form 7202—Rev. Sept., 1926

INDEX CARD *** 2-17060 965

Veterans Administration Master Index – <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS1J-XWM1-W?view=index&personArk=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3AQRCY-S9N2&action=view&cc=2968245&lang=en>

ROY W. GREAR PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

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One brother died in infancy.

Funeral services are being held today, Thursday, at the Community Presbyterian Church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Fred L. Hudson. Burial was made in the La Plata cemetery.

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La Plata MO

Life

Chrystal Sparks and Roy Grear went to Marceline Saturday to work on the pipe line. A new 4 mile spur is being put in there. The main work on the 3 mile spur here was completed last Friday.

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La Plata MO

Roy Grear was accidentally hurt while helping put up ice for Hosea Johnson Wednesday evening. He was unconscious for awhile. He was taken home and his injuries seem to be mainly in his hip and leg

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Fri, Jan 21, 1916 · Page 5

LUMBER YARD AND ELEVATOR BURNS

**Rain In The Morning Probably Saved Many
Other Buildings From Loss**

About midnight Monday, La Plata was again visited by a disastrous fire which for a time threatened the business houses around the square.

Fire was first discovered in the office of the W. C. Arnold Lumber Company by the night engineer at the light plant, who turned in the alarm. The fire had reached such headway that it was impossible to extinguish it and it soon spread to the entire yards. The wind was blowing considerable and it soon whipped the flames to the adjoining elevator owned by H. G. Reyner & Son and soon it was a mass of flames. The entire town turned out and did what they could to extinguish the flames with their buckets, but with little avail. Practically all the business houses around the block had parties on top of them to extinguish the flying embers which were coming down in torrents. The rain which fell Monday morning and dampened the roofs and did much toward relieving the situation or the fire might have run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

But for the heroic effort of many of the citizens and especially the crew of a Wabash Freight which happened to be in here at the time of the fire the granery would also have been destroyed. The engine of the freight was run up close to the fire and steam and water was turned on the flames which did much in checking the flames.

**LA PLATA HAS \$40,000
FIRE TUESDAY MORNING**

The loss will reach between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and was partially covered by insurance. The lumber yard was a total loss. In the elevator was stored several hundred bushels of corn and oats which was licked up by the flames. In the adjoining building was more than a car of flour together with much feed. The flour was removed undamaged.

Had it not been for the rain following the fire things might have been different.

During the fire Roy Gear was overcome by heat and smoke and had to be taken home.

At the oil station located in the northwest part of town it was necessary to sweep the embers from the oil tanks in order to save them from explosion.

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Thu, Aug 09, 1917 - Page 1

A Letter From a La Plata Boy
New York, Jan. 20.

Mother Dear:

The Red Cross is fine. Tell them that while on our way from Cuba to New York the Red Crossers came on the train at Baltimore and served our dinner to us, which consisted of sandwiches and hot coffee, all we could eat. Of course we had been where it was hot, but not so warm here. You tell them when we got here we certainly were fitted out with their work. We all got a comfort kit, a scarf, a helmet, a pair of wristlets, a sweater, and good warm socks. Say, their work is sure a big help to us boys. Without it we would see some hard times. They certainly are the stuff for the soldiers. Mamma, don't let anyone tell you they do no good. All I want you to do is to help keep the Red Cross going. Tell Mrs. Bloom we appreciate all they do for us, and all they send us.

Well, mother, I will write my address.

Your son,

ROY W. GREAR,

158 Aero Service Squadron, Hempstead, Long Island, New York.

Letter dated 20 Jan 1918 – four days before *Tuscania* sails – “La Plata (MO) Home Press” Thursday 31 Jan 1918 p 1

Additional List of Tuscania Survivors Is Given to Public

WASHINGTON, February 10.—The War Department tonight gave out the following additional names of survivors of the Tuscania, whose homes are in the states of Missouri, Illinois and Arkansas:

Missouri.

David Davis Hall, Southwest City, also Washington, D. C.

Dewitt Schwartz, St. Louis, care Vandalia Railroad.

John M. Shortell, De Soto.

Vernon A. Baldwin, 3860 Juniata street, St. Louis.

Frank L. Perry, Joplin.

Jessie Fisher, Madison.

George Tolbert, Noxville.

Roy W. Grear, Elmer.

Included in the list given out of those on board the Tuscania whose names do not appear among the survivors are:

Everett H. Duffy, Siloam Springs, Mo.;

William G. Smith, Festus, Mo.;

William E. Vickers, Southwest City, Mo.;

Walter Alexander, Marshall, Mo.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat
Mon, Feb 11, 1918 -Page 1

St. Louis MO

Tuscania Survivor Enlisted Here

Roy W. Grear, of Elmer, Mo., one of the survivors of the sinking of the U. S. Transport, Tuscania, was enlisted in the U. S. Aviation Corps by recruiting officers in charge of the local army recruiting station. He enlisted on November 22nd, 1917.

The Kirksville Daily Journal
Thu, Feb 14, 1918 -Page 8

ROY GREAR ON ILL- FATED TUSCANIA

La Plata Boy Wires Home, Notifying
Folks That He is Safe

A telegram received in LaPlata Monday announces that Roy Grear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear, is safe, having been picked up by one of the cruisers. No other information has been received. Roy was in the 158th Aero Squadron and sailed on the ill-fated ship Tuscania.

There has been much rejoicing here since the good news came, as it was known that his company had sailed on the ship which was sunk by a German submarine.

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In the list of survivors of the Tuscania we see the name of Roy W. Grear, of Elmer, Missouri. He is a nephew of Mrs. Pruet and has been here several days at a time and is fairly well acquainted here.

The La Belle Star
Fri, Feb 15, 1918 Page 4

La Belle MO

Report Proves Erroneous

LaPlata citizens were some what excited last Tuesday when a report gained circulation that Roy Grear, one of the survivors of the Tuscania, had died. We are indeed glad to state that the report was false. People should be very careful under the present conditions in circulating false rumors.

Erroneously reported dead – “La Plata (MO) Home Press” Thursday 7 Mar 1918 p 1

Stationed at Winchester, England,
February 18, 1918.

Dear Mother, Father and All:

Will drop you a line just to let you know that I am still alive and hope that I will remain so. How are you—all well? Do hope you are. I have an awful cold but outside of that am all o. k. How are all of the babies? Kiss them all for me and all my love to each and everyone of you.

Now don't worry about me any more than can be helped. Don't you see what I mean. Oh, the many times that I have thought of home and its wonderful surroundings, and the happy days of a real mother and father, and what a real home it was to me and I do hope to be back some day just to see its standing venerable point of view.

Well, you all realize that I can't write near as much as I would like to, but you can guess the rest.

I must say good-bye now. Oh, yes, you will get a little souvenir, I am sure, but couldn't say for the life of

me when, but I do hope in the near future. Well, I must close, hoping for an early reply. Bye-bye.

With love from your son,

ROY GREAR.

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Somewhere in England.

March 4, 1918.

Mrs. Martha Grear,

LaPlata, Mo.,

Dear Mother:—Just received your letter that was dated January 21st, and I was sure glad to hear from you. It has been a long time coming, but nevertheless it was sure helpful. You want me to tell you all about where I have been but of course you realize that I can't do it, but will try and cheer you the very best that I can. I like it fine here and am feeling fine, but this country is sure gloomy and rainy, but still nothing like the old home stamping grounds. I often think about all the beautiful surroundings, but some time those days will come again, so don't worry about your lad, he will be all o. k. Tell Ora to write me a letter as I have written him since leaving Lake Charles, but haven't heard a single word.

Well mother, you tell father that I haven't seen the end of the sector for longer than three months, but some time I hope to be there and see it but of course I wouldn't dare say when. This is a jolly good place but would love for you to write me a long letter as I am always real anxious to hear from you and it does me so much good. It helps strengthen a poor lonely boy that lives across the deep blue sea.

Well mother, I must close as I will be on flying duty shortly. I am going to have my picture taken by one of the natives and let you guess. Tell Etta and Roscoe hello for me, and love to them all. Kiss babies for me.

Bye-bye. Your Son,

ROY W. GREAR.

158 Aero Service Squadron, A. E. F.

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Thu, Mar 28, 1918 Page 5

La Plata MO

Letter From Roy Gear

158 Aero Service Squadron,

March 2, 1918.

Dear Mother:

Will drop you a line to let you know that I am well and hope you the same. Just got my machine in a little while ago. It died on me this morning, so I am going to apply for a new buz for the next few flights, but they won't be like mine, because I have gotten used to it and it isn't hard for me to control now.

How is everyone at home and is it still cold up there? It is pretty cold here at present, but do hope that it will be warmer after while. How are the babies and have you seen Nellie lately? But of course I don't suppose that she comes to see you very often, does she?

Well mother, I must close for this time as my hands are almost frozen.

Bye-bye and love to you all.

Your son,

ROY GEAR.

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MACON WOMAN WHO KEEPS IN TOUCH WITH SOLDIERS.

Three Hundred Young Men of County
Represented on Her Unique
Record.

From the St. Louis Republic.

"Somebody cares."

Since August, 1917, Mrs. John T. Doneghy has kept in touch with nearly all of the 300 young men—100 volunteers—who have gone out from Macon county to fight the battle for Uncle Sam.

Her own son having promptly answered the call, and now wearing the bars of a lieutenant, Mrs. Doneghy understands what every mother feels and the yearning of the young soldier for a mother's love in the Great Adventure.

A boy's parents may be dead, or those closest of kin may be indifferent hands at writing, but he will have in "The Woman Who Cares" a most prompt and kindly correspondent and sympathizing friend.



MRS. JOHN T. DONEGHY

Already Mrs. Doneghy's "soldier boy mail" has grown to astonishing proportions, but she somehow finds time to answer every letter, in her own hand-write, with pen and ink. No clattering typewriter with its formal print carries her letters to the men called to the colors.

First, each man receives a blank which he fills out, giving his name, parents names, age, rank, where and when he enlisted, names of commanders and "remarks." These blanks, when filled, are alphabetically filed, and to them are added later promotions, movements and incidents. The constantly arriving letters from this country and from France give this newer information, which is attached to the blanks. Newspaper stories involving Macon county men are properly added to the files.

As an illustration: Aviator Roy Grear enlisted at Elmer, Macon county, November 22; going across, his ship, the Tusclania was torpedoed, but he escaped. The incident is preserved for the forthcoming "War Story" by a magazine picture of the stricken transport, the story of the disaster and a photograph of the Macon county aviator on board.

The papers are gleaned diligently for every scrap of information. Then, if the soldier is uneasy about things at home there is some one to whom he can write, and who will answer promptly and fully.

Such a friend at home is having a good effect on the morale of the young soldiers. For nothing on earth would they do a thing that would be discreditable in her eyes. For they know she is tenderly watching and praying.

Some officials have written Mrs. Doneghy expressing their appreciation of the task she has voluntarily assumed. They know what it means to young fellows suddenly jerked up from the field and village, many of whom have never before been far from home any length of time.

The other day a boy wrote from camp:

"Good news to you, Mrs. Doneghy! I'll soon be on the way to France!"

Not boastful, no braggart writes these letters. They tell of comrades and advancements but refer only briefly to their own. It is evident that the best thing that could come to them, according to their way of looking at it, would be orders that would bring them into action.

None of these letters express hate to the enemy. No one writes that he is "going to put a head on the Kaiser."

This delightful work has given me an insight to the American soldier lad as nothing else could do," said Mrs. Doneghy. "In reporting to me matters, they all write eagerly about some comrade who has been promoted, or assigned to some important duty. When they mention themselves they set it down shortly and towards the last. And they never

tion. That convinces me of the im-
 3. fail to express their sincere apprecia-
 mense importance of compiling
 y this history as the war progresses.
 The young soldiers know, of course,
 the government will see to it that all
 the big movements and incidents of
 the army and navy are preserved, but
 to them the setting down of their
 1. own experiences has a peculiar signif-
 h icance. They want the folks back
 0 home to know they are sticking to
 a their work, and doing what they can
 r as soldiers should in the great cause."

Mrs. Doneghy comes from a line of
 1. good old fighting stock. One of her
 2. ancestors marched under the banner
 7 of Washington and another fought in
 3 the war of 1812. She has been State
 Registratr for the D. A. R., and was
 one of the organizers of the Anne
 Helme Chapter D. A. R., in her home
 town; Secretary of the Macon County
 Red Cross Chapter and County Chair-
 man of the Women's Committee, Coun-
 1. cil of Defense. Her son—John T.
 Doneghy, jr.—is now in the services
 as Regimental Radio officer, having
 begun as Second Lieutenant Field Ar-
 tillery O. R. C., Aug. 15, 1917 and was
 promoted to First Lieutenant Jan. 14,
 1918.

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March 11, 1918.

Dear Darling Mother:—Will drop you a line to let you know that Roy is about all in today, but I can tell you a real cure for it—some Horseshoe chewing and some real smoking. That would hit the spot, I do believe, and I think I am really entitled to more of it than Ora, because he can get it and I can't. It is absolutely impossible to get that kind of tobacco over here.

I like it over here, but the climate doesn't agree with me at all, but I am in the army now and have learned to do things that I almost swore I wouldn't do. And I have also learned to eat things I wouldn't eat at home, so there you are. It sure is making a real man of me in many respects. I am not done with it yet,, but mother, I haven't gotten but one pay since I have been in the army, but hope to get one soon, but if I had ten pounds to spend I couldn't get the kind of tobacco I want, because it isn't here to be had.

Well mother, dear, it is getting dark and I must close. With love to all, I am,

Your son,

ROY GREAR.

Ora is his brother, with access to better tobacco than Roy has – "La Plata (MO) Home Press" 25 Apr 1918 p 6

France, April 13, 1918

Dear mother and all:

Will drop you a line to let you know that I am fine and dandy, hope you are the same. How are the babies by now, good I hope. The weather over here is a little damp, but out side of that it is alright. Yes, dear mother you may send me a wrist watch if you like, just anything from the old U. S. A. will do at present. I haven't got a thing from you since and then it was spoiled, so you can try again, but be sure and wrap it good so as it won't tear all to pieces, because if you don't it will never come, you realize that it is a long way to come don't you know. Oh, tell Etta and Roscoe hello for me. Tell Dad that a gang of Umbries are the thing of the past over here. Well, mother it is almost time for the lights to go out so will close. Will write more next time. Love to you all.

Roy Gear.

158 Avo. Service Squadron
A. E. F. via London.

Etta Gear Fulmer & Roscoe Fulmer are his sister & brother-in-law - "La Plata (MO) Republican" 10 May 1918 p 1

Somewhere in England,
April 25, 1918.

Oh, My Dear Mother:

Will drop you a line today to let you know that I am fine and hope you the same, but of course I still have the C. B. and on account of my condition am not permittable to service at present, but will be all right in the near future.

The Red Cross is sure doing good work over here, and believe me, mother, I never knew the world was so large, but I am compelled to admit it is very large. And another thing, the girls over there don't know a thing about this war and the world. Let me explain. You know that the U. S. is my native country, but a little cruth won't hurt anyone. Girls and also the women over here work for the benefit of the soldiers—come from their homes and work for the Government for nothing, absolutely nothing, and they dress very plain and never wear any shoes, but if the girls over there had to do that here sure would go up in smoke. They also spade up the ground to plant potatoes and all such work as that. And here is something else I saw, nine small boys pulling a plow. Don't suppose you ever saw anything like

that, did you?

I received a small pocket testament from May Hamel so you tell her many thanks for it and that I use it three and four times a week and sometimes more than that. I have not received that box from you yet. Have you sent that watch yet? I hope that you have for I am sure lost without one and the ones they have over here are not much good, they won't run only when the boys do.

Listen, mother dear, I went over to a farm house and bought 5 dozen eggs and they cost me 20 shillings which means in your money \$5.00.

Bye-bye, love to one and all.

Your son, Roy Grear.
158 Aero Service Squadron, A. E. F.,
Via London.

From Roy Gear

April 25, 1918

Somewhere in Eng.

Dear Mother:

Will drop you a line today to let you know that I am fine and hope you are the same, but of course I still have the C. B. on account of my condition not permitable service at present but will be all right in the near future. I do hope that you all are good but, I don't suppose that you are not, well at all but as good as could be expected. How is the Red Cross over there? They sure do great work over here and believe me mother I never knew the world was so large but I am compelled to admit that it very large and another thing the girls over there don't know a thing about this war and the world let me explain, and you know that the U. S. is

my native country but a little truth wont hurt no one. Girls and also the women over here work to the benefit of the soldiers, come from their homes and work for the government for nothing, absolutly, nothing and they dress very plain and never wear any shoes, but if the girls over there had to do that they sure would go up in the smoke, they also spade up ground to plant potatoes and all just such work as that and here is something else else I saw nine small boys pulling a plow I dont suppose you ever saw anything like that before did you? How is the weather over there it has just begun to get warm here at present. I suppose your garden is all in bloom now. Well, that same old bunch will be alone when we all have the chance to form a

I am above a bunch like that now I never take a drop of anything stronger than tea, so you can easily see that I am a real good boy. Oh yes motuer I also received a small pocket testament from Miss May Hamel so you tell her many thanks for it, and that I use it 3 and 4 times a week. I have never gotten that box you sent yet, and have you sent me that watch yet? I hope you have I sure am lost with out one and the ones they have over here are not much good, they won't run at all, only when the boys run. Well mother how is Etta Rosco and baby, good I hope, tell them

I havn't the time to write to every one, but you can tell her hello for me and tell Inez that I got her letter all right, but I didn't she would to me, but it was sure interesting at that. Listen Mother dear, I went over to a farm house and bought five doz. eggs and they cost me 20 shillings. which is 1 pound, That means \$5.00 in your money. Well guess I have written enough so will close. Tell Dad to work too hard. Good bye, and love to all.
Your son, Roy Gear.

*References are to Etta [his sister] & her husband Roscoe Fulmer & their baby – and to sister Inez –
“La Plata (MO) Republican” Friday 17 May 1918 p 1*

Somewhere in England,
May 5, 1918

To My Dear Mother, Father

and all:—Will drop you a few lines to let you know I am well and do hope you all the same, and to let you know I just received the letter you wrote me April 9th.

Well, mother, dear you spoke in your letter of your love for your boys. I really and truly do believe you love us and your love has gained all the world's love to one poor lonely soldier Roy. Your letters sure are fine to me, but too, I get the blues sometimes, but I have been through worse than that since I have been in the army, so you see I have showed a lot of people my coolness and grit and may have an opportunity to do more of it yet before I get back, don't you think so too, mamma? I know you will say yes for me if no one else does. I do wish I could see you and have a talk with you. I sure would tell you in three hours enough to fill three hundred pages and then I wouldn't get started..

You spoke about Ora moving. I do hope it is at an end before he boards the ship for France, for I am here and that's enough. But if I could see him I sure could tell him lots of things that would do him lots of good during his voyage. Oh, if I could only talk to him a few moments for I sure do know all about water and what it can do.

I got a letter from Claudia today. She wrote it on a typewriter and believe me, it sure was a sweet letter and real interesting, but let me tell you, all of the letters I get from over there look good to me and I read each

one over until it is worn out, but still I like new news for a change. I get a letter from someone over there about every other week and I sure enjoy them all. I just got the tob you sent me in February and it was fine not like the kind they have over here. I also got a letter from Ma Gasway today.

Well, mother, what do people think of my letters over there, or do they care to read them at all? I try to do my best, but you see I have a lot on my mind that wouldn't do to write at all or, in other words, they wouldn't allow me to write it, but sure would like to anyway.

Please have father to tell any of the boys in my S. S. class to write to me, my class at the Presbyterian church, or any of the boys at the Baptist church either. I sure would enjoy a letter from any of them. You see a boy gets awful lonesome sometimes I think I could lay down and die, but that wouldn't do my country any good, would it? And besides, I am over here to help whip the Kaiser Bill and am not coming home until the job is finished.

Mother, you wanted to know when I enlisted. It was November 10th. It seems two years. Mother, hurry for the Red Cross! Tell dad not to work too hard till I see you all again.

Will close now. Answer soon.

Your son,

ROY W. GREAR

158 Aero Squad. A. E. F., via London.

Here is a little song the British and us sing:

It's a hard thing to lick the Kaiser.
How well France and England know;
But there is one more flag that will

lick the Kaiser
And that's the old Red, White and
blue.
Of course it is a yell we sing.

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May 30, 1918.

Dear mother, father and all:

Will drop you a line or two, altho I haven't heard from you for almost two weeks, but I am going to write anyway and ask why you don't write to me.

This sure is a lovely day but it will rain before morning, I expect. I am out here in the shade of the old apple tree. Well, mother, I heard from Ora since he landed in England but I can't say where, but he is safe over on this side some place, so don't worry about us, we are all right.

Well mother, I have sent a request over there for tobacco so you and Nellie, also George can send in the same box. How are you by now—well I do hope, but of course I know that you are not well at all, but as well as could be expected.

Well mother, dear, you will have to excuse me this time as I am trying to write to all of you today and it will be rather short, but I will try and say a lot in a short letter. There are a couple of yanks sitting over by the road and making so much noise I can hardly write. Well mother dear, I will cut this short and write more when I get a letter from you. Tell father hello, and that I think of him and his work. Love to all

ROY W. GREAR.

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Thu, Jun 27, 1918 · Page 5

June 11, 1918.

Dear mother, father and all:

Will drop you a line to let you know I am still alive and hope you are the same. I haven't heard from anyone back there. Of course I can't tell just what the matter could be but hope that you will get busy and drop me a line or two so I will get it in a week or ten days. I am looking every day, but the days come and go and still no news.

Well mother, it is cold enough here today that we can stand our overcoats on very nicely. The weather over here changes every time the moon does, and that is often enough.

Well mother dear, I can't write you much about the news over here, because there isn't any news to write about. Have you seen Nellie lately and what is the matter with her? I have written her five letters in the

help to me, don't you think so?

Well mother, all I want for Xmas is a big fat turkey. I am going to eat that dinner at Papa's table, now what do you think about that? Of course I know that you believe that all right, don't you? Mother, say what do you know about it, I got a letter from Aunt Alice, Katy and Meda the other day and Katy sent me a picture of her and the baby. It was real nice, but I haven't got no way of taking care of pictures that size, but I will do my best to take care of it, but when I get to the place where I can I will send it home and let you or else Nellie take care of it for me.

Are they going to have the reunion at Elmer this year? I suppose that they are tho, aren't they? Well, mother, I will close for this time and don't worry about old Roy, he will be all right. Oh, yes, you see four

last two weeks and haven't heard a word from her yet. Nothing serious I hope has gone wrong, has there? No, surely it couldn't be that she is mad?

I don't have to go on duty any more until tomorrow noon, and I am sure proud of it, too. Oh, but I sure do get tired of facing those aeroplanes. If ever I should get out of the army and someone would mention a plane to me I would be tempted to strike them. Now that is just the way I feel about it.

This country is very good, all except you never see any corn, oats or wheat. Farming is a little odd, but I have got used to it now, so it doesn't worry me at all. But I think I would like a small piece of corn bread if you don't mind to send it to me or if after you have eaten all you possibly can to eat one more piece for me and that will be a great

months in foreign service gives each and every one a seven days' leave, so I think that Roy will go to London and take in a few of the sights. I have been there once, but I couldn't see anything for the houses, so I am going to try it again. And something else you never see is a frame house. They are all brick. They say that brick is so much cheaper. They value a board over here at something like 6 bob. Now 6 bob to you will be \$1.50, so you see that is why they don't build frame houses.

Will close now. Bye-bye and love to all.

Your son,
ROY W. GREAR.

Somewhere in France,

July 14, 1918.

W. P. Johnson and family:

I will write you a few lines today. We arrived here Friday after a long ride. We landed July 1. Was on the water twelve days. I got a little sick one day. We have crossed two countries and found them nice looking places only somewhat odd to me, like Cuba. They have fine looking crops

and gardens over here and they have them in every little fence corner.

We were in a large place the Fourth of July and had a parade and speaking. Was there much doing over there?

I haven't learned to talk any French yet and don't believe I will learn it very quick. We are getting plenty to eat over here. Don't worry, I'll make it all o. k. Most all the boys here look fine and are in good shape. We passed the place where the ship which Roy Grear was on was torpedoed.

I haven't seen any of the boys from home over here yet. Ruth, send me Charles Bates' address, also Earl Hall's and give my address to his mother to send to him. I hope to be home by Xmas, and will I believe, and if I do we sure will have a big dinner.

If you don't hear from me regular don't worry, for I may not be where I can send a letter regular, but will write once a week when possible. I hope father and mother are feeling better by now. How are all the people around LaPlata? Send me the Home Press every week.

We sure had a long trip over here and can tell you lots of things when I get home again. Will close for now. Answer soon. With love from your son and brother,

Pvt. JOSEPH F. JOHNSON.

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Mrs. Roy Grear and Mrs. Roscoe Fulmer and little daughter visited relatives in Atlanta yesterday and attended the fair.

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Thu, Sep 26, 1918 · Page 4

Roy Grear arrived home last night, having recently returned from France.

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Fri, Apr 04, 1919 · Page 1

Roy Grear and wife returned to Streeter, Ill., Sunday evening after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear.

La Plata Home Press
Thu, Sep 18, 1919 · Page 4

Falling Tree Injures Man

Roy Grear was badly injured Tuesday, while at work, down near the big ditch. A tree that the men were cutting, in falling became lodged against other trees and in trying to dislodge it, he failed to get away in time and was caught beneath the tree as it fell. His collar bone was broken, shoulders dislocated and it was feared that he was injured internally. His parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear of LaPlata, came over to be with him.

"La Plata (MO) Republican" Friday, 8 Dec 1922 p 3

RETURNS FROM NAVY

Roy Grear who has been in the Navy and stationed near San Diego, California arrived home last week.

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Thu, May 15, 1924 -Page 1

In Navy? Not him?

ROY GREAR ASKS \$40,000 / DAMAGES OF SANTA FE ROAD

Roy W. Grear has filed a suit in circuit court against the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad company, asking for \$40,000 for personal damages he alleges he sustained while working for the company on May 9, 1927, near Knox, Ill. The petition states that while assisting in loading a rail laying machine he was forced to jump quickly to one side in order to prevent being caught by a small car and in doing so he wrenched and injured his back.

Roy Grear vs A. T. & S. F. R. R. Co. Suit on damages. Notice of filing of petition and bond for removal filed and petition and bond to remove the cause to the U. S. district court and remove bond filed.

Clark County Courier
Fri, Dec 09, 1927 -Page 12

Kahoka MO

Interesting Trials Up Next Week

Several Jury Cases And Important
Decisions to Come In Circuit
Court Monday

Beginning Monday of next week, some of the most important legal cases will be heard when the circuit court resumes its setting here. Most of this week's cases were settled out of court. Roy Grear appears as plaintiff in a damage suit against the Santa Fe, and as defendant in a divorce suit.

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" Thursday 22 Mar 1928 p 1

VERDICT FOR \$8,000
Roy Grear, a section boss on the Santa Fe railroad was awarded \$8,000 damages for personal injuries against the road by a jury in the La Plata Circuit Court Wednesday night. The road will appeal the case.

The Macon Republican
Fri, Mar 30, 1928 -Page 1

Macon MO

From a Tuscania Survivor.
 To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch:

I AM a survivor of a disaster such as the Vestris, only my experience occurred on Feb. 5, 1918, in the Irish Sea. The name of the vessel was Tuscania. We lost out of 2560 only 419, but I want to say to you that it sure was noticeable. On the ill-fated Vestris I notice something about orders which were given somewhat different from what the skipper gave us. The only orders we got were everybody for himself and the devil for all.

God alone knows what happened. So many things that it would be impossible to remember them all. I myself got into the water to stay for only a short time—some 40 or 50 minutes—and I sure was dead when I was picked up by a patrol boat. Not only the Vestris victims, but anyone who is shipwrecked, sure has my heartfelt sympathy.

La Plata, Mo. ROY W. GREAR.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
 Sun, Nov 25, 1928 ·Page 38

St. Louis MO

Fined On Bad Check Charge
 Roy Grear was arraigned in Justice of Peace Lindsey's court this morning on a charge of passing a worthless check. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$5 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Kirkville Daily Express and Kirkville Daily News
 Fri, May 30, 1930 ·Page 8

a meet was being held.
 LaPlata citizens were somewhat excited last Tuesday when the report gained circulation that Roy Grear, one of the survivors of the Tuscania, had died. We are indeed glad to state that the report was false. People should be very careful under the present conditions in circulating false rumors.

La Plata Home Press
 Thu, Mar 10, 1932 · Page 3

Reynolds-Martin Post

American Legion Post No. 282 at their regular meeting, Tuesday, June 14th, 1932, voted to publish the original article printed in the LaPlata Home Press under date of June 2nd, 1932 and the full list of ex-Service men signing the original answer to same.

They felt they should run this article as a paid item in this weeks Home Press in fairness to the four comrades whose names were printed in last weeks issue.

A LaPlata Soldier Refused

The present-day talk about soldiers bonus and loans and such war-time remunerations brought to light one former soldier who refused to accept anything from the government except his regular pay while serving.

"I had never had a vacation—worked since I was just a kid, and that trip across the waters was a chance I had never expected to have. I saw the world, had many experiences and came back without a scratch. So, I do not feel that I am owed anything. Let some of the wounded buddies have my part."

It is that sort of spirit that has probably helped to make him one of the town's leading business men.

Original Answer To Above Article

We the undersigned Veterans and Soldiers of the World's War, living in and around the vicinity of LaPlata, Macon County, Missouri have received our Just Remuneration and believe credit should go where credit is due and hereby resolve:

A Buddy's first duty is to another Buddy. The spirit of the Buddy who made the above mentioned sacrifice is hereby heartily endorsed and commended.

WHO IS HE?

Roy W. Grear
 W. L. Cupp
 J. J. Beall
 Sanford N. Gash
 Clinton J. Saunders

Charles Mazingo
 O. S. Loveridge
 E. W. Beall
 Kenneth Bailey
 Ural Lewis

J. Edwin Gilbreath
 W. G. Carpenter
 S. T. Sandven
 Clinton B. Haines
 Geo. D. Reesman

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DOCKET FOR MAY TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

Graham, Anne C. vs. United Mages	May 15,
Gamble, Harold vs. Roy A. Loudermilk	May 15,
Graham, Roscoe vs. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co.	May 15,
Glasgow, Hugh vs. J. V. Hanks	May 15,
Greear, Leona vs. Roy Greear	May 16,
Garrett, Birdie M. vs. Larkin Garrett	May 16,
Hull, Clellie vs. Wabash Railway Co.	May 15,
Hynds, Mary F. vs. Rex Moving, Trans. Co.	May 15,
Hutchins, Roy vs. Ralph Mitchell, et al	May 15,
Hume, C. R. vs. Miller Hatcheries	May 15,

Adair County Herald
Thu, May 11, 1933 -Page 6

Novinger MO

Roy Greear who has been in a veterans camp in South Missouri visited his relatives and friends here over the week-end, enroute to Kirksville where he has been transferred to the camp there.

La Plata Home Press
Thu, Aug 22, 1935 -Page 8

Roy Greear Again In Custody

Roy Greear, who was on parole on a conviction for forgery, was taken into custody yesterday by Sheriff Arthur Floyd. He had broken his parole about 18 months ago and the sheriff was ordered to take him into custody and place him in the penitentiary to serve his sentence.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Fri, Nov 03, 1939 -Page 4

Roy Grear Charged With Forgery

Roy Grear, charged with forgery, waived his preliminary hearing yesterday before Justice of the Peace Mon Thompson and his bond was fixed at \$1,500. Failing to provide bond he was placed in jail.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Tue, Nov 23, 1937 · Page 3

Roy Grear returned this week from Excelsior Springs where he has been confined to the Veterans Hospital.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Thu, Sep 25, 1941 · Page 8

BOND SET ON FORGERY AND UTTERING CHARGE

Roy Grear of La Plata, today waived preliminary hearing in the court of Judge J. D. Fleming, justice of the peace, and was bound over to the next term of the Circuit Court on a charge of forgery.

His bond was fixed at \$1000. The information alleges that Grear forged a check in the name of Homer Roebuck of La Plata and later on or about October 20, uttered the instrument to J. W. Williams of La Plata.

"Macon (MO) Chronicle-Herald" Thursday 30 Oct 1941 p 1

TWO SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN PENITENTIARY

Sheriff A. L. Ramsey today took Jack Higgins and Roy Grear, charged with felonious assault and forg-

ery, respectively, to Jefferson City to begin serving two-year sentences in the Missouri State Penitentiary. They were sentenced yesterday in the Macon County Circuit Court by Judge Harry S. Libby.

"Macon (MO) Chronicle-Herald" 27 Nov 1941 p 6

CRIMINAL COSTS RETURNED

**\$102.70 for Two Cases Received by
Treasurer**

County Treasurer James Enyart today credited the criminal cost fund of Macon County with \$102.70 received from State Auditor for two cases in the last quarter. The costs were paid on the cases of Roy Grear, charged with forgery and Jack Higgins, charged with felonious assault.

The fees returned to the county in the Grear case amounted to \$47.15 and in the Higgins case \$55.55. From the fee county officers whose salary is not fixed are paid. In cases where the salary is established the money is returned and placed in the common fund.

The prompt payments of the fees by the State Auditor make it possible for those who have fees due them to receive them at once instead of waiting for a deficiency appropriation by the legislature.

"Macon (MO) Chronicle-Herald" 17 Jan 1942 p 1

**FINED \$25 ON CHARGE OF
DISTURBING THE PEACE**

Roy Grear was brought before Police Judge Pete Ross Tuesday afternoon, charged with disturbing the peace. Judge Ross assessed a fine of \$25 and costs. Grear was unable to pay the fine and was returned to the city jail.

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Thu, Dec 31, 1942 · Page 1

**Charles E. Tyhurst
Found Dead In Base-
ment of Public School**

Had Been Missed Since Noon; Search Had
Been Made of Buildings, But Body Was Not
Found Until 9 Wednesday Night, In Flue
Part of Furnace; Coroner's Jury Verdict
"Death Was Due to Electrocution by Light
Cord in Basement of La Plata Public School"

o Charles E. Tyhurst, well known La Plata resident, especially to those who have gone through the schools in the past few years, was found dead Wednesday evening.

He left home about 7:30 to attend his regular duties at the school building. He did not go home to lunch, and he was usually very prompt for his meals. This caused Mrs. Tyhurst to become worried, so she sent to the school building to see what was the matter. Searching parties failed to find Mr. Tyhurst until about nine o'clock in the evening, when the body was discovered in the flue room of the furnace in the basement of the school building.

Coroner H. G. Edwards, of Beaver, was called, and he arrived soon in La Plata. He decided it would be best to hold a jury inquest. The time was set for 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

At the inquest, George Dobbins, T. B. Gupton, Bud Baity, Lewis Perry, Jim Haxton and Vearl Bailey were selected as jurymen, and with the coroner and the prosecuting attorney, George Davis, present, the inquest got under way soon after eleven o'clock.

Howard Maitland was one of the witnesses, and testified where and when the body was found. When Mr. Tyhurst did not come home to lunch, Mrs. Tyhurst sent her daughter to see about him, and later went to the school building, but could not find him. She also went back to the school building about 3 o'clock, and she and Mrs. Dull again made the rounds without any luck. In the evening, the whole neighborhood had become worried, and a number of the men and women aided in the search. Mr. Tyhurst's good clothes were found, and it was then the idea occurred to investigate the furnace room more thoroughly. Howard Maitland and James Saunders found a light cord to the open door of the flue room, and with matches discovered Mr. Tyhurst's feet, showing him to be in a prone position. Mr. Saunders went home and got his flashlight, and with this they could see that Mr. Tyhurst had been dead for some time. They sent for help, and a number of men offered their assistance. With Roy Grear and Henry Francis Heather working inside the crowded quarters of the flue room and Howard Maitland helping on the outside, the body was brought through the small door with difficulty. It was left

near the door for the arrival of the coroner.

An ordinary light cord was wrapped around one of Mr. Tyhurst's legs and, as there were numerous burns about the body, chest and especially the arms, it was evident that he had held the light in his left hand, preparing to clean out the soot in the furnace, when he met his death, and received the severe burns from the electric wire. Apparently the accident occurred early in the morning, as the brooms which he evidently intended to use were by the door, and none of the soot had been moved.

The coroner's jury verdict was that the deceased met his death by being accidentally electrocuted by an electric cord in the basement of the La Plata Public School.

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Thu, Jul 22, 1943 · Page 1

Roy Gear left Sunday night at mid-night to enter the Veterans' Hospital, at Des Moines, Ia. Roy will be sent somewhere else from there.

La Plata Home Press
Thu, Apr 05, 1945 · Page 2

ENTERED HOSPITAL

Roy Grear left Monday for Excelsior Springs to enter the hospital for treatment. Roy has not felt well for the past six weeks.

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Thu, Mar 21, 1946 -Page 1

Roy Grear has re-entered the Veterans Hospital at Excelsior Springs. His condition has failed to improve since the first of the year and has continued losing weight.

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Wife Nellie Conley



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(L-R) Mrs. Nellie Viola (Conley) Plemmons With Brother, Vern & Sister, Mabel Conley ...



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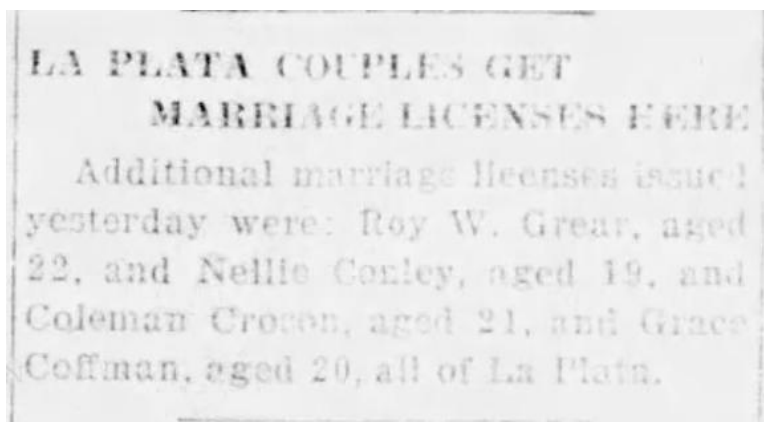


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Tue, May 16, 1916 · Page 6

Kirksville MO

Married In Elmer.
 Roy Grear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear of this city and Miss Nellie Conley were married at the residence of the bride's parents in Elmer on Tuesday May 16, 1916 at 9:30 a. m. Justice of the Peace, J. C. Patterson officiating. The young couple came to LaPlata after the ceremony and have gone to housekeeping in Miss Mary Ross' residence on north Brown street. We take pleasure in extending congratulations and best wishes to this young couple;

"La Plata (MO) Republican" 19 May 1916 p 5

MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MISSOURI,
 County of Adair.

THIS LICENSE authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Minister or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a Citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State to solemnize Marriages between Roy Grear of LaPlata in the County of Adair and State of Miss who is 21 the age of twenty-one years, and Nellie Conley of LaPlata in the County of Adair and State of Miss who is 18 the age of eighteen years.

WITNESS, my hand as Recorder of Deeds with the Seal of Office hereto affixed at my Office in Elmerville this 16th day of May 1916.

By J. C. Patterson Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
 County of Adair.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned Justice of the Peace did, at LaPlata in said County, on the 16th day of May A. D. 1916, solemnize in Marriage the above named persons, and I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

The foregoing true and correct and filed for Record on the 16th day of May A. D. 1916 at Elmerville Missouri.

By Blanche Shinn Deputy. J. C. Patterson Justice of the Peace.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1171/records/5403592>

Mrs. Prentice Flowers of Elmer
 visited her sister, Mrs. Roy Grear,
 here Saturday.

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 Thu, Apr 10, 1919 · Page 4

La Plata MO

Wife Leona Ballew Young Brinegar Grear Lindsey Pearson

Obituary.

James L. Ballew was born in **Boone Co., Mo., March 7, 1850**, died **September 8, 1916. Age 66 years, 5 months and 29 days.**

Mr. Ballew moved with his parents to **Davis Co., Iowa** when but **4 years** of age where he still resided at the time of his death. He was married to **Cynthia A. Thompson, April 21, 1870**. To this union were born four children, an infant preceded him to the better world. Those living are **T. J. Ballew, P. A. Ballew** and **Mrs. James Spurgeon** all of this vicinity. This wife passed to her eternal home **Oct. 1, 1885**. On the **10th of December 1885** he was married to **Alma A. Barnett** who survives him. To this union were born two children, **Leonard Ballew** and **Leona M. Ballew** all of whom were present at the time of his death. Besides wife and children he leaves one brother **George W. Ballew** of **Moulton, Iowa**, and two sisters, **Mollie A. Gerhold** of **Memphis, Mo.** and **Rena Area** of **Lincoln, Nebraska.**

Mr. Ballew was a member of the masonic lodge of **Stiles, Iowa**. Last fall he united with the **Christian church** at **Washington** and has ever been a loyal member. A good citizen, a kind neighbor, a loving husband and father has departed this life to take up his eternal abode in the realms of the blessed. **Mr. Ballew's** health failed him about two years ago and since that time he has had several light strokes of paralysis until **Wednesday night** when the final stroke came which relieved all his suffering.

Funeral services were held at the family residence **Sunday afternoon**, conducted by **Elder T. A. Hedges** and the **Masonic lodge of Stiles, Ia.** Long before the hour set for the funeral the house and yard was filled with friends. It was one of the largest funerals ever held at **Washington**. Those attending from a distance were **Mark Sparks**, of **Dubois, Nebraska**, **G. W. Ballew** and family of **Moulton, Iowa**, **John Richardson** and **Miss Ruby Barnett** of **Bloomfield Iowa**, **Mrs. Ed Barnett** of **St. Paul, Minn.**, and **Carl Gerhold** of **Memphis, Mo.**

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Lancaster MO
Father of Leona Ballew - James Lafayette Ballew

HER PHONE NUMBER WILL BE 300F22

No, This is Not for Sunday Night
Callers, But to Automobile
Prospects.

Miss Leona Ballew of Kirksville has given out her telephone number published it in the paper. She is presumed to be blue eyed, vivacious and charming, though the time in the Kirksville Daily News makes no mention of these features and accomplishments. What it does stress, however, is that Miss Ballew is ready to demonstrate the Oldsmobile car to any interested persons. In other words this brave and beautiful young lady, surely she is this, has taken the Adair county agency for the Oldsmobile and she hopes to make every ride one of joy and profit to the Ballew agency.

Moberly Monitor-Index and Moberly Evening Democrat
Wed, Apr 07, 1920 · Page 6

Leona Ballew – unmarried - Moberly MO

Miss Leona Ballew from near Kirksville is spending this week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ballew, five miles north of Lancaster.

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Lancaster MO

December 28, the birthday of Oren Nichols, Leona Ballew, Floyd Alexander and J. T. Burns, the 22nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Murrell, the 28th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Waddle and the 25th wedding anniversary of

December 29, the birthday of Clar-Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Beach.

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Thu, Dec 30, 1920 · Page 3

Lancaster MO

Miss Leona Ballew went to Moberly today and will drive an Oldsmobile car back. The car is to be sold to W. R. Woods, of near here.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Thu, Jan 06, 1921 - Page 5

Kirksville MO

The Misses Leona Ballew, and Gladys Mitchell, of Kirksville, went to Des Moines yesterday to visit Miss Ballew's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. George Ballew.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Wed, Jan 03, 1923 - Page 3

Marriage to Cleo Young - 1923

Marriage Licenses Issued
Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to Cleo Young and Miss Leona Mae Ballew and Samuel Everett and Miss Esther P. Elsea, all of this city.

Kirksville Daily Express and Kirksville Daily News
Sun, Jan 21, 1923 - Page 1

Young-Ballew

Mr. Cleo Young and Miss Leona Ballew of Kirksville were married in Brashear, Mo. Friday, Jan. 19th. 1923, by Rev. J. H. Lane, pastor of the M. E. Church. The bride formerly lived near Lancaster and has many relatives and friends here who wish for her a happy wedded life.

They will be at home to their friends at the home of Mrs. Alma Ballew in Kirksville for the present

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Adair.

THIS LICENSE authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, who is a Citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State to solemnize Marriages between Cleo Young of Kirksville in the County of Adair and State of Mo. who is over the age of twenty-one years, and Leona Mae Ballew of Kirksville in the County of Adair and State of Mo. who is over the age of eighteen years.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds with the Seal of Office hereto affixed at my Office in Kirksville, this 19th day of January 1923.

By Norman Parker Recorder of Deeds.

WE (THE) Clerk in public (court) or in private under oath, and the following: The Pastor, giving his name, (or Minister or Clergyman, or the man may be) of the said S. S. or C. D. as the case may require, has given life or has consent to the said Marriage.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Adair.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY That the undersigned Resident Pastor of M. E. Church did, at Brashear in said County, on the 19 day of January A. D. 1923, unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

The foregoing instrument was filed for Record on the 15 day of Feb. A. D. 1923 at — o'clock — minutes — M.

By Norman Parker Recorder.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Young and Mrs. Alma Ballew of Kirksville spent Thursday night and Friday at the home of Leonard Ballew and family.

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Kirksville Couple Married Here

Cleo Young and Miss Leona Mae Ballew, both of Kirksville, were married at the M. E. Parsonage in Brashear Friday night by Rev. J. H. Lane. They were accompanied by Norma Hardester and Carl E. Glison.

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Brashear MO

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Young and little daughter and Mrs. Alma Ballew of Kirksville visited from Thursday till Saturday at the home of Leonard Ballew and family.

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Amateur "Lawyers" Lose Cases Today

Cleo Young and Dewey White, who were arraigned in police court this mornnig on charges of drunkenness and who conducted their own cases, were found guilty by Police Judge Wilhite. He fined each one \$25 and costs. The men took an appeal to circuit court.

The defendants were not represented in court by an attorney, but questioned the witnesses put on the stand by the city and then put on one witness for themselves.

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Mrs. Alma Ballew and daughter,
Mrs. Cleo Young and two daughters
of Kirksville visited from Saturday

till Monday at the Leonard Ballew
home.

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New Suits Filed

The Bank of Gifford vs. J. F. Whitacre and Allie M. Whitacre. Suit for balance due and interest on two notes.

Leona Young vs. Cleo Young. Suit for maintenance.

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Kirksville MO

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ballew and son of north of town and Mrs. Cleo Young and daughters and Mrs. Alma Ballew of Kirksville spent Saturday night and Sunday at the F. W. Graves home.

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Mrs. Alma Ballew and Mrs. Cleo Young and children of Kirksville spent the week-end at the Leonard Ballew home.

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CLEO YOUNG ARRESTED ON A SHOOTING CHARGE

Cleo Young was arrested yesterday and placed in jail on a warrant charging him with shooting at James Fisher with a deadly weapon. The arrest was made by county officers, who said they were not familiar with the details of the affair, as no one seemed to be willing to talk about the matter.

The affray took place on Thursday night at the home of Roy Hutchins, at which time Fisher was shot through the fleshy part of the left leg. He was taken to the Laughlin Hospital where the wound was dressed. Fisher was questioned by city officers, Dave Barclay and Willard Summers, at that time, but he refused to make any statement, except to say that it was an accident.

ET It appeared afterwards that Hutchins wanted Young arrested, as he stated to Night Marshal Barclay that Young was attempting to shoot him at the time, and Fisher got in the way of the bullet. It is reported that Hutchins and Young's father had had trouble a week or so ago and that Cleo was taking Hutchins to task about the affair when the shooting took place.

CLEO YOUNG ARRESTED AGAIN BY THE CITY AND COUNTY

Cleo Young, who was arrested a few days ago for shooting at James Fisher, got into trouble again Monday night when he became intoxicated and went to the home of Roy Hutchinson, on West Missouri street.

He entered a plea of guilty to being drunk in police court yesterday and was fined \$25 and costs by Police Judge Wilhite. He paid the fine and was released.

The county then issued an information against Young charging him with carrying a deadly weapon and he was arrested on that charge this morning.

Cleo Young Bound Over To Circuit Court

Cleo Young, who was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and with shooting at Jim Fisher about a month ago, was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Stewart's court yesterday. After the hearing of some evidence, Young was bound over to circuit court and gave bond for his appearance.

The testimony in the case yesterday brought out that Cleo Young and Jim Fisher left the Jefferson Hotel together in a car and went to the home of Roy Hutchins, 415 West Pierce street. They were both in an intoxicated condition, it is said by the officers.

When they arrived at the Hutchins home, Young went to the door and knocked and Hutchins, who was ready for bed, asked who was there and then opened the door. He stated that Young pulled a gun out of his overcoat pocket and said with braggado, "I'm old Dick Young!" (Dick Young is his father).

He then ordered Hutchins to dance, even though he was barefoot, and when he refused he was backed against the wall. About this time Fisher came in and saw the position of the two men. He said, "Don't move a foot."

Young whirled around and shot twice, one shot going into the floor between Fisher's feet and the second one entered the thick part of his leg about four inches above the knee.

Following this, Young got Fisher into the car and took him to the hospital.

The attorneys for the defense tried to prove that the shooting was an accident.

Mrs. Cleo Young and daughters, and Mrs. Alma Ballew drove up from Kirksville Tuesday of last week and spent the day with Leonard Ballew and family.

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Mrs. Leona M. Young has filed suit for divorce from Cleo Young. The petition states they were married Jan. 2, 1923, and lived together until August 15, 1928. They have two children, Lucille and Louise.

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**TWO DIVORCES GRANTED
IN CIRCUIT COURT**
Mrs. Leona M. Young was granted a divorce from Cleo Young in circuit court this morning. She was given custody of their two little girls and \$40 a month alimony.

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ROLLA HUFFMAN PLEADS GUILTY IN LIQUOR CASE

Rolla Huffman entered a plea of guilty in circuit court this morning to the felonious transportation of hootch and was fined \$500. He was given a stay of execution until June 30, 1929.

In the case of state against Cleo Young, the cause was dismissed.

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Fined For Drunkenness.

Ray Spriggs and Cleo Young entered a plea of guilty in police court yesterday morning to a charge of drunkenness and were fined \$1 and costs by Police Judge Brassfield. The men were arrested at Ogle's Cafe about 5 o'clock Saturday morning by Traffic Officer Crow, who had been called there. He was told that the men had created a disturbance there by chasing one of the waiters employed at the restaurant.

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Mrs. Leonard Ballew has just returned from Kirksville where she was called to the bedside of her husband's mother, Mrs. Alma Ballew, who has been ill for several weeks at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cleo Young. The elder Mrs. Ballew is a former resident of this vicinity and her many friends will be glad to know that she is on the way to recovery.

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MISS INIS TUTTLE INJURED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Jack Evans Also Injured When Car Knocks Down Fence Posts

Miss Inis Tuttle, of this city, is in the Laughlin Hospital suffering from a broken bone in her right leg and a number of cuts and bruises on her legs, Jack B. Evans, a student at the K. C. O. S., sustained a number of cuts and bruises on his legs, body and face, and Dewey White, of this city, is missing after an automobile accident which occurred late Friday evening at a curve about a mile and a half north of Love Lake on Highway No. 63, when an automobile belonging to Cleo Young, also of this city, after leaving the highway, knocked down several fence posts and a telephone pole, rolled over and landed on its top.

The accident is believed to have been caused by White losing control of the automobile as he came to the sharp curve, as he drove it across the ditch and into the fence. The car was badly damaged and the body is believed to be beyond repair as the top part was caved in, doors torn off and the sides of the car dented. The car was brought to the Auto Sales Garage where it was stated that it appeared as if an entire new body would be needed.

When the automobile turned over all three of the occupants were thrown out of the car but White was not thrown clear of the wreckage and was held down until he was released by persons who rushed to the scene of the accident. Miss Tuttle was thrown into and across a barbed wire fence, while Evans landed on the ground, and rendered unconscious for a short time.

As soon as White got up, he went over and looked at Evans. One of the men, who did not recognize White asked him his name but got no reply, and upon being asked where they were from, replied from Iowa. White then started walking across a corn field and when someone told him to come back, he started in a run towards the east and the last seen of him he was headed east along a dirt highway. His brother stated yesterday that he had not been heard from since. It is not believed that he sustained any injuries.

Miss Tuttle, who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Tuttle and has been employed in the office of her father, County Collector Tuttle, was found lying across a barbed wire fence, in a semi-conscious condition and about half of her clothing torn off. Even one hose and shoe and the greater part of the other hose was torn away.

She was lifted off the fence and placed in an automobile belonging to H. W. Vickory, 811 South Franklin street, who was one of the first to reach the scene, and together with Evans was rushed to the Laughlin Hospital. It was found that the small bone in her right leg was broken, and she had a number of deep cuts on

her legs from the barbed wire. None but members of the family were permitted to see her yesterday but it was stated at the hospital yesterday afternoon that she would no doubt make a rapid recovery.

Mr. Evans' injuries consisted of a number of deep cuts on both of his legs, a cut and bruises on his body, and there were cuts on his nose and in his mouth and lips. He went home after the injuries were dressed and was feeling fairly well yesterday afternoon. Evans is from Nebraska, entered the last January class and is attending the summer school.

It is not known just how White came to have possession of Young's car as he stated yesterday afternoon that White had not asked him for it, and it had been taken from a parking place in the downtown district. He said that he was well acquainted with White and while he did not know White had his car until he learned that it had been wrecked, he supposed White thought he would borrow the car and return it without any accident. Evans said he did not know but what White owned the car and that he had offered to take them to Macon for the celebration. They started home late in the day and were on their way here when the accident occurred, which was about 7:30 o'clock.

Many persons who viewed the wrecked car and the damage it did to fences and wires, were surprised that the occupants were not killed or seriously injured.

There were reports that White had been killed but no confirmation could be had of them and it is believed he made his getaway either for fear of trouble over taking the car, or had thought Evans was so seriously injured that he would be arrested.

CLEO YOUNG IS UNDER ARREST AT COLBY, KAN.

Cleo Young, who is wanted here on an information charging him with operating a gambling house here, has been arrested in Colby, Kan., according to word received here today by Sheriff Winslow. The sheriff expects to go to Colby tomorrow to bring Young back here. Governor Caulfield will be asked to sign a requisition for Young's return.

Young is wanted in connection with the raid on the Brown Cafe here in April. A warrant was issued for his arrest at that time but he has been able to elude officers. He returned here one time and barely escaped arrest by a matter of three or four minutes.

Five men who were arrested at the time of the raid are out on bond.

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Missouri Asks for Prisoner.

Jefferson City, Mo., June 9. — (AP) —

Gov. Henry S. Caulfield today issued a requisition on the governor of Kansas for Cleo Young, under arrest in Thomas county, Kansas, who is wanted at Kirksville on gambling charges.

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Cleo Young Returned Here

Cleo Young, wanted here on an information charging him with operating a gambling table, was brought here this morning from Colby, Kan., where he was arrested.

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Cleo Young Found Guilty in City Cases

Cleo Young was tried before Police Judge Brassfield this afternoon on charges of maintaining a gambling device and inducing persons to play on it.

He was found guilty and was fined \$10 on the charge of setting up and keeping a gambling table, and sentenced to 90 days in jail on the count of inducing persons to play.

Young appealed the case to circuit court.

The charges grew out of the raid on the Brown Cafe a few months ago

when several men were arrested by the county and city.

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Cleo Young Sentenced To One Year In Jail

Cleo Young entered a plea of guilty to operating a gambling table in the state and city cases in circuit court this morning and was sentenced to serve one year in jail in the state case and 90 days in the city case. The 90-day sentence is to be suspended pending further orders of the court but he will begin serving the year sentence.

Young is last of the group to enter a plea of guilty of the men arrested several months ago when a raid was made on the Brown Cafe by city and county officers. He had decided to fight the case and had asked for a change of venue, which is to be dismissed.

Robert Young, who was found guilty on the gambling charge and was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by a jury, has appealed his case and is out on bond.

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Cleo Young entered a plea of guilty to operating a gambling table in circuit court Monday morning. He was sentenced to serve one year in jail in the state case and 90 days in the city case. Young is the last of the group of men to enter a plea of guilty to the charges which resulted from a raid made on the Brown Cafe by city and county officers.

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Cleo Young Paroled If He Leaves State

Cleo Young, convicted of being implicated in operating a gambling table in a room over a restaurant in this city last spring and sentenced to serve one year in jail, has been paroled with the provision that he leave the state.

He has served 60 days of the sentence and the stay on the commitment was granted by Judge Higbee on recommendation of prosecuting attorney and city attorney.

John Young, another of the men found guilty on the gambling charge, is still in jail, the others having been released.

sold them to a dealer in jail.

Cleo Young Ordered To Jail

The parole of Cleo Young was set aside by Judge Higbee and he was ordered committed to jail to serve the balance of a fifteen months sentence for operating gambling devices here when officers raided a room over a restaurant a year or so ago. Young was paroled on condition that he remain out of the state, but officers have been informed that he has been seen in the state recently.

The application of John Young, who was arrested at the same time and sentenced to jail on the gambling house charge, for a parole or stay of commitment on the remainder of his sentence was taken up. This action was strongly opposed by Prosecuting Attorney Zeigel and City Attorney Campbell and after much discussion between them and Young's attorneys, Judge Higbee took the matter under advisement.

During discussion of the case, Judge Higbee told Young that if he should parole him, he no doubt would keep on gambling, and asked him if that wasn't all he had ever done. Young replied that he didn't gamble here for two years, and when the judge asked him what he did then, he admitted that he had gambled elsewhere. Young was returned to jail.

The proceedings this morning were listened to by students in the American Government class of the High School which is now studying criminal procedure.

LAST OF YOUNG BROTHERS HAS LEFT COUNTY

Bob Goes To Prison, While John Agrees to Leave State

The final curtain fell today on the famous Young brothers gambling cases, when Bob Young was taken to the state penitentiary to serve his term, and John Young departed from the state to escape serving the balance of his jail sentence. Cleo Young, another brother, has already left the state and Dick Young, father of the boys, is also said to be out of the state to escape prosecution.

The last court action came yesterday afternoon when Bob and John Young appeared before Judge Higbee. John has been in the county jail for practically nine months and still had three months to serve. He tired of jail life several months ago and has repeatedly asked to be paroled on condition that he leave the state, and this request was granted by Judge Higbee yesterday.

John Young also agreed to pay all cost in his and companion cases which were tried or in which pleas of guilty were entered.

Bob Young, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years as a result of his conviction of gambling, but who had appealed his case, agreed to dismiss his appeal and go to prison providing he would be eligible for application for parole after one year.

The Youngs have been notorious as gamblers in Kirksville for many years, going into it on what is termed a wholesale scale, and their clean up is regarded by many citizens as a "little Al Capone victory," due to the work of Prosecuting Attorney Zeigel and City Attorney Campbell.

These two officials working together and aided by city and county officers, have vigorously prosecuted the cases against the Youngs which grew out of the raid made on their gambling joint over a cafe building on South Elson street a year and a half ago. Zeigel and Campbell assisted each other in the city and county cases and the subsequent outcome is hailed as a great victory for them. A prominent citizen stated today that it was the best cleanup ever effected here.

Prosecution of the cases was begun in circuit court last July after Judge Higbee insisted that the cases come to trial, and the regular panel sentenced John and Cleo Young to one year in jail. With this jury panel exhausted, Judge Higbee directed Deputy Sheriff Oliver to select a panel for Bob Young's trial, and this jury sentenced him to five years in the state penitentiary. John was considered the leader of the group and Prosecuting Attorney Zeigel in his closing argument to the jury referred to him as "the big shot."

Dick Young does not have a conviction hanging over him, it is said, but there are cases pending against him which could be pressed with the prospect of conviction and sentence. should he return.

The Youngs have lived in Kirksville for many years and so far as is known engaged exclusively in gambling. When John Young was before Judge Higbee a few weeks ago asking for release from jail, the judge told him that if he were released he would begin gambling again, and asked him if he hadn't been gambling ever since he came here. John replied that he did not gamble here for two years, but upon further questioning admitted he gambled some place else during that time.

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LAST OF YOUNG BROTHERS FREED FROM PRISON

Robert Paroled by Lieut. Gov. Harris; Caught in Gambling Cleanup.

Jefferson City, July 21. (UP)—Lt. Gov. Frank G. Harris granted a parole today to Robert Young, 31, serving five years in the Missouri penitentiary from Adair County for setting up and operating a gambling device.

Young was received at the prison on April 4, 1932.

A group of Kirksville lawyers and officials who had been interested in prosecution of the Young cases here a few years ago made a trip to Jefferson City Tuesday in connection with obtaining Robert Young's release.

At the time of his sentence, when defense counsel moved to appeal the case, an agreement was made, it was said, to let the sentence of five years stand providing he was made eligible for parole after serving a year. Young had served over three months over the year.

His brother, John Young, also arrested on the gambling charge, was sentenced to a year in jail here and served part of the sentence before he was paroled and left this vicinity. Dave Wheeler, Lester Hall and Carl Brown, arrested in the same wholesale attempt to clean out gambling, received one year jail sentences but were paroled after serving a few months.

Cleo Young, another brother of the man paroled today, subsequently was arraigned in court here and the case was disposed of by his agreement to leave the state.

The cases were some of the most vigorously prosecuted during the term of Prosecutor Roland Zeigel and attracted widespread interest.

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Cleo "Charlie" Young
family 8 Jun 10

Spouse	Leona May Ballew
Father	Grandy Washington "Dick" Young
Mother	America Victoria May
Children	Nelda Louise
Birth	Sep 1898 Missouri, USA
Death	1928

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Cleo Young did NOT die in 1928 as he was named in the Kirksville MO newspaper through Jul 1932.

Daughters by Cleo Young

BOURDEAUX—Cleo Lucille, 2612 18th av S. Survived by husband, Raymond; 2 sons, Raymond Joseph & Allen Dwight; mother, Mrs. Leona Lindsey. Funeral 2 p.m. Thurs., Rainville Funeral Home. Interment Hillside.

The Minneapolis Star
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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrms Leonard Ballew received an announcement from Mrs. Leona Ballew Lindsey, of Minneapolis, Minn., of the approaching wedding of her daughter, Miss Lucille Young to Raymond O. Bourdeaux, Saturday evening, Aug. 1, at 8 o'clock in the home. Miss Young is a niece of Leonard Ballew.

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Lancaster MO

Leckner, Nelda Louise Age 92, of Mtka., passed away on May 23rd, 2017. Preceded in death by parents, Leona and Cleo Young; sister, Lucille Young; and beloved son, Robert (Kathleen). Survived by Marvin, her loving husband of 75 years; grandsons, Chris (Angel) and Kent (DeEtte); great-grand-daughters, Claire, Amelia, Rachel and Meghan; cherished nieces and friends. Louise will forever be remembered for her sense of style and humor. Long time, top selling and award winning Avon Lady, she also loved to knit, bake and play card games. Louise took great pride in her son and grandsons, and special delight in her great-grand-daughters. Funeral Service Wednesday, 11 AM at Calvary Lutheran Church, 7520 Golden Valley Rd., Golden Valley. Visitation Tuesday 5-7 PM at Gearty-Delmore Funeral Home, 3888 West Broadway, Robbinsdale. Interment Hillside Cemetery. Gearty-Delmore 763-537-4511. www.gearty-delmore.com

<https://obituaries.startribune.com/obituary/nelda-leckner-1090211421/?proxy=original>

Little Louise Young, daughter of F
Mrs. Leona Young, of Kirksville, is in
here for an extended visit with her L
uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard
Ballew. She accompanied them to p
Moulton Sunday for an all day visit
with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ballew.

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Nelda Louis Leckner age 92, of Mtka, passed away on May 23, 2017.

Preceded in death by parents, Leona and Cleo Young; sister, Lucille Young; and beloved son, Robert (Kathleen). Survived Marvin, her loving husband of 75 years; grandsons, Chris (Angel) and Kent (DeEtte); great-granddaughters, Claire, Amelia, Rachel and Meghan; cherished nieces and friends.

Louise will forever be remembered for her sense of style and humor. Long time, top selling and award winning Avon Lady, she also loved to knit, bake and play card games. Louise took great pride in her son and grandsons, and special delight in her great-granddaughters.

Visitation also 1 hour prior to service at church on Wednesday. Interment Hillside Memorial.

SERVICES Visitation

Tuesday, May 30, 2017 05:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Gearty-Delmore Robbinsdale Chapel 3888 West Broadway Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Funeral

Wednesday, May 31, 2017 11:00 AM

Calvary Lutheran Church 7520 Golden Valley Road Golden Valley,

Visitation also 1 hour prior to service at church on Wednesday. Interment Hillside Memorial.

<https://www.gearty-delmore.com/obituaries/Nelda-Leckner>

Marriage to Jack Orville Brinegard 25 Jan 1929

Widow and Widower Married

A popular widow and widower, Jack O'Brinegar and Mrs. Leona M. Young, of Kirksville, were married Saturday evening at six o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Timbrook, Rev. L. C. Maggart performing the ceremony.

They were neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Timbrook while they resided in Kirksville and came to their home for the ceremony. They will continue to reside in Kirksville where his is engaged in business.

The Clarence Courier
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Clarence MO

Brinegar-Young

Jack Brinegar and Mrs. Leona Young, both of this city, were united in marriage Saturday at Macon, Mo. They will make their home at 517 N. Baltimore. Mr. Brinegar is employed at the International Shoe Factory.

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Jack Brinegar and Miss Leona Young, both of this city, were united in marriage Saturday at Macon, Mo. They will make their home at 518 N. Baltimore.

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Notice of Trustee's Sale

Because of default in the payment of the note executed by Alma Ballew, Leona Young, Leonard Ballew and Edith Ballew, on December 14, 1925, and secured by one certain deed of trust executed by said Alma Ballew (single) and Leona and Cleo Young, her husband, bearing said date, recorded in book 90 at page 102 of the deed of trust records of Adair County, Missouri, I will, at the request of the legal owner and holder of said note, sell publicly, to the highest bidder, for cash, at the front door of the court house in Kirksville, Missouri, on Monday, March 16, 1931, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon, the following lands described in and conveyed by said deed of trust for the purpose of securing payment of said note:

A tract of land described by a line commencing at a point 33 rods and 11 feet north of southeast corner of section 4, township 62, range 15, running thence west 12 rods and 12 1-2 feet, thence south 1 rod, thence east 12 rods and 12 1-2 feet to place of beginning.

At the east of the southeast one

Also a part of the southeast one fourth of the southeast quarter of section 4, in township 62, range 15, described by a line commencing at a point 38 rods and 4 1-2 feet north of southeast corner of said section 4, running thence west 12 1-2 rods, 4 feet, 3 inches, thence south 76 feet, thence east 12 1-2 rods, 4 feet, 3 inches, thence north 76 feet to beginning. All being in Adair County, Missouri.

John C. Mills, Trustee.
F19,26, M5,1231

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Novinger MO

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brinegar (nee Leona Ballew) and daughters, were in Lancaster Sunday visiting with friends. They expected to visit her mother, Mrs. Alma Ballew, who has been ill at the home of her son, Leonard north of Lancaster, but the impassable condition of the road leading from the highway, made the visit impossible.

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embezzlement.

Leona M. Brinegar was granted a divorce from Jack O. Brinegar and her maiden name, Leona Young, was restored.

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SCHUYLER COUNTY BANK SUES FOR EJECTMENT

The Schuyler County Bank has filed suit in circuit court here against Alma Ballew and Leona Young, seeking their ejectment from property acquired by the plaintiff on March 16, 1931.

The petition states the defendants entered the premises unlawfully and withheld possession until the owners were damaged to the extent of \$50. The bank now asks recovery of the premises, in addition to \$20 monthly rent and the damages until possession is delivered to it.

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100 GALLONS OF LIQUOR FOUND IN TWO HOMES HERE

Leona Ballew Young and Roy Hutchins Charged with Possession

Two places in this city equipped for the serving of liquor were found in raids by Sheriff Joe Winslow and Deputies P. A. Oliver and Ab Halladay Friday afternoon at the homes of Mrs. Leona Ballew Young and Roy Hutchins where they seized 100 gallons of what the officers state was home brew. The liquor was in pint and quart bottles, ready for drinking, the officers say, and at each place were found tables with salt on them and one place had about 25 brown mugs.

The officers reported finding 150 quarts of liquor stored in the basement at the home of Mrs. Young at 502 North Franklin street. In the basement was a table with the salt and mugs for all who desired to use them.

Mrs. Young spent Friday night in jail and yesterday afternoon was released on \$500 bond for her appearance in circuit court. Hutchins, who had been convicted of illegal possession of liquor and paroled in January, 1929, was committed to jail for breaking the terms of the parole.

At the Roy Hutchins home on West Quincy street, near the O. K. depot, the officers report finding 63 gallons of the liquor in pint and quart bottles. In a room in the house was a table with salt on it for all who wished to use it in drinking, the officers stated.

Both Mrs. Young and Hutchins were placed under arrest and informations have been issued in circuit court charging them with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor.

These are two of the largest raids the officers have made for some time and they are of the opinion that much liquor has been obtained at these places.

Raids were made Friday afternoon on the homes of Mrs. Leona Ballew Young and Roy Hutchins by Sheriff Joe Winslow and Deputies P. A. Oliver and Ab Halliday. They found 150 quarts of liquor stored in the basement at the home of Mrs. Young at 502 N. Franklin street. Mrs. Young spent Friday night in jail but was released Saturday afternoon on \$500 bond for her appearance in Circuit Court. At the Roy Hutchins home on West Quincy street, the officers found 68 gallons of liquor in pint and quart bottles. Hutchins, who had been convicted of illegal possessions of liquor and paroled in January, 1929, was committed to jail for breaking the terms of the parole. An information was issued in Circuit Court charging him with illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. These are two of the largest raids made in some time and the officers feel that they have cut off two of the big sources of liquor here.

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Jack Brinegar, 42, Dies Here In Hospital

**Kirksville Man Was
Employee of Shoe Factory**

Jack Brinegar, of South Wabash St., for several years an employee of the Stoe Factory died in a hospital here last Monday. Mr. Brinegar was taken to the hospital early Sunday morning for treatment of severe intestinal trouble which later developed into pneumonia, the cause of his death.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at 3. p. m. conducted by the Rev. E. L. Knight. He was 42 years old at the time of his death.

Mr. Brinegar was married to Alma Carico in 1916 and to this union two sons were born.

Survivors include: his father, and sons, Bill and Robert, and four sisters, Mrs. Anna Arnold, Mrs. Meta Crevelt and Mrs. Mary Dyck, of Jefferson City and Mrs. Opal Sesinghous, of Omaha, Nebr.

He was a member of the Christian church here.

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MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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1. PLACE OF DEATH
County Adair Registration District No. 4 File No. 33509
Towship _____ Primary Registration District No. 3501 Registered No. 189
City Kirkville (No. (Stickler Hosp.) St. _____ Ward _____)

2. FULL NAME Jack Orville Brinegar
(a) Residence, No. 1103 S. Wabash St. _____ Ward _____
(Usual place of abode) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS:

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (circle the word) Widowed
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF Alma Carice Brinegar

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Apr. 18 1895
7. AGE YEARS 42 MONTHS 4 DAYS 24 If LESS than 1 day, _____ hrs. _____ min.

8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, weaver, bookkeeper, etc. Machine Operator
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. Shoe Factory
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) _____ 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation _____

12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Bagnell, Mo.

13. NAME Robert Lee Brinegar
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Missouri

15. MAIDEN NAME Tabitha Connor
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN, STATE OR COUNTRY) Miller Co. Missouri

17. INFORMANT Mary Brinegar (Address) Jefferson City, Mo.

18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL
PLACE Maple Hill DATE 9-15-1937
19. UNDERTAKER Davis Funeral Home (Address) Kirkville Mo.
20. FILED Sept 14 1937 Spanner L. Freeman Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Sept. 12 1937
I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Sept 12 1937 to Sept 12 1937.
I have seen him alive on Sept 12 1937. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 11:30 a.m.
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:
myocarditis acute
Date of onset 930

Other contributory causes of importance:
Hemorrhage from Polypoid
Chronic alcoholism
Name of operation Ligation of Artery Date of Sept. 12-37
What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____

23. If death was due to external cause (violence), fill in also the following:
Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19____
Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in house, or in public place. _____

Manner of injury _____
Nature of injury _____

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased?
If so, specify _____
(Signed) R. Stickler M. D.
(Address) Kirkville Mo.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/60382/records/963997>

Marriage to Roy William Grear 18 Jan 1932

THE LANCASTER EXCELSIOR

Chronology of Marriages for the Year 1932

Compiled from the columns of the Excelsior during the year 1932. The list does not include all marriages published, but only those of couples residing in Schuyler county and those we believe are better known to the majority of our readers. There were 560 licenses recorded in Schuyler county during 1932—a number never before attained and probably will never again be equalled, because of the Iowa 5-day publication law which may be repealed this year.

NAMES AND RESIDENCE	WHERE AND WHEN
Junior B. Ashmead, Livonia, Mo., Zelma Levengood, LaBelle, Mo.	LaBelle, Mo., December 24, 1931
Jacob Blessing, Downing, Mo., Catherine Priest, Downing, Mo.	Memphis, Mo., December 26, 1931
Boyd Brown, Kirkville, Mo., Osee Belle Cook, Kirkville, Mo.	Kirkville, Mo., January 9, 1932
Vance Small, Savannah, Iowa, Hazel Melvin, Lancaster, Mo.	Kirkville, Mo., January 16, 1932
Roy Gwear, LaPlata, Mo., Mrs. Leona Young, Kirkville, Mo.	Kirkville, Mo., January 18, 1932
Marvin W. Johnson, Monterey, Iowa, Florence Lautenschlager, Miami, Mo.	Chillicothe, Mo., January 20, 1932
Augustus Rice, Kirkville, Mo., Cecil Gregory, Greenton, Mo.	Greenton, Mo., January 22, 1932

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Adair. } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Roy W. Grear of La Plata in the County of Marion and State of Mo. who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Leona Young of Kirkville in the County of Adair and State of Mo. who is over the age of twenty-one years.

COMPALED

WITNES MY HAND, as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Kirkville, this 18 day of Jan. 1932.
By John H. Adkins Recorder of Deeds.

NOTICE: If the man is under twenty-one or the woman under sixteen years old the following: The Father, giving his name, his Mother or Guardian or the man next of kin and a J. P. or C. C. or the said man's mother, has given his or her consent to the said marriage.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Marion } M. This is to certify, that the undersigned Minister of the Gospel did, at La Plata in said County, on the 18 day of January A. D. 1932, unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.
F. L. Hudson

The foregoing Instrument was filed for record on the 18 day of Jan. A. D. 1932.
By John H. Adkins Recorder.

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Issues Marriage License
County Recorder John Adkins has issued marriage license to Roy W. Grear, of LaPlata, and Mrs. Leona Young, of Kirkville.

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Grear-Young
Roy Grear of LaPlata and Mrs. Leona Young of Kirkville were united in marriage here Monday night, Jan. 18, 1932. Rev. F. L. Hudson, pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. They will reside in Kirkville.

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Mrs. Leona Grear's marriage to Roy Grear appears to have been a failure for she is suing for divorce after having lived with him but three weeks. The petition states they were married on Jan. 18, 1932, and separated Feb. 9. General indignities are charged. She was formerly Mrs. Leona Young, of Kirksville.

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Sues for Divorce

Two suits for divorce have been filed in circuit court at Kirksville, says the Express of Sunday.

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"La Plata (MO) Home Press" 18 Feb 1932 p 2

C. C. TILLISTON HELD PENDING THREAT CHARGE

Mrs. Leona Young Tells Officers He Threaten- ed to Shoot Her

Clyde C. Tilliston, who has given county officers considerable trouble during the past year, was again placed in jail last night upon the complaint of Mrs. Leona Young, who told officers Tilliston had threatened to shoot her because she would not give him some of his clothing which she is alleged to have in her possession.

No charge had been filed this morning but he was being held on a commitment on an old conviction for driving an automobile without a license.

Tilliston and Mrs. Young were reported one time to have been married, although no record of the marriage has been found. The impression probably gained credence by the fact that when the two leased a filling station at Millard in June, this year, the contract referred to them as being husband and wife. Residents of Millard did not extend any welcome to the couple and took steps to have the filling station stopped before they began operation.

It was on a trip to Millard to see Tilliston in regard to some worthless checks that the officers caught him up on the automobile license charge. He was driving an automobile which he had purchased from a local firm, and had given in payment a check for \$10 and a note for \$25. Putting up a plea that he was a busy man and needed the car that night, he prevailed upon the dealer to let him have dealers plates until noon the next day when they were to have new plates for the car. He left a check for the plates and this proved to be worthless. The dealer was unable to get hold of Tilliston again.

Upon his conviction on the license plate charge, Tilliston went to jail and his partnership with Mrs. Young was dissolved. It appears that she held some of his clothing for a debt "or something" and last night Tilliston decided he wanted the clothing, especially a pair of trousers. When the Young woman refused to turn over the clothing, the man is alleged to have threatened to shoot her. She called officers who placed him under arrest and took him to jail.

After Tilliston served a part of his time on the license charge he agreed to leave the state and go to California if released. Officers decided to let him out on this promise but are informed he got no further than Iowa, where he stayed a few months, then returned to this county.

He obtained a license at Lancaster on November 15 to marry Hazel Lucille Cassaday of this city, and she told Prosecuting Attorney Zeigel this morning that they were married a few days ago.

Tilliston came to Kirksville about a year and a half ago. He makes a good appearance and officers state that he is intelligent and clever, but apparently cannot keep out of trouble. He told officers that he served a jail sentence in Iowa at one time on a conviction of bigamy.

MRS. ALMA S. BALLEW, 72, DIES AT HOME HERE

Funeral Held Today At Washington Church Near Lancaster.

Mrs. Alma Ballew, widow of James Ballew, died at her home in Kirksville Sunday afternoon at 12:30. She was 72 years of age. She had been in failing health for several months and had been confined to her bed the past week.

Mrs. Ballew, whose maiden name was Alma Sparks, was born in Hartford, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1863. She came to Missouri when a child. In 1880 she was married to George Barnett, of near Styles, Iowa. About ten years later she was married to James Ballew. To this union two children were born, Leonard, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Leona Young, of Kirksville. She also leaves three grandchildren, William Ballew, of Lancaster, and Louise and Lucille Young, of Kirksville, and three stepchildren, Tom Ballew and Mrs. Mina Spurgeon, of Savannah, Iowa, and Perley Ballew, who lives six miles south of Lancaster.

Mrs. Ballew lived at Lancaster until after the death of Mr. Ballew in 1916. In 1920 she moved to a farm east of Kirksville. Later she moved into Kirksville.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at Washington church seven miles north of Lancaster, conducted by Rev. Robert Seath, pastor of the Christian Church in Lancaster. Mrs. Ballew was a member of the Washington church. Burial took place in the cemetery there beside her husband.

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Death of Leona's mother

CITY OFFICERS FIND LIQUOR AT THREE PLACES

Raid Homes of Mrs. Worthington, Mrs. Young and D. H. Parrish.

City officers and some of the city officials together with State Highway Patrolman Parker and Constable Halladay conducted a raid on bootleggers here last night, arrested and placed in jail Vicie Worthington and D. H. Parrish, and obtained 73 quarts and 5 pints of illegal beer and a half gallon of illegal liquor. Liquor was also found at the home of Mrs. Leona Ballew Young but officers could not take her to jail as she was ill with the measles.

On account of the places all being in one neighborhood, the officers divided themselves into three groups and made the raids at the same time. Mrs. Worthington lives at 710 West Martha, Parrish at 701 West Martha and Mrs. Young at 914 West Gardner street. A home also was visited in another section of the city but no liquor was found.

The officers had their plans well made and left the police station shortly after 8 o'clock and returned soon after with their prisoners and liquor. A portion of the liquor was retained as evidence.

Mrs. Worthington and Parrish entered pleas of guilty when arraigned in police court this morning and Judge Brassfield fined each of them \$50 or 50 days in jail. They chose the jail sentence.

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Marriage to James Curtis Lindsey

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Missing since Saturday when he told his wife he was going to do some hunting, James C. Lindsey, 39, 238 W. Broadway avenue, is being sought by police today.

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son's birthday.
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Lindsey and daughters, Lucille and Louise, and a Mr. and Mrs. Shriver of Minneapolis, Minn., were guests in the home of Mr. Lindsey's father, A. P. Lindsey, from Saturday night until Monday.

The Edina Sentinel
Thu, Jun 01, 1939 · Page 6

Edina MO

William Ballew who has had a position with the Hardware Seed company and working in the states of Iowa and Minnesota, returned home Monday. He visited his aunt, Mrs. Leona Lindsey and family in Minneapolis, Minn., while there.

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Marriage to Harris Pearson 1949



Star Tribune
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Minneapolis MN

County	Certificate Number	Marriage Date	Applicant 1	Applicant 2	
MAHONOMEN	4-424	09/15/1950	PEARSON, HARRIS LEROY	WIBBELS, SARA ELEANOR	Request Copy
HENNEPIN	05580068	01/08/1949	PEARSON, HARRIS A	LINDSEY, LEONA MAE	Request Copy



<https://moms.mn.gov/Search?S=1>

Leona Pearson Dies

Leona Ballew Pearson passed away in Minneapolis, Minnesota January 7, 1980 following a brief hospital stay. She was 78 years old. She was the daughter of the late James and Alma Ballew and a sister of the late Leonard Ballew.

She is survived by a daughter, and a sister-in-law, Edith Ballew, several nieces and

nephews in the area and nephew W. L. Ballew of Maitland, Florida.

Funeral services and interment will be Thursday, January 10 in Minneapolis.

<https://www.newspapers.com/image/971457087/>

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Pearson

Leona M., 78, Ambassador Nursing Home. Survived by daughter, Mrs. Louise (Marvin) Leckner; grandsons, Robert Leckner, Ray & Allen Bordeaux. Funeral 10 AM Thurs. at Gearty-Johnson Delmore Chapel, 3888 W. Broadway, Robbinsdale. Interment Hillside. Friends may call after 5 PM Wed.

The Minneapolis Star
Tue, Jan 08, 1980 · Page 42

Father

California Death Index, 1940-1997

View record



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Name	Edward Gear
Gender	Male
Birth Date	1 Jul 1871
Birth Place	Missouri
Death Date	6 Jan 1949
Death Place	San Joaquin
Father's Surname	Gear

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/436097/person/-1359828032/facts>

Ed. Grear Died In California

Edward Grear, a former resident of La Plata, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. D. Mott, in Stockton, Calif., Thursday, Jan. 6 at 9 a. m., at the age of 78 years. The body was brought back to La Plata and funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Stanley Tyner, assisted by Rev. Hudson. The grandsons served as pall bearers and the granddaughters as flower girls. Burial was in the La Plata cemetery.

Mr. Grear was born July 1, 1870, at Durham, Mo. He spent his boyhood in the vicinity where he was born until he began work with the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad at Baring.

He was married to Martha Pruet, Dec. 16, 1891. To this union eight children were born, four daughters, Claudia, Etta, Ines, and Lucille, and four sons, Roy, Ora, Wilsey, and Leland. He was preceded in death by his wife who died May 14, 1948, and two sons, Roy who died Nov. 2, 1946, and Leland, who died in infancy. He is survived by the following children: Mrs. William Gasaway, Joliet, Ill.; Mrs. Etta Fulmer, La Plata; Ora Grear, Holiday, Kan.; Mrs. G. D. Mott, of Stockton, Calif.; Wilsey Grear of La Plata, and Mrs. V. W. Speer, Anchorage, Alaska; fifteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Mr. Grear spent his entire adult life as an employee of the Missouri Division of the Santa Fe Railroad being at the time of his retirement in 1936, section foreman at La Plata, a position he had held for more than thirty years. Following his retirement after 44 continuous years of service, he had made his home in La Plata until the death of his wife when he went with his daughter to California, remaining there until the time of his death.

Those attending the funeral of Edward Grear from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gasaway of Joliet, Ill.; Mrs. Denzil Mott of Stockton, Calif.; Ora Grear of Holiday, Kan.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sisk and two children of Chilli-cothe, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Braghini of Verona, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wallen and two children of Des Moines, Ia.; Mrs. Leo Silvas of Richmond, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Fulmer, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Franklin and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Grear, all of Kirksville.

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GREAR—In Stockton, Calif., Jan. 6, 1949, Edward Grear, beloved father of Ines Martha Mott of Stockton, Claudia May Gasaway of Juliet, Ill., Mrs. Etta Fulmer of LaPlata, Mo., Goldie Lucille Speer of Anchorage, Alaska, Ora Edward Grear of LaPlata, Mo., and Wilsey Leo Grear of LaPlata, Mo.; a native of Louis Town, Mo., aged 77 years, 6 months, 5 days. Remains being shipped to LaPlata, Mo., for burial Friday, Jan. 7, 1949. De Young Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

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Stockton CA

Mrs. William Gasway, of Joliet, Ill., and Ora Grear, of Marceline, spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear. Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Mott, who have been visiting with her parents, left for their home in California Thursday.

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Sun, Mar 05, 1944 · Page 8

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Mother

**FUNERAL TOMORROW FOR
MRS. MARTHA M. GREAR**

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Marie (Pruet) Grear, 72, of La Plata, who died in a Kirksville hospital at 3:40 o'clock yesterday morning, will be held at the Community Presbyterian Church in La Plata at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Burial will be in the La Plata Cemetery.

Mrs. Grear was born on Sept. 29, 1875, at Lewistown, Mo. She was united in marriage to Edward Grear on Dec. 16, 1891, at Gorin, Mo., and to this union eight children were born. One son died in infancy and another son, Roy, William, died in 1947.

The late Mrs. Grear was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Claudia May Gasaway of Joliet, Ill., Mrs. Etta Alice Fulmer of La Plata, Mrs. Goldie Lucille Speer of Anchorage, Alaska, and Mrs. Ines Martha Mott of Stockton, Calif.; two sons, Ora Edward and Wilsey Leo, both of

La Plata; 15 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; one brother, William Pruet, of Kirksville; three half-brothers, Melvin Pruet of Edina, Luther of Pasadena, Calif., and Forest of Elmer; two half-sisters, Mrs. Katherine Burnison of Edina and Mrs. Meda Warrick of Fresno, Calif.

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Sat, May 15, 1948 -Page 4

Macon MO

Birthday Celebrated

Mrs. Martha Gear celebrated her sixtieth birthday Sunday when her children and grandchildren took well filled baskets and spent the day at her home. A delicious dinner was served at noon and the day happily enjoyed. Those attending included, Mr. and Mrs. Wilsie Gear and children Ronald, Shirley and Gene, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mott and children, Betty and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Fulmer and children, Pauline and Lewis Edward, Miss Lucille Gear, Mrs. Alice Pruitt and Roy Gear.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Atchison } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Mr. H. B. Gasaway of La Plata in the County of Macon and State of Mo. who is single the age of twenty-one years; and Claudia May Grear of La Plata in the County of Macon and State of Mo. who is single the age of eighteen years. Ed Grear, father of Claudia May Grear gives written consent that this License issue.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Lisbonville this 17th day of Dec. 1962 George Smith Recorder of Deeds.

By George Smith Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Macon } This is to certify that the undersigned Minister of the Gospel did, at La Plata in said County, on the 18 day of December, A. D. 1962 unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

J. D. Matthews

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 29th day of Dec A. D. 1962 George Smith Recorder of Deeds.

By George Smith Deputy.

<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1171/records/610401965>

Sister Claudia May Grear Gasaway (1893-1978)

Michigan, Death Index, 1971-1996

View record

Name	Claudia M Gasaway
Birth Date	28 Oct 1893
Death Date	12 Jul 1978
Gender	Female
Residence	Laketon, Muskegon, Michigan
Place of Death	North Muskegon, Muskegon, Michigan

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/86317193/person/432160158028/facts>

A marriage license was issued Saturday to William H. C. Garaway, aged 21, and Claudia May Grear, aged 17, both of Macon.

Both claimed to be age 16 in the 1910 census, conducted 21/22 Apr 1910 -

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Adair, } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or ordained Minister of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Wesley J. Fulmer of La Plata in the County of La Plata who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Etta A. Grear of La Plata in the County of La Plata who is over the age of eighteen years; Macon and State of Mo

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Kirksville this 3rd day of October 1914.
By Blanche Shinn Deputy J. W. Crouner Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
County of Adair, } This is to certify that the undersigned Minister of the Gospel did, at the request of Wesley J. Fulmer and Etta A. Grear on the 3rd day of October A. D. 1914, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 5th day of October A. D. 1914.
By J. W. Crouner Deputy J. W. Crouner Recorder of Deeds.

Sister Etta Alice Grear Fulmer (1896-1978)

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1171/images/vrmmo1833_c15863-0535?pld=505403057

Fulmer-Grear

At the home of the brides parents Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear, Sunday evening occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss Etta Grear to Mr. Roscoe L. Fulmer, both of La Plata. Just at 6 o'clock they stepped into the parlor where the magic words were spoken that made them one by Rev. J. W. Trower. Immediately after the ceremony which was witnessed by the immediate friends and relatives the company was invited to the dining room where a beautiful supper was served after which all departed leaving their benediction on the newly weds who begin life's journey together.

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Fri, Oct 09, 1914 · Page 1

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ROSCOE LEWIS FULMER

Funeral services for Roscoe Lewis Fulmer were held Monday afternoon at the Baptist church at 2:30 o'clock conducted by the Rev. J. L. Shoemaker of Shellbina.

Roscoe Fulmer, 49 years old, died at 7 o'clock Friday evening at a Kirksville hospital. He became ill Thursday noon. Death was attributed to a brain abscess.

Mr. Fulmer was born Aug. 7, 1891, the son of P. L. and May Fulmer. His entire life has been spent near and in La Plata. In 1914 he married Miss Etta Grear, two children were born to this union.

Mr. Fulmer was employed by the Santa Fe Railroad for a number of years and for the past ten years he has been employed by the Stanolind Pipe Line Company in La Plata.

Mr. Fulmer is survived by his wife, two children, Mrs. Stewart Donald of Chicago, Lewis Edward Fulmer, his father, P. L. Fulmer, four sisters, Mrs. Joe Lane, Mrs. Clarence Wolf, Mrs. Robert Beall and Mrs. William Snart, all of La Plata.

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Ora Grear Dies Suddenly

Mr. Ora Grear, 57, who has lived at the Cottage Hotel the past two years, was found dead in the bathroom this morning, apparently the result of a heart attack. He has suffered with a heart ailment in past years. When found, he was in a sitting position on the bath-room floor as though he had sat there to rest. There was no evidence of a fall.

Mr. Grear is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Eva Kohler and Mrs. Dorothy Britt, both of Conroe, Texas; Also four sisters, Mrs. Claudia Gasaway, of Chillicothe, Ill., Mrs. Lucille Speer, of Anchorage, Alaska and Mrs. Ines Mott, Stockton, Calif., and Mrs. Etta Fulmer of La Plata.

Mr. Grear had been employed in the signal department of the Santa Fe Railway for 35 years up to the time of his retirement.

Details of funeral arrangements had not been completed at time of going to press.

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Brother Ora Edward Grear (1898-1955)

Ora Grear Gassed

Ora Grear was gassed in France, according to a letter received here by his mother this week. He was able to write the letter, but was still in the hospital. It is hoped by his many friends here that he will improve rapidly.

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STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Adair.

THIS LICENSE authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a Citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State to solemnize Marriage between Ora Edward Spear of La Plata in the County of Macon and State of Mo. who is over the age of twenty-one years, and Juanita Wood of La Plata in the County of Macon and State of Mo. who is under the age of twenty-one years.

ella Wood, father of Juanita Wood, gives written consent that this license issue.

WITNESS, my hand as Recorder of Deeds with the Seal of Office hereto affixed at my Office in Kirksville, this 24th day of June 1921.

By Hannie Baker Deputy. Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Macon ss.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That the undersigned Edward Ewing De Long, a minister of the Gospel did, at La Plata in said County, on the 24th day of June A. D. 1921, unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further Certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

Rev. Edward Ewing De Long

The foregoing Instrument was filed for Record on the 27 day of June A. D. 1921 at o'clock minutes M.

By Hannie Baker Deputy. Recorder.

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Grear-Hood

Mr. Ora Grear and Miss Juanita Hood both of this city were united in marriage last Friday at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. R. L. Fulmer, Rev. E. E. De Long officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Hood and is an excellent young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grear. The happy young couple will make their home in La Plata. The Republican extends hearty congratulations and best wishes.

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STATE OF WYOMING
DEPT. OF HEALTH
VITAL STATISTICS

Record of Divorce

FILE NO. 1942
REG. NO. 138

Docket No. 26 Volume Page 337

1. Place of Divorce: (a) County Laramie (b) City or Town Cheyenne
2. Place of marriage: (a) State Missouri County (c) City or Town LaPlata
3. Date of Marriage June 24, 1924 4. Date of Separation March 23, 1942
5. Date of Filing Petition Febr. 11, 1942 6. Date of Decree or Judgment
7. Plaintiff: Husband (.....) Wife (X) 8. Was Case Contested? Yes (.....) No (X)
9. Cause or Grounds for Divorce Intolerable Indignities
10. Absolute Divorce, or Conditions? Absolute
11. Divorce Granted To: Husband (.....) Wife (X) 12. Alimony Granted: Yes (.....) No (X)
13. Number of Children Affected: Total None; By This Marriage None

HUSBAND		WIFE	
Full Name	<u>Ora Edward Grear</u>	Maiden Name	<u>Juanita</u>
Residence at time of divorce	<u>X</u>	Residence at time of divorce	<u>Cheyenne</u>
Residence at time of marriage	<u>X</u>	Residence at time of marriage	<u>X</u>
Color or race	<u>X</u>	Color or race	<u>X</u>
17. race	<u>X</u>	26. Race	<u>X</u>
18. Age	<u>X</u>	27. Age	<u>X</u>
19. Number of this marriage	<u>X</u>	28. Number of this marriage	<u>X</u>
20. Birthplace	<u>X</u>	29. Birthplace	<u>X</u>
21. Usual Occupation	<u>X</u>	30. Usual Occupation	<u>X</u>
Industry	<u>X</u>	Industry	<u>X</u>
22. or Business	<u>X</u>	31. or Business	<u>X</u>

I hereby certify that the above items of information are as shown in the original record of the case, now on file in this office. (date transcribed: 4/1/42)

W. D. Jones
Signature, clerk of district court

Juanita F Fox

in the U.S., Social Security Applications and Claims Index, 1936-2007



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Detail	Source
Name	Juanita F Fox [Juanita Faye Hood]
Gender	Female
Birth Date	7 Jan 1905
Birth Place	Gifford, Missouri [Gifford]
Death Date	7 Oct 1996
Claim Date	23 May 1967
Father	Rollo S Hood
Mother	Julia M Cole
SSN	496140411
Citizenship or Alien Status	U.S. Citizen.
Type of Claim	Evidence Other Than Birth Record Submitted; U.S. Citizen or Alien Allowed to Work.
Signature on SSN Card	Juanita Hood Greer
Notes	25 Jan 1988: Name Listed As Juanita F Fox

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Rites Sunday for Vet Of Two Wars, Ora E. Gear: Died at 57

Rites for Ora Edward Gear, a veteran of both World Wars, were at the La Plata Cemetery last Sunday afternoon following 2 o'clock services at the Wilson Funeral Home with the Rev. Harold Johnson officiating.

Gear, 57, the victim of a heart attack, was found in the Cottage Hotel bathroom early last Thursday morning by a fellow tenant, a few hours after his death.

Gear was a member of Missouri's Company C in April 12, 1917 when the unit was called into action. He fought in the battle of St. Mihiel, July 30 - Sept. 1, and at the Argonne-Meuse struggle September 12 and October 2 in 1918. He was discharged April 28, 1919.

In the second World War, at the age of 45, Gear volunteered for service, entering October 28, 1942 and was discharged Jan. 27, 1943.

He was born February 10, 1898 at Hurdland, Mo., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gear. In 1921 he was wed to Miss Juanita Faye Hood. Two children were born: Mrs. Eva Kohler and Mrs. Dorothy Britt of Conroe, Texas.

Besides his children he is sur-

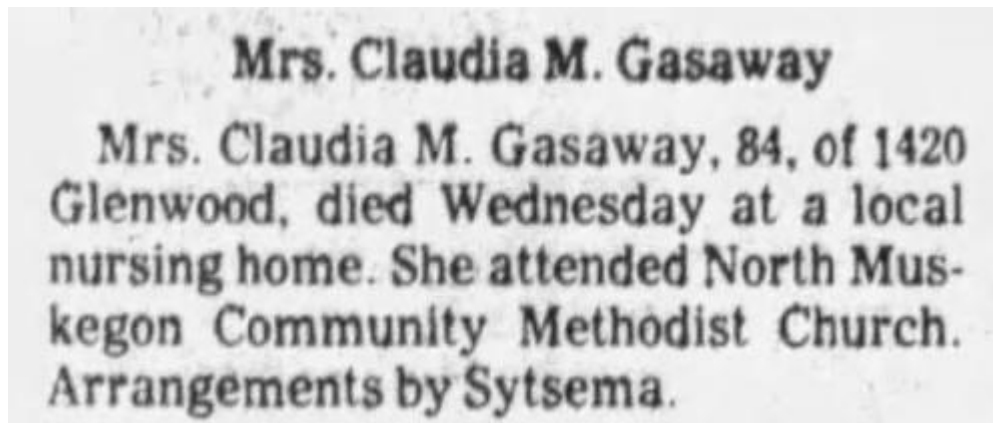
Besides his children he is survived by three grandchildren, Gregory, Connie and Jo Ann Kohler; four sisters, Mrs. Etta Fulmer, La Plata; Mrs. Claudia Gasaway, Chillicothe, Ill.; Mrs. Lucille Speer, Anchorage, Alaska; and Mrs. Ines Mott, Stockton, Calif.

A signalman on the Santa Fe, Gear resided in several communities, including Marceline, Ethel, Medill and La Plata. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Pallbearers at the funeral were the members of his Signal Gang; A. C. Mitten, L. M. Pruet, R. L. Holt, J. C. Dorrell, C. H. Graham and P. A. Mayers.

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Name	Ines M Mott
Social Security #	573266146
Gender	Female
Birth Date	21 Feb 1905
Birth Place	Missouri
Death Date	15 Oct 1968
Death Place	Stanislaus
Mother's Maiden Name	Puritt

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Sister Ines Martha Grear Mott (1905-1968)

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of St. Louis. THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Minister of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Denzil Mott
of Ethel in the County of St. Louis and State of Mo.
who is 21 the age of twenty-one years; and Ines Martha Grear
of LaPlata in the County of Monroe and State of Mo.
who is under the age of twenty-one years on June 25, 1924.
My Martha Grear, mother of Ines Martha Grear, gives
written consent that this is her daughter

I, Ray Parker, do hereby certify that the above named persons are of legal age and are not within the degree of consanguinity or affinity prohibited by law, and that they are not within the degree of consanguinity or affinity prohibited by law, and that they are not within the degree of consanguinity or affinity prohibited by law.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Kirkville, this 25 day of April, 1924.

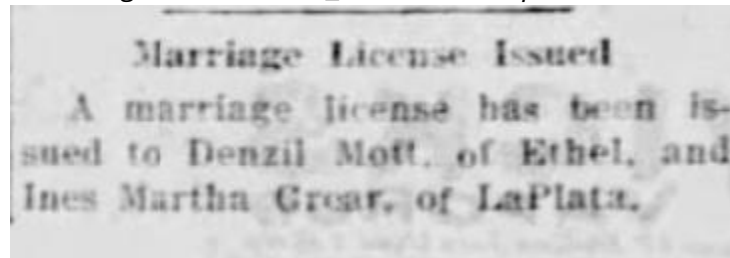
By Ray Parker Deputy. Ray Parker Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of St. Louis. This is to certify that the undersigned Minister of the Gospel
did, at Kirkville in said County, on the 25th day of April, A. D. 1924,
solemnize Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

The foregoing instrument was filed for record on the 7 day of May,
A. D. 1924.

By Ray Parker Deputy. Ray Parker Recorder.

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Kirkville MO

Ines Mott

RIVERBANK—Funeral services for Mrs. Ines Martha Mott, 63, of 3001 Riverside Drive, who died unexpectedly yesterday in her home, will be held Friday at 10:30 a.m. in Riverbank Memorial Chapel.

Mrs. Mott, a native of Missouri, resided here seven years since coming from Stockton.

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Stockton CA

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LA PLATA COUPLE WEDS AT KIRKSVILLE TODAY

LA PLATA, Mo., June 18—Miss Hazel Mercer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mercer of this city, and Wilsey Gear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gear of this city, were married in Kirksville this morning by Rev. R. A. Waggoner, pastor of the Presbyterian church there.

They were accompanied by Miss Cleo Mercer, sister of the bride and LeRoy Hayden.

Mrs. Gear is a graduate of the La Plata High School, class of 1925 and an accomplished student of piano. During her high school years she was well known throughout Northeast Missouri as a basketball player. She has attended the Kirksville State Teachers College at Kirksville the past two years.

Mr. Gear is also a graduate of the local high school, class of 1925. He also participated actively in Northeast Missouri athletics during high school days. He has since been employed by the A. T. & S. F. Railway Company.

The young couple will be at home in La Plata.

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Brother Wilsey Lee Gear (1906-1954) – Macon MO



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STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 36357

BIRTH NO. 10-48 REG. DIST. NO. 1 PRIMARY REG. DIST. NO. 3900 Registrar's No. 422

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Adair
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give town) Kirksville
c. LENGTH OF STAY (in this place) 2 Days
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Grim-Smith Memorial Hospital

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission)
a. STATE Missouri b. COUNTY Macon
c. CITY OR TOWN La Plata, Mo.
d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) 661

3. NAME OF DECEASED
a. (First) Wilsey b. (Middle) Leo c. (Last) Grear
4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) November 29, 1954

5. SEX Male 6. COLOR OR RACE White 7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married
8. DATE OF BIRTH December 19, 1906
9. AGE (In years) (Months) (Days) 47 11 15
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Welder
11. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) La Plata, Missouri
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA

13a. FATHER'S NAME Edward Grear 13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Martha Pruitt 14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Hazel Grear

15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give year or date of service) Yes National Guard 16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 510-01-0354 17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE OR NAME Mrs Hazel Grear ADDRESS La Plata, Mo.

18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH (a) Acute Myocardial Failure 10 mins.
ANTECEDENT CAUSES (b) Pulmonary emphysema 2 weeks
(c) Bronchial Asthma 2 months
II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS (d) Pulmonary tuberculosis 9 months
19a. DATE OF OPERATION 241 X A 19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION 20. AUTOPSY? YES ☐ NO ☒

21a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE (Specify) 21b. PLACE OF INJURY (a. In or about house, farm, factory, street, etc. (b) In car, etc.) 21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)
21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) 21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK ☐ NOT WHILE AT WORK ☐ 21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?

22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from 11-27, 1954, to 11-29, 1954, that I last saw the deceased alive on 11-28, 1954, and that death occurred at 7:45 A.M., from the causes and on the date stated above.

23a. SIGNATURE (Doctor or title) 23b. ADDRESS Kirksville, Mo. 23c. DATE SIGNED 11-29-54

24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial 24b. DATE 12/3/54 24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY La Plata Cemetery 24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) La Plata Mo.

DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. 12-3-54 REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE Kate Lambert 1-0 FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE Kenneth M. Wilson ADDRESS La Plata Mo.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Adair.

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Henry L. Green of La. Platte in the County of Warren and State of Mo. who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Joseph Marie Turner of La. Platte in the County of Warren and State of Mo. who is under the age of twenty-one years.

Mrs. J. J. Turner mother of Joseph Marie Turner gives written consent that this license issue.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Elkhardt, this 5th day of June 1897.

Jennie Barber
Recorder of Deeds.

By Deputy

STATE OF MISSOURI,
County of Adair.

This is to certify that the undersigned A. Minister did, at Elkhardt in said County, on the 5th day of June A. D. 1897, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

Rev. H. A. Lattin

The foregoing Instrument was filed for record on the 5th day of June A. D. 1897.

Jennie Barber
Recorder.

By Deputy

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Wilsey Gear, Lifelong Resident, Dies Monday Morning: Services are Today

Wilsey Leo Gear, a lifelong resident of La Plata, died at a Kirksville Hospital at 8 Monday morning after a 10 month illness. He was 47 years of age.

Gear was born in La Plata December 19, 1906, the son of Edward and Martha (Pruett) Gear. He attended the La Plata high school, graduating in 1925.

On June 18, 1927 he married Hazel Marie Mercer at Kirksville, with Rev. W. R. Gattis officiating. Three children were born: Ronald Blaine Gear of Chester, Ill.; Mrs. Merl Matticks of La Plata, and Wilsey Gene Gear of Lexington, Nebr.

Other survivors include his wife, Hazel; four sisters, Mrs. Claudia Gasaway, Chillicothe, Ill.; Mrs. Etta Fulmer, La Plata; Mrs. Inez Mott, Stockton, California; and Mrs. Lucille Speer, Anchorage, Alaska; one brother, Ora Gear of La Plata, and six grandchildren.

Gear was employed as a welding foreman on the Santa Fe Railroad. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services will be this afternoon at 2 in the Community Presbyterian Church with Rev. Harold Johnson officiating. Special music will be by Mrs. Harold Johnson and Mrs. Fred Hudson.



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RECORD OF MARRIAGES

U. S. Commissioner's Precinct of Kodiak, AlaskaUNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Territory of Alaska

THIS CERTIFIES THAT

Vincent H. Spear and Lucille Grear
 of Kodiak, Alaska and of La Plata, Missouri
 were united by me in

HOLY MATRIMONY

on the Twenty Ninth day of August in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine
 Hundred and Forty One, at Kodiak, Alaska

AND, within thirty days, a copy of this certificate will be filed by me for record with the United States Commissioner for
 the Kodiak Recording Precinct, Territory of Alaska.

Witnesses: { Mary Gregoroff Chas. C. Naughton
Janet Naughton United States Commissioner
 (Clerical or official title)

The above is a true and correct copy of an original CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE filed in my office on Aug. 29, 1941. Recorded this 30 day of August, 1941.
 Original CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE forwarded to Registrar of Vital Statistics, Juneau, 1941.

Chas. C. Naughton
 U. S. Commissioner and ex-officio Recorder.

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Sister Goldie Lucille Grear Spear (1912-2003)

G. Lucille Speer

G. Lucille Grear Speer, 91, of Modesto died Saturday, Dec. 6 in Modesto.

A native of Missouri, she lived in Modesto for 24 years. She enjoyed cooking and entertaining friends and family.

She was an accomplished singer, and played piano and organ. She was an avid bird watcher.

She was also a member of Royal Neighbors of America.

She is survived by her nieces, Betty Silva and Lurene Mott, both of Riverbank, Shirley Matticks of La Plata, Mo. and Eva Kohler of Texas; nephews, Cliff Gasaway of Michigan, Ronald Grear of Nebraska and Gene Grear of La Plata, Mo.; and many great and great-great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Vincent Speer.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 10 at Lakewood Memorial Park in Hughson. Visitation was held.

Remembrances may be sent to the American Heart Association, 1710 Gilbreth Road, Burlingame, 94010 or United Methodist Church Wheelchair Ramp Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 1091, Riverbank, CA 95367.

The Riverbank News

Riverbank, Calif. Dec. 10, 2003

vacation.

Mrs. W. R. Pruitt, Mrs. Amanda Greer, and Mrs. Belle Bragg went to LaPlata last Friday to attend the funeral of their cousin, Leland Kenneth Grear.

The Kirksville Daily Journal
Thu, Sep 13, 1917 · Page 5

Kirksville MO

Brother Leland Kenneth Grear (1917-1917)

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Roy William Grear

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 158th Aero Squadron - private

Serial number: 249,974

Entered service from: Elmer, Macon MO

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Roy W. Grear

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": wife Mrs. Mollie Grear, Elmer MO

Returned from war on: "Mexican" Feb/Mar 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Roy W. Grear

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: wife Mrs. Nellie Grear, Elmer MO (pvt, 158th Aero Sq)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Roy W. Grear - b. 17 Mar 1895 Kenwood MO; res: La Plata, Macon MO. Wife, married. Laborer, AT&S Fe Railway Co., La Plata MO. [Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway]. Medium height & build.

World War II draft registration (1942): as Roy William Grear - b. 17 Mar 1895 Kenwood MO; res:

4115 N. Brown St., La Plata, Macon MO. NOK Mrs. Martha M. Grear, same address. [mother]

Employment left blank. Height 5'9 ½" – 165 lbs. [He registered 21 Jun 1943; was supposed to have registered in April 1942]

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted 24 Nov 1917

Discharged 1 Apr 1919

Address: La Plata MO

Rank/unit: cook, 158th Aero Squadron

Birth & death:

Born: 17 Mar 1895 Kenwood, Knox MO

Died: 2 Nov 1946 Excelsior Springs, Clay MO (Veterans Administration Hospital, of tuberculosis)

Find A Grave record: 65847592, presence on Tuscania noted in flower

Burial location: La Plata, Macon Co. MO

Cemetery: La Plata

Tombstone: veteran flat: Missouri / Cook 158 Aero Sq WWI

Father: Edward Grear, 1 Jul 1870 Kenwood, Knox MO [also found as Durham, Lewis MO and in 1874 according to CA Death Index] – 6 Jan 1949 Stockton, San Joaquin CA.

Son of John W. Grear & Almira Wakefield.

Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO.

Find A Grave: 65846944

Mother: Martha Maria Pruett Grear, 29 Sep 1875 Lewistown, Lewis MO – 14 May 1948 Kirksville, Adair MO.

Daughter of Charles William Pruett & Nancy M. Crandall.

Her maiden surname is spelled Pruet in her obituary & is also found as Pruit.

Died at the Community Nursing Home in Kirksville MO of toxemia & intestinal obstruction at age 72.

Find A Grave: 65847541

Parents' marriage: 16 Dec 1891 [1892 in Martha's obituary] Gorin, Scotland Co. MO

Spouse: Nellie Viola Conley Grear Plemmons, 14 Feb 1899 Elmer, Macon MO – 27 Jan 1991 La Plata, Macon MO.

Daughter of Charles Chester Conley (1870-1949, F: 20121615) & Ola B. Jackson (1876-1956, F: 20121619).

After divorcing Roy, Nellie married John Clyde Plemmons (1888-1956) on 25 May 1928 in Galesburg, Knox IL. John Clyde Plemmons (2 Apr 1888 Macon Co. MO – 10 Sep 1956 La Plata, Macon MO, F: 12805007) was the son of Benjamin Franklin (Frank) Plemmons & Ida Belle Mason. He was a WWI veteran, serving 27 months overseas.

Obituary on Find A Grave: died in the La Plata Nursing Home on 27 Jan 1991 where she had resided since Nov 1986. Born near Elmer MO, the daughter of Charles C. Conley & Ola B. Jackson Conley. Survived by nieces & nephews. Had lived in Rock Island IL for 25 years, moving to La Plata MO in 1953.

Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO.

Spouse Find A Grave: 12805011

Marriage: 16 May 1916 Elmer, Macon MO. Roy W. Grear of La Plata, Macon MO, over age 21 & Nellie Conley, La Plata, Macon MO, over age 18, obtained licensed 15 May 1916 in Adair Co. MO & married 16 May 1916 in Elmer, Macon MO by justice of the peace J.C. Patterson.

Divorce: "La Plata (MO) Home Press" 15 Mar 1928 p 1 – Nellie Grear vs. Roy Grear, divorce.

Attorney for the plaintiff: R.R. Williams.

Spouse: Leona May Ballew Young Brinegar Grear Lindsey Pearson, 28 Dec 1901 Fabius, Davis IA - 7 Jan 1980 Hennepin Co. MN (in Ambassador Nursing Home).

Daughter of James Lafayette Ballew (1850-1916, F: 91743857) & Alma A. Sparks (1863-1935, F: 91744278). In the 1920 census, misindexed as Ballen, the Ballew family lived in Fabius, Davis IA.

Leona May Ballew married **Cleo Young** on **19 Jan 1923** in Brashear, Adair MO. Both were residents of Kirksville MO; both were over 21. The officiant was pastor J.H. Lane of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Although Cleo is found in online genealogies as dying in 1928 or by 1928, he is found mentioned in newspaper articles after that time, due to his conflicts with law enforcement. Some records indicate he was born in Iowa, but others indicate Missouri. He & his 2 brothers were arrested in Kirksville, Adair MO over several years; Clay was also arrested in KS & extradited to MO. Cleo's was released from jail in Jul 1932 in MO on condition that he leave the state of MO.

Some of Cleo's arrests – arrested for gambling in Colby KS Jun 1931 – sentenced to 1 year in jail on Sep 1931 – paroled Nov 1931 if he leaves the state of MO – rearrested Apr 1932 as was seen in MO – Jul 1932, released on condition that he leave the state of MO. His trail then goes cold.

Leona divorced Cleo Young on 16 Nov 1928 in circuit court in Kirksville, Adair MO. She stated they had separated on 15 Aug 1928.

Their two daughters:

Cleo Lucille Young Bordeaux, Sep 1923 Kirksville, Adair MO – 16 Sep 1946 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. – Known as Lucille. - Married Raymond Oliver Bordeaux (1921-1986, F: 127545165) on 1 Aug 1942 in Hennepin Co. MN, in a double wedding with her sister Louise. – Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 200382269

Nelda Louise Young Leckner, 22 Aug 1924 Kirksville, Adair MO – 23 May 2017 Brooklyn Park, Hennepin MN. – Known as Louise. - Married Marvin John C. Lecker (b. 1924) on 1 Aug 1942 in Hennepin County, MN in a double wedding with her sister Lucille. He is listed as her surviving husband of 75 years in her obituary. – Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN. F: 179753457

Marriage to **Jack Orville Brinegar (whose name is found altered to Jack O'Brinegar)**: "Clarence (MO) Independent-Courier" 30 Jan 1929 p 1 – popular widower Jack O'Brinegar married popular widow Mrs. Leona M. Young on Saturday evening [**26 Jan 1929**] at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Dick Timbrook by Rev. L.C. Maggart in Macon Co. MO. The MO marriage record lists the date as 2 Feb 1919.

In the 1930 census for Kirksville, Adair MO, Jack Brinegar (34 MO, parents b. MO, shoe worker in factory, 1st married at age 20) & Leona Brinegar (28 IA, father b. MO, mother b. OH, 1st married at age 21) reside with son Billy Brinegar (13 MO) & Jack's stepdaughters: Lucille Young (6 MO) & Louise (5 MO). The Young girls list their father as born in MO & their mother in IA.

Jack Orville Brinegar (18 Apr 1895 Bagnell, Miller MO – 12 Sep 1937 Kirksville, Adair MO), was the son of Robert Lee Brinegard (1866-1938) & Lolitha (Tabitha) A. Conner. He had married on 23 Dec 1915 in Cole Co. MO to Alma Carrico (1897-1920). He is buried in Maple Hills Cemetery, Kirksville, Adair MO, F: 44077537. Only Jack's 1st wife Alma is mentioned in his obituary. His MO death record indicates he was age 42 at the time of his death, and was a widower.

Leona had divorced Jack in Jan 1931 and reverted to her "maiden name" (not accurate) of Young.

In 1931 & in 1934, Leona Young was arrested in Kirksville, Adair MO for bootlegging.

Leona Young married **Roy William Grear** on 18 Jan 1932 & separated 3 weeks later.

Her next husband is **James Curtis Lindsey**. He was born 21 Jun 1897 Hedge City, Knox MO & died 24 May 1976 in Kirksville, Adair MO. James was the son of Aaron Purdom Lindsey (1863-1944) & Minnie Lorena Nichols (1869-1952). It is believed that James and Leona married in late 1937 or early 1938.

James Lindsey is buried in Harmony Cemetery, Bee Ridge township, Knox MO, F: 54309473.

In the 1938 Minneapolis MN city directory, James C. Lindsey, "mech," lived with Leona M. Lindsey at 723 – 14th Ave. N.

In the 1940 Minneapolis, Hennepin MN city directory, Leona Lindsey, 39 IA, married, lived on 17th Ave. N. with daughters Lucille Young (16 MO) & Louise Young (15 MO). No one had an occupation.

Married **Harris Arthur Pearson** (1901 WI – 1965 WI), F: 103634840) on 8 Jan 1949 in Hennepin Co. MN. Although Leona was alive at the time of Harris's death, she is not listed in his obituary as a surviving widow.

In the 1950 census for Minneapolis, Hennepin MN, Harris Pearson (48 WI, bottler, bottling works) lived with wife Leona Pearson (48 IA, party plan sales, direct selling brushes). This census was conducted 21 Apr 1950.

Buried in Hillside Cemetery, Minneapolis, Hennepin MN as Leona May Pearson.

Spouse Find A Grave:200373069

Marriage: 18 Jan 1932 – Mrs. Leona Young of Kirksville. Lived together 3 weeks; separated 9 Feb 1932. "La Plata (MO) Home Press" 18 Feb 1932 p 2 (copied above) – married 18 Jan 1932 in Kirksville, Adair MO by minister of the Gospel Fred L. Hudson. Roy W. Gear of La Plata MO was over 21 years old, Mrs. Leona Young of Kirksville MO was also over 21 – Mrs. Leona Gear sued for divorce on the grounds of "general indignities."

Children:

Siblings: Roy was the 2nd of 8 children. There were 4 boys & 4 girls.

<https://ancestors.familysearch.org/en/LTFL-WCT/roy-william-gear-1895-1946>

- **Claudia May Gear Gasaway**, 28 Oct 1893 Baring [or La Plata], Macon MO – 12 Jul 1978 North Muskegon, Muskegon MI. - Wife of William Henry Clifton Gasaway (1893-1954, F: 67337875), whom she married 18 Dec 1910 in La Plata, Macon MO. She was underage & required her father's permission. Earlier that year, in Apr 1910, when Henry was boarding with her family in Harrison, Scotland MO, both Henry & Claudia are reported being 16 years old. On his marriage record, Henry claims to be age 21. - Resident of Joliet IL in May 1948 & Chillicothe IL in Nov 1954. - Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO. F: 67337803
- **Etta Alice Gear Fulmer**, 21 Aug 1896 Hurdland, Knox MO [or Kenwood, Knox MO] – 12 Aug 1978 Hobbs, Lee NM. - Wife of Roscoe Lewis Fulmer (1891-1941, F: 66853230) whom she married on 4 Aug 1918. - Resident of La Plata MO in May 1948 & Nov 1954. - Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO. F: 67188617
- **Ora Edward Grear**, 10 Feb 1898 Hurdland, Knox MO [or Kenwood, Knox MO] – 21 Jul 1955 La Plata, Macon MO. - SSN 709-16-0636. - Resident of La Plata MO in May 1948 & Nov 1954. – Husband of Juanita Faye Hood, whom he married in 1921. - Served in WWI & WWII, earning the Purple Heart. Veteran tombstone: PFC Co. C, 139 Infantry. MO death record: was found dead in a bathroom at the Cottage Hotel, La Plata, Macon MO. Ruled death of natural but

undetermined causes. – Married on 24 Jun 1921 to Juanita Faye Hood in Adair Co. MO. She was the daughter of Rolla Stillman Hood & Julia Margaret Cole. Her father Rolla had to give permission for the marriage as she was underage. – Juanita filed a divorce petition on 11 Feb 1942 & they divorced 23 Mar 1942 in Cheyenne, Laramie WY; she claimed “intolerable indignities.” - Juanita, born 17 Jan 1905 Gifford, Macon MO, died as Juanita Fox on 7 Oct 1996 New Canton, Macon MO. She was married to Olen Allen Fox (1900-1967, F: 34227944) & is buried in New Cambria Cemetery, New Cambria, Macon MO, F: 90049060. – Ora is buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon F: 55160763

- **Ines Martha Grear Mott**, 21 Feb 1905 Hurdland, Knox MO – 15 Oct 1968 Riverbank, Stanislaus CA. - SSN 573-26-6146. - Name sometimes found as Inez. - Wife of G.D. (Gran/Grann Denzil) Mott, whom she married 24 Apr 1924 in Kirksville, Adair MO. - Grann Denzil Mott (24 Apr 1903 MO – 8 Jul 1978 Stanislaus Co. CA, SSN 709-16-0657, F: 28099999956023). - “La Plata (MO) Home Press” Thursday, 1 May 1924 p 1 – Denziel Mott of Ethel MO & Inez Martha Grear, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ed Grear of La Plata MO, were married in Kirksville MO last Thursday [i.e. 24 Apr 1924] by Baptist Church pastor C.F. Acree. Inez was accompanied to Kirksville by her mother Mrs. Martha Grear, Mrs. Roscoe Fulmer [her sister Etta] & Mrs. Nettie Grear [was this Roy’s wife Nellie?] The couple will live in Ethel MO. - Mrs. Denzil Mott lived in Stockton CA in May 1948 & as Mrs. Inez Mott in Stockton CA in Nov 1954. – CA Death Index lists her name as Ines M. Mott. – Buried in Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, Stanislaus CA, F: 280955974.
- **Wilsey Lee Grear**, 19 Dec 1906 La Plata, Macon MO – Nov 1954 Kirksville, Adair MO. - SSN 510-01-0354. - Middle name is Leo on his MO death certificate. - Resident of La Plata MO in Nov 1946 & May 1948. - Husband of Hazel Marie Mercer (1907-2005, F: 65847117) whom he married on 18 Jun 1927 in Kirksville, Adair MO. Wilsey & Hazel had 3 children. - Obituary on Find A Grave: lifelong resident of La Plata, died at a Kirksville hospital after a 10-month illness at age 47. Graduated from La Plata High School in 1925. – MO death record lists cause of death as acute myocardial failure, asthma, tuberculosis & emphysema. Had served in the National Guard. - Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO. F: 65847966
- **Goldie Lucille Grear Speer**, 19 Aug 1912 La Plata, Macon MO – 6 Dec 2003 Modesto, Stanislaus CA. - Wife of Vincent Whitney Speer (1913-1977, F: 194829783), whom she married 29 Aug 1941 in Kodiak AK. - Resident of Fairbanks AK in Nov 1946. Resident of Anchorage AK in May 1948 & Nov 1954. - Employment: “La Plata (MO) Home Press” 17 Jun 1943 p 1 – Mrs. V.W. Speer was living in Anchorage AK with her husband & had accepted a position in the post office. A later newspaper notice reports the couple moved to Minneapolis MN in May 1944. - Obituary: “Riverbank (CA) News” 10 Dec 2003 p 2 – G. Lucille Grear Speer, age 91 of Modesto CA, d. 6 Dec 2003 in Modesto CA. Born MO. Lived in Modesto 24 years. Survived by nieces & nephews. Preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Vincent Speer. Graveside services held at Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, Stanislaus CA. Her Find A Grave record reads: Lucille (“Goldie”) Grear Speer. - Buried in Lakewood Memorial Park, Hughson, Stanislaus CA. F: 194829735
- **Leland Kenneth Grear**, b. & d. 5 Sep 1917. His tombstone is inscribed “infant.” - Buried in La Plata Cemetery, La Plata, Macon MO. F: 55160691

Pre-war:

"La Plata (MO) Republican" Friday, 21 May 1915 p 5 – Chrystal Sparks & Roy Gear went to Marceline on Saturday to work on the pipe line. A new 4-mile spur is being put in. Main work on the 3-mile spur was completed last Friday.

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" 9 Aug 1917 p 1 -

Wartime:

"St. Louis (MO) Globe-Democrat" 11 Feb 1918 p 1 – the War Department on 10 Feb 1918 released additional names of survivors, among them Roy W. Green of Elmer MO

Post-war:

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" Thursday, 18 Sep 1919 p 4 – Roy Gear & wife returned to Streeter IL Sunday evening after visiting here with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gear.

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" 15 Nov 1923 p 6 – Mr. & Mrs. Roy Gear of Macon MO came Monday to visit her parents, Mr. & Mrs. C.C. Conley.

"Macon (MO) Republican" 30 Mar 1928 p 1 – Roy Gear, section boss on the Santa Fe Railroad, was awarded \$8,000 in damages for personal injuries by a jury in La Plata circuit court on Wednesday night [28 Mar 1928]. "The road will appeal."

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" 16 Jun 1932 p 4 – American Legion Post 282 at its regular meeting 14 Jun 1932 voted to publish the entire article that appeared in the "La Plata Home Press" on 2 Jun 1932 discussing how a La Plata veteran, a prominent businessman, had taken only his regular service pay & no bonuses & asked his to be given to veterans who need it. A list of veterans who signed a petition asking "Who is he?" is headed by Roy W. Gear. [The original article appeared in the newspaper on 2 Jun 1932 p 1 headed "A La Plata Soldier Refused"]

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" 22 Jul 1943 p 1 – Charles E. Tyhurst was found electrocuted in the flue room of the furnace room at La Plata Public School, where he had gone for maintenance. Roy Gear was 1 of 2 men who worked in the crowded flue room to remove the body through a small door after Tyhurst was located dead.

"La Plata (MO) Home Press" Thursday, 5 Apr 1945 p 2 – Roy Gear left Sunday night at midnight to enter the Veterans Hospital in Des Moines IA. He will be sent elsewhere from there.

Obituary:

"Macon [MO] Chronicle-Herald" 5 Nov 1946 p 1 (copied above) - Roy William Gear, age 51, of La Plata MO, story from "Kirksville Express" - b. Kenwood MO 17 Mar 1895, son of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Gear. When Roy was about 10 years old, he moved with his parents to La Plata, where he has lived most of his life. WWI veteran. Survived by his parents & 6 siblings, with 1 brother preceding him in death.

Social Security Number: 498-10-9469

Censuses:

1900

1910 Harrison, Scotland MO – conducted 21/22 Apr 1900

Edward Gear, 39 MO, parents b. OH, in 1st marriage, married 18 years, foreman, railroad gang

Martha, 34 MO, parents b. MO, gave birth to 6 children, 6 are living

Claudia, 16 MO

Ray, 15 MO, laborer, odd jobs

Etta, 13 MO

Ora, 12 MO

Inez, 5 MO

Wilsey, 3 MO

& boarder James W. Mitsap, 37 MO, parents b. IN, assistant foreman, railroad

& boarder William Gasaway, 16 MO, father b. KY, mother b. IN, time keeper, railroad

Note: William Gasaway marries Claudia Gear in Dec 1910]

1920

1930 La Plata, Macon MO – conducted 2 Apr 1930

Edward Gear, 59 MO, parents b. OH, age 21 at 1st marriage, section foreman, ATSF Rail Road

[Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe]

Martha M., 54 MO, parents b. MO, age 16 at 1st marriage

Roy W., 35 MO, widowed, age 21 at 1st marriage, no occupation listed, WWI veteran

Lucille, 17 MO, single

1940 Summit township, Callaway, Cedar MO – Tebbetts Sawmill, Missouri State Penal Camp No. 2
[serving 2-year sentence for forgery] – line 29

Roy W. Gear, 45 MO, divorced, former residence of La Plata MO, 8th-grade education, inmate.

Prisoner #53200 (or 52200). In 1935 lived in rural Dallas Co. MO

1950 dead