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Emma Scott took on a Herculean task when she offered to clean out the old First National Bank vault. In the photo at right, she smiles among the artifacts, then gives a thumbs-up after moving out everything (center right). The end result is sanity restored! At left, Emma shows off her project—with a few cookies thrown in.



From chaos, comes a bank vault, thanks to a Girl Scout

Many volunteers came out last year to help revitalize the O'Fallon Historical Society Museum by sorting, cleaning and reorganizing the two main floors of the museum. No one offered to clean out the vault in the basement of the 1904 building—until Emma Scott.

Emma was looking for a Gold Award project to complete her final days in Girl Scouts. The project has to involve at least 65 hours of work, and leading the efforts of others. For more than a month, she toiled every evening in the room, first moving out everything and then scrubbing down a room that probably hasn't seen cleaner in decades.

The bank vault is definitely one of the most interesting elements in the museum building, which started out a bank. Besides its more traditional role in storing the city's valuables, the vault was also once used by the O'Fallon police to store crime-scene evidence.

Working with OHS's president, Brian Keller, she then tackled the reorganization. From back issues of the O'Fallon Progress, to maps, to account ledgers, archival material went back on the shelves. Among the history Emma encountered, were pictures of her and her brother going to their first day of school at Moye Elementary.

The end result is a stunning achievement. Visitors can not only open the vault door, but stroll into the room.

Emma hosted an open house July 16. You can visit anytime during regular museum hours.



O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission sponsors cemetery walk in October

In conjunction with the designation of Mace, St. Clare Catholic and Tiedemann Cemeteries being designated as O'Fallon historic landmarks by the City of O'Fallon this year, the O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission is sponsoring a Cemetery Walk in the three cemeteries located at the end of North Oak Street.

The cemetery walk will feature local reenactors portraying some of the O'Fallonites buried in the cemeteries: August Behrns, Estelle Kampmeyer, Drusilla Andrews Mace, Benjamin B. Schmitt, Dietrich Tiedemann, H. Edward Fischer and Fr. William Drube.

The walk will be held Saturday Oct. 15 at 3 p.m and should last about 90 minutes. Those interested should gather at the information sign just inside the entrance to the O'Fallon City Cemetery at the end of North Oak. The event is free.

You missed the ice cream! But come on by for show-and-tell

The June 21 meeting was a potluck held at Kenny and Mary Ann (center and right) Joseph's farm. OHS member Gladys Williamson, Kenny Joseph's sister, joined the party.

August's meeting is the ever-popular Show and Tell. Bring an item and tell us about its history. It doesn't have to be from O'Fallon.

We're looking for ideas and speakers for topics. Drop us a note if you have an idea.



The donation of a safe from Schwarz Furniture needed some extra elbow grease to get it into the museum, which Bill Peach took on with his backhoe on July 13. Those helping were Brian Keller, Ralph Keller, Larry Fulford, Liz Fulford, Tommy Fulford, Mark Kruse and Mary Kay Zotz. The safe is 53" tall, 31.24" wide, 26.25" deep. We're not sure of the date but it may be 1940's vintage, perhaps earlier. It was manufactured by the Safe-Cabinet Company of Marietta, Ohio. It was the working store safe for Schwarz Furniture and was used until they closed. We were given the combination which works fine. The safe was given by Schwarz Furniture in honor of LaDorris (Schwarz) and Clyde W. "Tex" Glenn and their daughters Mary Kay Zotz and Shari A. Grippi.



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Short News Notes

Donations

We received 245 donated items in 2010. Donations received this year were from Mary Ellen Battoe, Lois Bode estate, 15 Lois Bode memorials, Charles Claxton, Jean Claxton, CSX employees, Jim Ettling (on loan), Jerry L. Erdmann, Dorothy Falk, Shirley, Greene, Maurice Hesse, Joan Houston, Mary Ann Joseph, Brian Keller, Harold "Satch" Keller, Pearl Keys estate, Pearl Keys memorial, Arline Magee, Mike McCollough, Dona Monroe, O'Fallon Township Rummage Sale, O'Fallon Woman's Club, OTHS 50+ Reunion Committee, Rick Reckamp, Evelyn Riebold, Carol Scheibel, Schwarz Furniture, Andree Swanson, Tom Schwartztrauber, Julie Spengler, Larry Stepp, LaDoris Sturman, Ron and Margaret Van Horn, Robert Turner, Jr., Brian Villhard, Sue Witter, Greg and Diane Zelinske, and Joyce Zimmerman.

Wanted – To Borrow a Key

In the 1930's, the First National Bank gave a small metal bank memento to customers. Several people have donated their banks to the museum. We've had one key donated as well—unfortunately, it's inside the bank. We'd love to borrow someone's key long enough to open ours for display. Or if you're good at picking locks, we'd take your help too!

Volunteers

Thanks to these members who have volunteered recently at the museum/at home: Charles Bevirt, Jim Ettling, Dorothy Falk, Ruth Grandcolas, Joan Houston, Brian Keller, Ralph Keller, Bill Peach, Linda Potter, Andree Swanson, Jerry Worms, Diane Zelinske, Greg Zelinske and Joyce Zimmerman.

MACE Cemetery

Also known as the Henry MACE Burial Ground

Researched by Linda Potter (lpotter611@sbcglobal.net)

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As of 1 March 2011

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MACE, Rebecca

Tombstone: Row 7, stone 12. Born 13 Apr 1821, died 18 Sep 1891. "Wife of John." "Mother."

Obituary: At her residence, one-half mile from O'Fallon, on Friday morning, pioneer Mrs. Rebecca MACE, widow of John MACE, at the age of 70 years, five months and five days. She leaves 2 sons, Harry and Eugene. Her funeral was attended by a large contingent of friends.

Source: Reconstructed Belleville Advocate Friday 25 Apr 1891

Story: Rebecca MACE was born in 1821, a daughter of Thomas B. and Lucy WAITE. She married John MACE on 26 Dec 1855 in St. Clair County. Their children were Harry A. (Belle) MACE, George MACE (died in infancy), Eugene St. Clair MACE and Indine MACE (died in infancy). Rebecca died in 1891.

Source: John McCullough's Family Group Sheet

MACE, S(ebastian) C. (Veteran)

Tombstone: Row 6, grave 14. Born 1827, died 1899. Slate stone is worn almost smooth, can only read the birth year.

Obituary: Saturday morning the sad news was passed from tongue to tongue that Postmaster S. C. MACE had died during the night. Although death was not unexpected, yet the sad news seemed a surprise to every one. He had been ailing the greater part of the past year and gradually grew weaker until he quietly passed away at his residence here on Saturday morning at 12:35 having attained the age of 62 years, 11 months and 13 days. He was born at Waterloo in Monroe County, in October 1837, where he spent the most of his childhood. The deceased received his education in the public schools and in McKendree college. He was a veteran journalist,

having at various times engaged in the newspaper business. He was appointed postmaster here under the present administration, about two years ago. As a man and citizen, he was honored and respected by every one for his many good qualities. As a husband and father, he was always kind and loving.

His funeral took place from the family residence to the Tiedemann [sic] Cemetery on Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. The ceremonies were conducted by the Col. Raith Post of which he was a member. It was by request of the deceased that the funeral was held private. Very few were present outside of the G.A.R. and the immediate relatives.

The Progress extends its sympathy to the bereaved.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 22 Sep 1899

Story: Sebastian C. MACE was the son of John MACE and Mary MCFARLAND.

Source: John McCullough's Family Group Sheet

MANTLE, Bernadine C. (Veteran)

Tombstone: Row 2, stone 10. Born 14 Apr 1923, died 3 May 2003. "U. S. Army WW II."

Story: Bernadine C. MANTLE, 80, of Belleville, formerly of O'Fallon, born April 14, 1923 in O'Fallon, died Saturday, May 3, 2003 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. Miss MANTLE was a member of the 1st Baptist Church in Fairview Heights, she was a registered nurse for Christian Welfare Hospital in East St. Louis and a veteran of the United States Army during World War II.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Celeste (nee WARHOOVER) MANTLE and one sister, Geraldine DEVOE [sic].

Ms. MANTLE is survived by two sisters, Thelma DIEKROETGER of O'Fallon and Rosella (Bob) FITZGERALD of Fairview Heights; nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and cousins.

Visitation was Monday, May 5, 2003 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Schildknecht Funeral Home, 301 South Lincoln, O'Fallon.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 6, 2003, 11 a.m. with Rev. Charles Westbrook officiating.

Burial was at MACE's Cemetery in O'Fallon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the 1st Baptist Church in Fairview Heights.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 8 May 2003

MANTLE, Celeste

Tombstone: Row 2, grave 12. Born 1903 [sic], died 1964. Shares stone with Clifford.

Obituary: Mrs. Celeste MANTLE, 61, of 217 East Fourth Street, died of complications at 8:25 a.m. Tuesday at the Grange Nursing Home in Mascoutah after an illness of several years. She had been seriously ill for the past two months.

Mrs. MANTLE was born Feb. 24, 1904, [sic], a daughter of Henry WARHOOVER of O'Fallon and the late Bernadine WARHOOVER, nee SPENGLER. She married Clifford MANTLE in St. Louis May 9, 1918.

Surviving in addition to her husband and her father are four daughters, Thelma, wife of Dick DIEKROETGER, O'Fallon; Gertrude, wife of Maj. William DEVOLE, [sic] Santa Maria, Calif, Bernadine MANTLE, at home, and Rodie, [sic Rosella] wife of Bob FITZGERALD, Belleville; three sisters, Mrs. Helen MIOTKE, East St. Louis, Margaret, wife of Robert CLIFTON, Belleville, and Dorothy, wife of Carvil CLARK, O'Fallon; two brothers, William and Clarence WEHOOVER, both of O'Fallon; and eight grandchildren. A son died in infancy and a brother preceded her in death.

Mrs. MANTLE was a member of the O'Fallon First Baptist Church.

Services are being held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) from the Schildknecht Funeral Home with burial in MACE's Cemetery, O'Fallon. The Rev. C. F. Recklein is officiating.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 17 Dec 1964

MANTLE, Clifford – see MANTLE, Joseph Clifford

MANTLE, Clifford, Jr.

Tombstone: Row 5, grave 12. Born and died in 1936.

Obituary: Clifford MANTLE, Jr., infant son of Clifford and Celeste (WARHOOVER) MANTLE, died four hours after birth at the family home, west of this city, Monday evening.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Schwarz Funeral Parlors to Tiedemann [sic] cemetery.

Surviving besides the parents are four sisters, Thelma, Geraldine, Bernadine and Rosella. Also the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MANTLE and Mr. and Mrs. Henry WARHOOVER.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 16 Jan 1936

MANTLE, Courtney.

Tombstone: Row 3, stone 14. Born 1858, died 12 Feb 1951. Shares stone with Joseph S.

Obituary: Funeral services for Mrs. Courtney MANTLE, 83 year-old widow of rural route 2, O'Fallon were held Sunday, Feb 17 at 2 p.m. from the First Baptist church. She died in her home Thursday morning following five years illness. Death was due to infirmities of age.

Mrs. MANTLE was born in O'Fallon Township on July 28, 1868, and was a lifelong resident of the vicinity. She was the daughter of Geo. W. and Lucy HILT, nee KINGSBURY, and married Joseph S. MANTLE in O'Fallon, May 8, 1889. Her husband, a retired coal miner, died March 7, 1949.

Surviving are three sons, George and Ira W. MANTLE, both of R. R. 2, O'Fallon; and Clifford MANTLE, O'Fallon; four daughters, Miss Lucy MANTLE, at home, Ione, wife of Frank PLASSARD, Seneca, Mo., Alice, wife of Gus MILLER, St. Louis; and Evelyn, wife of Harry GREENE, O'Fallon. Twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren also survive. Three sisters and a grandchild preceded her in death.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church at O'Fallon for 71 years and a member of the Ladies Aid Society of the church.

Burial was in O'Fallon City cemetery, with Rev. W. J. Richardson, pastor of the First Baptist church, of O'Fallon and Rev. Percy Ray of Collinsville officiating.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 21 Feb 1952

MANTLE, Ina Emma

Tombstone: Row 1, grave 8. Born 1905 [sic], died 1992.

Story: Ina Emma MANTLE, 96, [sic] of O'Fallon, died Thursday, Oct 1, 1992, at her residence.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Emma (STOOKEY) BEVIRT, her husband, Ira Walton MANTLE, one brother, William BEVIRT, three sisters, Edna SEIBERT, Myrtle and Myra BEVIRT in infancy.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law: Delores and Virgil LYSAKOWSKI; Jean and Ben AHRING; Betty and Norman DRESSEL, all of O'Fallon, one brother and sister-in-law, Maurice and Ruth BEVIRT of Collinsville, one sister Mary BEVIRT MODE; two grandchildren, Beverly DRESSEL of Belleville, Cindy and Dave WOLF of O'Fallon; three step-grandchildren, Ben and Pam AHRING, Jr. of Cambridge, Ill., William and Katrina AHRING of Millstadt, Bonita AHRING of Costa Rica and one great-grandchild and six step-great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Oct. 3, 1992, from the Wolfersberger Funeral home in O'Fallon with the Rev. Walter P. Gerth officiating. Burial was in Henry MACE Cemetery. Wolfersberger Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 8 Oct 1992

MANTLE, Ira Walton,

Tombstone: Row 1, stone 7. Born 1900, died 1980.

Story: Ira Walton MANTLE was born Feb. 13, 1900 in O'Fallon to the late Joseph and Courtney (nee HILT) MANTLE, died at 4:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan 12 at his home. He married Ina E. BEVIRT on June 17, 1926. He took over the farming of the BEVIRT family farm, and was a farmer for 53 years. He also was a coal miner for 43 years, a member of U.M.W.A. Local 1670 and a member of the St. Clair County Farm Bureau for over 50 years.

Besides his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Virgil (Delores) LYSAKOWSKI, Mrs. Ben (Jean) AHRING and Mrs. Norman (Betty) DRESSEL, all of O'Fallon. Five grandchildren Beverly Dressel, Cindy, Bill, Ben, Jr. AHRING and Bonita AHRING KELLER and three great grandchildren also survive.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters.

Burial was in Henry MACE Burial Ground Cemetery in O'Fallon, a family cemetery for descendants of Drucilla MACE.

The Wolfersberger Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 17 Jan 1980

MANTLE, Joseph Clifford.

Tombstone: Row 2, Stone 11. His name is engraved as Clifford, he shares the stone with Celeste.

Obituary: Funeral services for Joseph, 73, of 217 East Fourth Street, were held Tuesday from the Wolfersberger-Meyer Funeral Home, to MACE Cemetery, with the Rev. Dr. George Karr, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairview Heights, officiating.

Mr. MANTLE died at 11 p.m. Saturday at Parkview Colonial Manor Nursing Home, following an extended illness. A coal miner for 43 years, he retired in 1960.

Born in O'Fallon Township on August 2, 1897, he was a son of the late Joseph and Courtney, nee HILT, MANTLE. He married Celeste WARHOVER in St. Louis on May 9, 1918. She died December 15, 1964.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Bernadine MANTLE, at home; Mrs. Albert DIEKROETGER, 201 East Fourth Street; Mrs. Bob R. FITZGERALD, Belleville; Mrs. William DEVOE, Santa Maria, Calif; a brother, Ira W. MANTLE, Rural Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Harry GREENE, 107 West Eighth Street; and Mrs. Gus MILLER, St. Louis; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, a brother and two sisters.

Mr. MANTLE was a member of United Mine Workers of American Local 1227 of O'Fallon.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 1 Jul 1971

MANTLE, Joseph S.

Tombstone: Row 3, stone 13. Shares stone with Courtney.

Obituary: Joseph S. MANTLE, a retired coal miner and a resident of this community for more than 75 years, passed away at his home, west of this city, Monday night at 8:15 o'clock after suffering a heart attack. Mr. MANTLE, who was 84, had been seriously ill since November.

He was the last surviving member of the George MANTLE family, being preceded in death by two brothers and eight sisters. A grandchild also preceded him in death.

Joseph MANTLE was born in Osage County, Mo., November 10, 1864, a son of the late George and Elizabeth MANTLE, nee WEATHERBY, both natives of England. On May 8, 1889, he was married in this city to Courtney HILT who survives with three sons, George and Ira W. MANTLE, of rural route 2; Clifford MANTLE, of this city; four daughters, Lucille "Lucy" MANTLE, at home; Mrs. Frank PLASSARD, of Seneca, Mo.; Mrs. Gustav MILLER, St. Louis; Mrs. Harry GREENE, of this city; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was employed at St. Ellen mine until his retirement 10 years ago.

The remains laid in state at the Wolfersberger-Meyer Funeral home until yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock when the body was taken to the First Baptist church to lie in state until 2 o'clock when services were conducted by Rev. Percy Ray, of Collinsville. Interment was in O'Fallon City cemetery [sic].

Source: O'Fallon Progress 10 Mar 1949

MANTLE, Lucy E.

Tombstone: Row 3, stone 15.

Obituary: Miss Lucy E. MANTLE, 63, of 209 W. Adams street, died at St. Elizabeth's Hospital at 6:15 p.m. Sunday, following an extended illness and heart ailment. She had been ill for two years. She was removed to the hospital on Sunday evening and died shortly after entering the hospital. She was a life-long resident of O'Fallon and vicinity and was never married.

Miss MANTLE was born in O'Fallon Township, west of this city, on Feb. 21, 1892, the daughter of the late Joseph and Courtney MANTLE (nee HILT). Her father was a native of Missouri and her mother was a native of O'Fallon Township.

She is survived by three brothers and three sisters, George and Ira W. MANTLE of rural route 2, and Clifford, also of here; Ione, wife of Frank PLASSARD, Seneca, Mo.; Alice, wife of Gus MILLER of St. Louis, and Evelyn, wife of Harry GREENE of this city. Three nephews, nine nieces and ten grand nieces and nephews also survive.

She was a member of the Amoma Class of the local Baptist Church, and also a member of the church, where services were held on Wednesday, at 2 p.m., with burial in MACE Cemetery of this city. Rev. T. H. Dorris, pastor of the church, officiated.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 15 Dec 1955

PLASSARD, Frank M.

Tombstone: Row 2, grave 10. Born 13 Jun 1878, died 19 Mar 1966.

Obituary: Frank M. PLASSARD, 87, a retired coal miner of Belleville, formerly of O'Fallon, died of a heart ailment Saturday at Memorial Hospital. He suffered a heart attack Mar. 2. He moved from O'Fallon to Belleville in May, 1961.

Born in Trelaze, France, June 13, 1878, he was a son of the late Jean and Marie PLASSARD, nee PAUL. He married Ione MANTLE at St. Louis June 23, 1923. She died Oct. 22, 1959.

Mr. PLASSARD was a member of the Senior Citizens organizations of O'Fallon and Belleville. He retired from Carbon mine in 1926.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday from Wolfersberger-Meyer Funeral Home with burial in the MACE Cemetery. The Rev. Charles RECKLEIN officiated.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 24 Mar 1966

PLASSARD, Iona E.

Tombstone: Row 3, grave 11. Born 1 Dec 1893, died 22 Oct 1959.

Obituary: Iona E. PLASSARD, 64, of Rural Route 1, Seneca, Mo., formerly of this city, died at her home on Thursday, October 22, after an extended illness. She had been very ill the past year.

She was born in O'Fallon Township, west of here, on December 1, 1893, a daughter of the late Joseph and Courtney MANTLE, nee HILT. On June 23, 1923, she was married in St. Louis to Frank PLASSARD, who worked in the coal mines in O'Fallon before leaving this area in 1926. They went to Tulsa, Okla., and lived in Seneca for the past 18 years. She is survived by her husband, Frank, three brothers, George MANTLE, and Ira MANTLE, both of Rural Route 1, this city and Clifford MANTLE, also of here; two sisters, Evelyn, wife of Harry GREENE of this city and Alice, wife of Gus MILLER, of St. Louis. One sister, Lucie, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. from the Wolfersberger-Meyer Funeral Home, with burial in the MACE's Cemetery. Rev. F. Wm. Kuast [sic], of the First Baptist Church officiated.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 29 Oct 1959

POWELL, Martha J.

Tombstone: Row 5, stone 9. Born 1843 [sic], died 1922.

Obituary: The funeral of Mrs. Martha J. POWELL, who died at her home in East St. Louis last Saturday evening, was held Tuesday afternoon to the Tiedemann [sic] cemetery in this city.

The deceased, who was 73 [sic] years old, leaves one daughter, Mrs. Mildred RAITH and one son, Van C. POWELL of East St. Louis. One grandson also survives.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 21 Aug 1922

POWELL, Van Court

Tombstone: Row 5, stone 7. Born 1869, died 1960.

Obituary: Van Court POWELL, age 90, a railroad clerk, died on Saturday night, at the Herpin Nursing Home, where he had been a resident since 1950. He had been in failing health for the past 18 months. His home was at 1108 College Avenue in East St. Louis before entering the nursing home.

Mr. POWELL was born in this city on July 24, 1869, a son of the late Wilmer and Martha POWELL, nee HILT. He was never married.

His only survivor is a cousin, Mrs. Ada KEMPER, of St. Louis, and a cousin of the late H. H. FINCHER.

Mr. POWELL was a crew caller and later, a clerk, starting with the Old Vandalia Railroad Company, and then working for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was formerly secretary of the John Fritz Chapter, International Association of Retired Railroad Employees.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, at 2 p.m. from the Schildknecht Funeral Home, with burial in MACE's Cemetery here. Rev. A. E. Klemme, pastor of the Evangelical and Reformed Church officiated.

Source O'Fallon Progress 4 Feb 1960

POWELL, Wilmer B.

Tombstone: Row 5, grave 8. Born 1836, died 1876. "Father". "Masonic emblem".

Story: Wilmer B. POWELL was born in 1836, he married Martha J. HILT, daughter of William and Susannah (MACE) HILT on 4 Dec 1859 in St. Clair County. He died in St. Louis in 1876, age about 40.

Source: FTM at OHS museum

SCHELB, Amo STITES

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 19. Born 1888, died 1919.

Story: Amo Sarah was the daughter of Amos and Emma BRAKE STITES. She was born 13 Feb 1887. She lived with her widowed mother and siblings in Caseyville Township in the 1900 census. Ten years later, she lived with her sisters on Euclid Avenue in St. Louis; she was an accountant for the railroad. She married Merten SCHELB and died from bronchial pneumonia in Rock Township, Jefferson County, Missouri at age about 31. Merten died in Tampa, Florida in 1978.

Sources: Tombstones, censuses & Missouri Death Certificate & SSDI

SIMONS, Linnie

Tombstone: Row 2, Stone 15.

Obituary: Linnie SIMONS, four year old daughter of Michael and Gayle SIMONS, nee DIEKROETGER, of O'Fallon, died at 3:30 p.m. June 4 at Cardinal Glennon Hospital in St. Louis.

Besides her parents, she is survived by one brother, Spencer, at home.

Surviving grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Albert DIEKROETGER of O'Fallon (maternal). Paternal great grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman EBERSOHL of Oraville, Ill. also survive.

A Mass of the Angels was held at St. Clare Catholic Church Monday, June 8 with Msgr. Edmund Lugge officiating. Burial was in MACE Cemetery, O'Fallon.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 11 Jun 1981

STITES, Amos

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 17. Born 24 Apr 1830, died 22 Feb 1888.

Obituary: Amos STITES, the subject of this sketch, was born near O'Fallon in St. Clair county on the 24th day of April 1830 and died on Wednesday, February 22nd, 1888, aged 57 years, 7 months and 28 days.

He professed religion at a very early age, and joined the M. E. church at O'Fallon during the revival meetings held at that place by Rev. Wilson four years ago.

He was an earnest Christian, and though living about five miles from his own church, he was not inactive, but always took a great interest in the revival meetings of Unity Baptist church, which was in his neighborhood.

He attended the revival meetings at that place both day and night during their continuance last December, working for the salvation of the unconcerned with all his characteristic zeal.

During the California gold fever, when about twenty-one years of age, Mr. STITES went west and spent most of the next sixteen years in California, but traveled extensively over most of the western States and Territories.

After his return, on the 13th of October, 1869, he was united in marriage with Emma BRAKE, of Ridge Prairie, who survives him. The fruit of their marriage is eight children, two sons and six daughters, all of whom are living.

Mr. STITES was a kind husband, a loving father, and an obliging neighbor. He was a man of spotless integrity, just and liberal in his dealings with his fellow men. He died of pneumonia after an illness of ten days, leaving a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

While it is hard to lose the companionship of one so useful to the community, and so universally beloved, yet we know that our loss is his eternal gain. G. G.

Source: Belleville Weekly Advocate 24 Feb 1888

STITES, Amos T. (Veteran)

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 5. Born 2 Apr 1906, died 5 Jun 2010.

Obituary: Amos T. STITES, 60, of 923 North Illinois street, Belleville, died Friday in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was admitted Thursday. He was employed as a maintenance man at Scott Air Force Base and was ill since Tuesday.

He was born in Caseyville Township, a son of the late Wilbur and Ella STITES, nee MORGAN.

Surviving are his wife, the former Mary MATT of Belleville; two daughters, Laura Jean MEYER of Belleville, and Mrs. Theresa May RAINWATER of rural route one, Millstadt; his step-mother Mrs. Zuella STITES, nee SCHEIBEL; two step-brothers, Gus and Ray KASSING, both of Belleville; and five grandchildren.

Mr. STITES was a veteran of World War II.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday from the Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home in Belleville, with burial in O'Fallon City Cemetery [sic]. The Rev. Fred M. Cornell, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Belleville, officiated.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 9 Jun 1966

STITES, Catherine

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 14. Shares tombstone with John STITES. Born 10 Apr 1811, died 19 Feb 1898. "Through all pain of time they smile, A smile of heavenly birth, And when the angels call them home, They smile farewell to earth."

Obituary: Catherine STITES, nee MACE, a sister of Mrs. Christine NEEDLES of Belleville, died Saturday at her home in Wichita, Kas., aged 86 years.

Mrs. STITES was a native of this county, and for many years resided near O'Fallon, where she was known and beloved by a large circle of friends and relatives. She was descended from pioneer families of the state. Her father, the late Henry MACE, was one of the prominent farmers of that section, and formerly owned

the ground upon which the town of O'Fallon is built. Her husband, John STITES, died many years ago.

The death of Mrs. STITES recalls an incident in this county, when the Indians frequently ravaged the district and massacred the white settlers. When Mrs. STITES was quite a small girl, the Indians made a raid upon the settlement and killed a number of the white people, among the number her father, named ANDREWS, and all the members of his family, excepting the little girl Catharine. She was taken captive by the Indians and held for a long time, and until she was ransomed from their hands by Gen. Whiteside through the intervention of some French traders at Cahokia. [This story was possibly about Mrs. STITES' mother, Drucilla ANDREWS MACE].

Besides her sister, Mrs. Christine NEEDLES, she leaves three sons, Messrs. Henry, John and Wilbur STITES, all residing in the West.

The remains were brought to this county for interment by the side of her husband and children in the cemetery at O'Fallon, the funeral taking place Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Source: Belleville Advocate 25 Feb 1898

STITES, Cora P.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 8. Born 1874, died 1951. "Mother."

Obituary: Funeral services for Mrs. Cora Priscella STITES, a member of the pioneer BADGLEY family of Ridge Prairie area were held Sunday afternoon in the Unity Roselawn Baptist Church. Mrs. STITES, 76 years old, died last Thursday in St. Elizabeth's hospital at Belleville.

She had been seriously ill a week and was in the hospital one day.

Born in Ridge Prairie, June 11, 1874, she was a daughter of the late Alton and Lucy SISSOM BADGLEY. Her father was a native of Ridge Prairie and her mother of O'Fallon township. She was married to Henry J. STITES in the First Baptist church parsonage in Belleville 55 years ago on May 24, and he survives.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Ralph O. STITES, Belleville; and two brothers, William M. BADGLEY, Belleville, and Lee H. BADGLEY, O'Fallon. One brother, Russell James BADGLEY, and one sister, Mrs. Ella EBERT, preceded her in death.

Mrs. STITES, who had resided her entire lifetime in the Ridge Prairie area, was a member for 60 years of the Unity Roselawn Baptist Church, formerly the Unity Belleville Baptist Church.

Burial was in O'Fallon City Cemetery [sic] with Rev. Henry Ballard officiating.

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STITES, Ella M.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 10. Born 29 Oct 1884, died 30 Mar 1932.

Obituary: Mrs. Ella Margaret STITES, nee MOERGEN, wife of Wilbur STITES, highway commissioner of Caseyville township, died yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the family home, west of this city, aged 47 years, five months and one day.

Death was due to heart trouble. She had been in failing health for some time and for the past eight years was an invalid.

The deceased was born in St. Clair township, on October 29, 1884, a daughter of Theodore and Anna MOERGEN, nee SEIBEL. She was united in marriage to Wilbur J. STITES in Caseyville township, November 10, 1904. Besides the husband, she is survived by two sons, Amos STITES of Belleville and Norman STITES of Caseyville township. She also leaves her mother, Mrs. Anna MOERGEN, of Belleville and two brothers, William MOERGEN, of Highland and Earl MOERGEN, of St. Louis. Also one granddaughter. She was a member of the Unity Baptist church.

The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon from the residence to Tiedemann [sic] cemetery.

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