

**The Children of**  
**Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**  
**Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**  
**Grandchildren of Newbold J and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

November 8, 2023

1. Children of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning, Theo-Annie
2. Children of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning, Francis-Ernest
3. Children of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning, Reatha-Spencer
4. Children of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning, Effie

**Reatha and Edytha Chewning**  
**Daughters of Moses and Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) Cannon Chewning**

Reatha was born about 1881 (?), died ??

Dad recalls a story that one of the daughters had a very high fever, and they put her in an ice water bath. She died; whether b/c of the illness, the fever, or the bath, he didn't know.

**Spencer Lee Chewning**  
**Son of Moses and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**  
**Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**  
**Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

**Pamela West**

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**From:** "H. Finley Downes" <hfdowes@earthlink.net>  
**To:** "West, James & Pamela" <pamelawest@bellsouth.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:35 PM  
**Subject:** FW: Theodore / Spencer Chewning relationship

Howdy Priss,

As per your suggestion.

The Ole Man

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**From:** H. Finley Downes [mailto:hfdowes@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 09, 2008 12:30 PM  
**To:** Chewning, Nita  
**Subject:** Theodore / Spencer Chewning relationship

Howdy Nita

You have commented about the strained relationship of the Theodore and the Spencer Chewning families. Let me give you my perception of the situation as I've perceived it from things I recall hearing, overhearing, etc., from my Mother, Grandmother, and others.

Theodore, (my grandfather) was a very devout Baptist who really lived his faith. Spencer (my great uncle) was an avowed atheist. But Spencer also was a person that (from my perception) was basically a mean dispositioned, ornery, despicable character. He delighted in using very offensively profane language around Theodore, seemingly just to taunt him. And also to put down and slander anyone and anything that had to do with religion. Therefore Theodore and he never got along and Theodore wanted nothing to do with him. As could be expected, Spencer's kids were somewhat like him. A very good friend of mine (he's passed on now) who grew up in Monmouth, told me that whenever he and his friends saw the Chewning boys coming down the street, he and his friends crossed to the other side of the street. From my experience just being around Monmouth, though I didn't grow up in town, the Chewning name was not the most revered in town, and all of this all stemmed from the antics of Spencer's boys. And as could be expected, Theodore's children and Spencer's children had very little interaction though they grew up just a few blocks apart.

All for now,  
Finley

H. Finley Downes email to Nita Chewning and me about Theodore and brother Spencer Lee Chewning



Mary Toops Chewning stone, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth Warren, IL. Spencer's grave was marked only with a pauper's or funeral home marker, which is gone.



Spencer Lee Chewning. This was posted to ancestry.com by Keith Owen in 2012.



Left  
Spencer Chuning  
Son Willis Willey  
granddaughter Pat





S. P. Toop's wife  
Mary Toop's/Chewing

These pictures came from Nita Chewing, and that's her handwriting.

**Emails with Debra Anderson, gr granddaughter of Effie Maud Chewing Davidson**

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 24, 2010 10:37 AM

**Subject:** Re: Chewning Historical Information

Hi Pam,

You are so kind to send the stick, that is so nice of you.. thank you again.. I imagine it was so "cool" to stand at your ancestor's door.. WOW!! It brings tears to the eyes doesn't it? I always feel that way when I go home and visit the old home places. My grandma Mary and Grandpa John's house just got torn down a few years ago. I grew up there and it was quite sad for me. Grandma Effie's house still stands as far as I know. It was purchased by neighbor's. I wished that I could get in it. Grandpa Adaph's parents built it I believe. I have come to an ending in getting information on me tree's. All my branches get quite sketchy and as you know, one can use their imagination (per census and names,) to make educated guesses but still, if you have no resources or citations..well, then you're done..smile.. I guess now I am just more or less trying to collect stories, pics and any information I can about those people who I do have.. As far as my momma knowing your family, she didn't.. She remembers her Grandma Effie talking about her family, she remembers her talking about Theodore, that's about it. She knew some Chewning's from Kahoka that were undoubtedly relatives but her dad John, (Effie's son) would not claim them because I guess they were pretty dirty people that carried lice. HA HA.. (got to have those kind in the family some where.) Mom mentions the Schafter's that somehow were related somehow to the Chewnings.. Oh, and another bit of family gossip.. Mom said that Uncle Spencer was crazy.. He lost his wife Mary Ann to illness of some kind. She died and was buried there somewhere in Kahoka. He would go out to talk to her at the cemetery. He then began to tell family that she was knocking on the walls at their home and making alot of noise. I guess her death was a bit much for him, guess he drank alot.. Who knows, just a family story from this side.. Spencer as you know was Theodore's brother..

Will send you those obit's later today...

debi

I'm curious why Spencer and Mary married in Illinois. I know that he was in Monmouth in 1905, from the Monmouth Directory for that year. He was living at 1104 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St., working as a brick mason, living with his uncle Martin Luther Cannon. The Toops family is from Clark County; perhaps they knew each other as young people there.

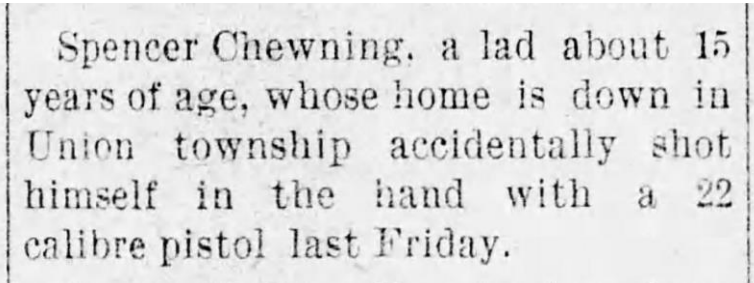
I can't find Spencer or his younger sister, Effie, on any census for 1900. I have found Mary Toops, b. Sept. 1876, daughter of John A and Margaret Toop, on the 1900 census, District 27, Madison, Clark, MO. Also Mary's brother, John Edward Toops, b. Mar. 1879. (John Edward would be on the 1910 census with Mary and Spencer Chewning.) Mary has a brother Roy; I assume that's why she named a son Roy. So Mary was in Clark County, MO, in 1900. Doesn't answer the question of why they married in Monmouth, Warren, IL.

I received this from Bonnie Downes, told to her by Roger Downes, 1/19/2008:

*All he remembers being told about why the Chewnings moved to Monmouth is that Granddad Chewning came to Monmouth to visit his brother, Spence (the famous Uncle Spence, the atheist), who already lived in Monmouth. Apparently, Granddad liked what he saw and felt there was a good opportunity to start a blacksmithing business here. Uncle Spence already had a blacksmith shop, but, apparently, there was a lot of need for another one, too.*

*Dad didn't know when Uncle Spence moved to Monmouth--he just knew he was already here when Granddad and Grandma moved.*

*As to why Uncle Spence moved to Monmouth, Dad didn't know for sure, but thought he might have been "run out of Missouri." According to Dad, Uncle Spence was "one ornery bastard." He said when he was a young man living in Missouri, he never went anywhere without a rifle, was mean, and, if, for instance, he came across a dog in his path, would just shoot it. Uncle Spence was also an avowed atheist.*



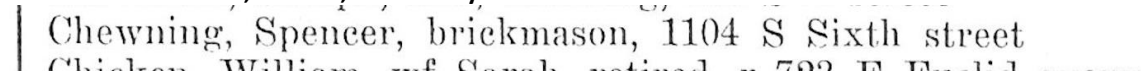
Spencer Chewning, a lad about 15 years of age, whose home is down in Union township accidentally shot himself in the hand with a 22 calibre pistol last Friday.

Spencer Lee Chewning, ClarkCountyCourier, 10.2.1896

#### Spencer in IL by 1905

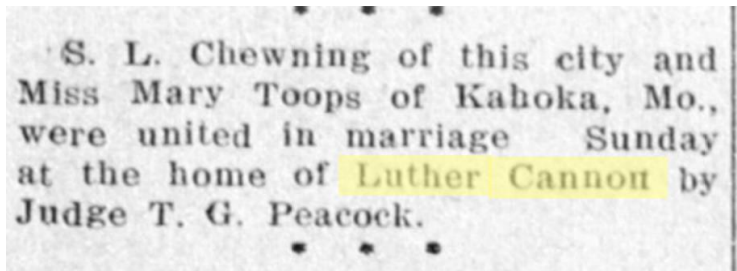
The first document I have for Spencer in IL is the **1905 Directory**. He is the only Chewning in the book, and he is living with Uncle Martin Luther Cannon:

#### 1905-1906 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory



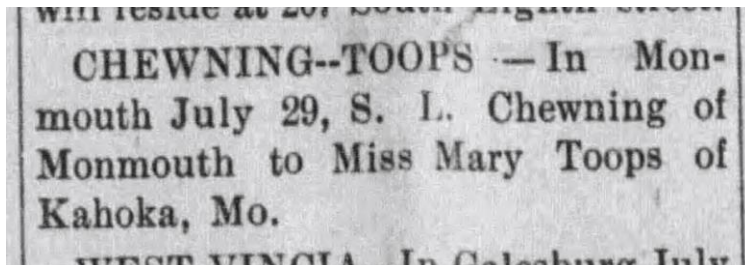
Chewning, Spencer, brickmason, 1104 S Sixth street

#### Spencer married at Uncle Luther's house



S. L. Chewning of this city and Miss Mary Toops of Kahoka, Mo., were united in marriage Sunday at the home of Luther Cannon by Judge T. G. Peacock.

Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning, marr ann, TheRepublicanAtlas, 8.2.1906



CHEWNING--TOOPS -- In Monmouth July 29, S. L. Chewning of Monmouth to Miss Mary Toops of Kahoka, Mo.

Spencer Lee Chewning, marr, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 8.2.1906

The marriage record shows that Mary was b. in Clark County, MO, and that 'Mrs. A Cannon and Leora C. Brown,' were witnesses. That would be Leora Cannon, Uncle Luther's daughter, and Cora Ann Lane Cannon, Albert Cannon's wife. Albert was a son of Uncle Luther.

15/19	Chewing	1 S. L. Chewing	1 26 years.	1 Moses Chewing
		2 Monmouth Ill	2 White	2 Elizabeth Cannon
		3 Brick layer	3 black lo.	3 First
2 July 16/1906				
Mary Toops	1 26 years.	1 John A. Toops	1 at Monmouth Ill	July 30 06
	2 White	2 Margaret Toops	July 29 <sup>th</sup> 1906	
Monmouth Ill	3 black lo.	3 First	2 Mrs. A. Cannon Keen La Toops	Aug 27 06
	Missouri		3 P. G. Pearson Judge	

Spencer Lee Chewing, marr record, Monmouth, Warren, IL

**1909-1910 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewing, Spencer L, wf Mary, brickmason, res 734 E Tenth ave

**1910 census, Monmouth, Ward 5, Warren, IL, 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer L. **Shewning**, 28, married 3 years, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, brick layer, houses, owns home, mortgage

Mary Shewning, 32, 1 child, 1 child living, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Roy, 3, b. in IL, parents b. in MO

Edward Toots, 30, widowed, brother-in-law, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, yard man, pottery

The Union, Progressive and Socialist parties filed their last aldermanic petitions late yesterday afternoon. In no instance is there to be a fight for the primary nomination at the primary of Tuesday, March 12.

The candidates are:

First ward—Union—George B. Moreland; Progressive—Dr. W. J. Giltner.

Second ward—Progressive—Fred N. Wildemuth.

Third ward—Union—George B. Dickey.

Fourth ward—Union—L. C. Mincher; Progressive—Frank A. Stark; Socialist—W. E. Bradbury.

Fifth ward—Progressive—John Strand; Socialist—S. L. Chewing.

Spencer Lee Chewing, MonmouthDailyAtlas, 2.27.1912



**In the Fourth.**

Alderman Stark was named with a plurality of 41 in the fourth over Lewis Cass Mincher, union, and W. E. Bradbury, socialist. The vote was 149 for Stark; 108 for Micher and 26 for Bradbury.

**In the Fifth.**

Down in the fifth the sentiment was strong for the reelection of Alderman John Strand and he was given the handsome vote of 200. W. T. Morris, union, received 40 and S. L. Chewning, socialist, received 56. . .

**The Old Members.**

Spencer Lee Chewning, Monmouth Daily Atlas, 4.17.1912

## SPECIMEN BALLOT

### THIRD WARD

Election held Tuesday, April 15, 1913

<input type="radio"/> UNION	<input type="radio"/> PROGRESSIVE	<input type="radio"/> SOCIALIST
<p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR MAYOR <b>JOHN S. BROWN</b> 629 East Broadway.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY CLERK <b>GEO. H. BURNS</b> 226 East Broadway.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY ATTORNEY <b>E. P. FIELD</b> 722 East Second Avenue.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY TREASURER <b>GEORGE L. EARP</b> 825 North Main Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR ALDERMAN THIRD WARD <b>L. C. HOLLEBAEK</b> 620 North B Street.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR MAYOR <b>E. N. WILDERMUTH</b> 214 East Detroit Avenue.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY CLERK <b>D. D. DUNKLE</b> 529 South E Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY ATTORNEY <b>CHARLES E. LAUDER</b> 298 North Third Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY TREASURER <b>JAMES H. HOGUE</b> 356 South Ninth Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR ALDERMAN THIRD WARD <b>LESTER BARNUM</b> 368 North B Street.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR MAYOR <b>W. F. BERETH</b> 327 South Sixth Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY CLERK <b>J. B. EDENS</b> 805 South D Street.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY ATTORNEY</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR CITY TREASURER <b>S. L. CHEWNING</b> 754 East Tenth Avenue.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> FOR ALDERMAN THIRD WARD</p>

Spencer Lee Chewning, Monmouth Daily Atlas, 4.11.1913

S. L. Chewning returned to Monmouth, Ill., Tuesday, after a visit with Theo. Chewning of Ashton, and other relatives of Kahoka.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller

Spencer Lee Chewning, Theodore Chewning, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 1.2.1914

1917-1918 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, Spencer L., \* brick mason, wife Mary, res 734 East Tenth ave.

1919-1920 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chewning, Spencer L., \* brick mason, wife Mary, res 734 East Tenth ave.

1914  
REGISTRATION CARD - *W 629*

SERIAL NUMBER **455** ORDER NUMBER *W 629*

*Spencer Lee Chewning*  
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2 PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: *734 E 10th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill*  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

Age in Years *36* Date of Birth *October 2nd 1881*  
(Month) (Day) (Year)

RACE

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian	
5 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6	7	Citizen	Non-citizen
8	9			

U. S. CITIZEN ALIEN

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrar's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
10 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	12	13	14

15 If not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?

16 PRESENT OCCUPATION *Brick Layer* 17 EMPLOYER'S NAME *Himself*

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: *734 E 10th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill*  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

19 NEAREST RELATIVE Name *Mrs. Mary Chewning*  
 Address *734 E 10th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill*  
(No.) (Street or R. F. D. No.) (City or town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE  
 P. M. G. O. *Spencer Lee Chewning*  
 Form No. 1 (Rev. 1-1-14) (Registrant's signature or mark) (OVER)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT *125-21-C*

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
21	22 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	23	24	25 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26	27 <i>Blue</i>	28 <i>Brown</i>

29 Has person lost arm, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify)  
*no*

30 I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark, and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

*R. B. Williams*  
(Signature of Registrar)

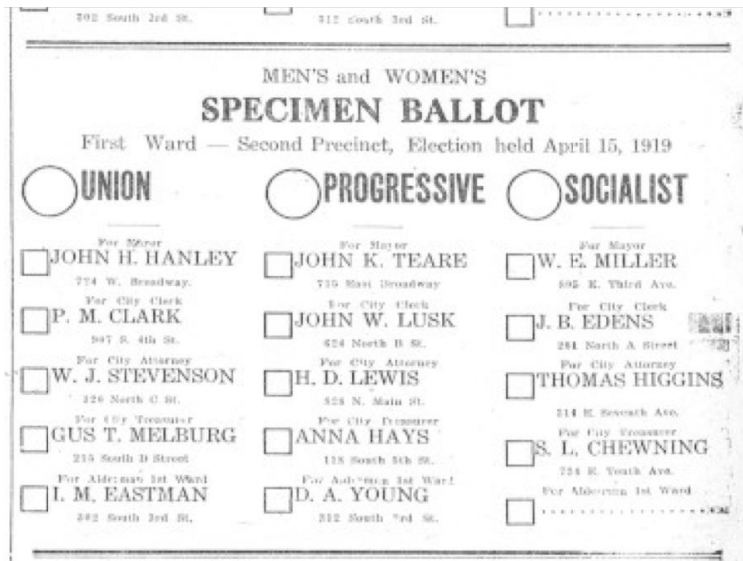
Date of Registration *Sept 12-1918*

Warren Co. Local Board  
 Monmouth, Ills.  
 (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the area in which the registrant has his permanent home shall be placed in this box.)

93-6171 (OVER)

Spencer Lee Chewning, WWI reg



Spencer Lee Chewning, Monmouth Daily Atlas, 4/12/1919

**1920 census, Monmouth, Ward 5, Warren, IL, 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer Chewning, 38, owns home free, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, bricklayer, houses  
 Mary Chewning, 42, b. in MO, parents b. in MO  
 Roy, 12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year  
 Stella, 9, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year  
 Robert, 7, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year  
 Everett, 4 2/12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO  
 Lloyd, 2 4/12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO  
 Willis, 3/12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO

About 1919, Spencer's brother, Theodore, relocated his family from Ashton, Clark, MO, to Monmouth. Just as Spencer first lived in Uncle Martin Luther Cannon's house, Theodore and family did, also, before moving to S 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**1922 Monmouth Directory**

Chewning Austin R r 918 S 3d  
 Chewning Herville P student r 918 S 3d  
 Chewning Letha F Miss student r 918 S 3d  
 Chewning Roy r 734 E 10th av  
 Chewning Spencer L (Mary) r 734 E 10th av  
 Chewning Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d

According to family records, Lloyd died of lockjaw.

CHEWNING LLOYD M M/W UNK 0940145 1926-06-05 WARREN MONMOUTH

**1930 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer Chewning, 48, owns home worth \$2500, has a radio set, 25 at marriage, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, brick mason, works for wages  
 Mary Chewning, 53, 29 at marriage, b. in MO, father b. in IN, mother b. in MO  
 Robert E., 17, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, did not attend school in last year, helper, father's truck farm  
 Everett W., 14, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school  
 Willis W., 10, etc., attended school

Raymond A., 7, etc., attended school

### 1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Spencer isn't listed. Don't know why.

Chevrolet Sales & Service, 123 S. 1st St., Tel. 75.  
Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise,  
Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan,  
924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.  
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave. Tel. 120. (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)

### 1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory

Chevrolet Sales & Service, 123 S. 1st St., Barrows-Addelman, props.  
Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise,  
Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning  
props., Tel. 465.  
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann,  
Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

### 1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street

Spencer L. Chewning, 58, owns home, value \$1500, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in MO, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, employed, blacksmith shop, owns shop

Mary Chewning\*, 63, completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, b. in MO, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, not employed, housework

Robert E., 27, completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, common labor

Everett W., 24, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, blacksmith

Spencer Chewning and children of  
Monmouth, Illinois, were Saturday  
visitors at the A. M. Davidson home.  
Ray Brotherton, wife and baby

Spencer Lee Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, ClarkCountyCourier, 8.16.1940



**REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after April 28, 1877 and on or before February 16, 1897)**

SERIAL NUMBER **U 1565** NAME (Print) **SPENCER LEE CHEWNING** ORDER NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) **734 E. 10th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill**

(Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)

(THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL)

MAILING ADDRESS **Same**

(Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If none insert word same)

TELEPHONE **None** AGE IN YEARS **60** PLACE OF BIRTH **Kahoka Mo**

DATE OF BIRTH **10 2 1881** (Town or county) (State or country)

(Exchange) (Number) (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.) (State or country)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS **MARY CHEWNING**

EMPLOYEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS **Self**

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS **715 E. 5th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill**

(Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FOSTER I (over) 16-21630-2 **S. L. Chewning** (Registrar's signature)

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5-6	155	Ballow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	X
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray X	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown X	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar for Local Board **1** **Warren Ill**

(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration \_\_\_\_\_

Local Board No. 1 **61**

Warren County **187**

**001**

(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

117 East First Avenue

(The name of the local board having jurisdiction of the registrant should appear in the space above space)

16-21630-1

Spencer Lee Chewning, WWII reg.1

1943 Monmouth Directory

- Chewning A Raymond (Ethel E; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h916 S 3d
- Bros Blacksmith Shop (A Raymond and Herval P) 810 S 3d
- Evert W (Ruth B) blksmith Chewning's Shop h748 10th av E
- Herval P (Esther B; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h 924 S 3d
- Nancy A (wid Theo) h918 S 3d
- Robt E r734 10th av E
- Roy L (Virgie) blksmith h822 S 3d
- Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 10th av E

These entries continue through 1960. This is from 1952:

- Claude grower hewitt h916 S 3d
- Chewning Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d
- Bros (Austin R and Herval P) blksmith and wldg 810 S 3d
- Everett blksmith hlpr r734 E 10th av
- Herval P (Bonita; Chewning Bros) h924 S 3d
- Ray A (Dora J) wldr h742 E 10th av
- Roy L (Virgie) brkmason h822 S 3d
- S L (Mary) blacksmithing and wldg 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av
- Willie W (Marv P) mach h739 E 10th av

**VULCANIZING**  
**Tire**  
**Inspection**  
**Tire Repairs**  
**Battery**  
**Service**

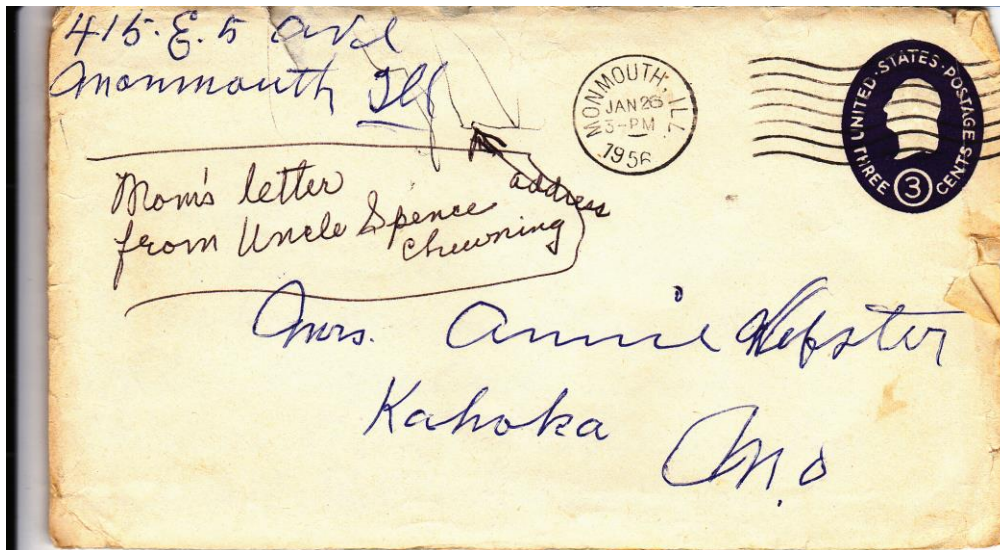
**1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 734 E. 10th**

Spencer L. Chewning, 68, b. in MO, working, 48 hrs/wk, proprietor, blacksmith, own business

Mary Chewning, 73, b. in MO, housework

Everett W., 34, b. in IL, separated, unable to work

**Letter from Spencer to his sister Anna Lee Chewning Webster, 1956**





Mammoth Ill. 1-26-1954

Mrs. Annie Webster Kahoka and  
Dear Sister & Family

It has been so long since I  
received your last letter that  
I do not know how to answer it

Will you please let me know if  
you are still  
living and that is about all

I haven't been able to man-  
age the Shop for 6 or 8 months. The Boys  
are all working in Galesburg  
therefore the Shop has been closed  
for some time. I don't know  
of any one thing that is the matter  
with me unless it is old age  
I just haven't got the strength to  
stand it anymore.

God knows I would like to be  
at work but I just can't take it and  
the Doctors don't seem to do me  
any good. Mom is getting  
pretty feeble ~~and~~ also put at that  
I think she is better off than I am.



2.  
if I could just collect  
what I have standing out  
I would be O.K. for a while at  
least. I have in round numbers  
5,000.00 standing out some of which  
is well secured and some is not  
And Annie I wish you would  
speak to Gerald about a little  
loan I made to him in <sup>april</sup> 1954  
I loaned him \$15.00 to get ticket to  
get back to Kahoka on. then later  
he borrowed \$5.00 more and gave  
me a check on the bank of Memphis  
and it bounced. Bank. Bounced  
account. So that makes a total of ~~\$20.00~~  
\$20.00 tell Gerald I need that money  
now just about as bad as he did  
when I let him have it.  
Well Annie how is Effie paw  
Kid She has it hard I must  
write her a letter as soon as  
feel like it. And how is all  
the boys. I hope they are all well  
and doing fine



## Conclusion

How are you standing it this  
Winter Annie do you still live  
alone. I hope you do not people  
our age has no business living  
alone. I fell about 6 weeks ago  
and cracked 2 ribs and I took  
the flu about the same time  
I was down about a month  
but I am somewhat better now  
but I am weak in my legs  
and can't get around to do no good

Well Annie I am getting  
tired and have got to go lay  
down a while. I hope I will  
feel like writing more next time

hoping to hear from you  
Soon.

Awaiting which I am.  
Your Loving Brother

S. S. Manning

1 Mammoth Gap  
415 East 5 Ave

MARY TO MONMOUTH.  
Mary Chewning and Spencer  
Chewning to Raymond A. Chew-  
ning and Jean Chewning, lots 10,  
11 and part of 12 in block four,  
South Park Addition to Mon-  
mouth.

Spencer Lee Chewning, Austin Raymond Chewning, real estate, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.1.1959

**Uncle Spencer d. in 1961**

## Chewning

**MONMOUTH** — Funeral services for Spencer L. Chewning, 79, of 734 10th Ave., Monmouth, who died at 10:30 yesterday morning in his home, will be held at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon in the Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth.

The Rev. Laurel Grigg, pastor of the Monmouth First Baptist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Monmouth Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

Mr. Chewning was born Oct. 2, 1881, at Antioch, Mo., a son of Moses and Elizabeth Cannon Chewning. He spent his early life near Ashton, Mo.

He married Mary Toops July 25, 1906. Most of their married life was spent in Monmouth where Mr. Chewning was a brick mason and a blacksmith. He operated a blacksmith shop at 415 E. 5th Ave. for many years.

He was of Baptist faith.

Surviving are the widow; four sons, Ray, Everett, Willis and Roy, and a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Cokel, all of Monmouth; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Effie Davidson, Ashton.

He was preceded in death by two sons, two brothers and a sister.

Spencer Lee Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.15.1961

## Chewning

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Spencer L. Chewning, 79, of 734 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, who died Sunday in his home, were held yesterday afternoon in the Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth. The Rev. Laurel Grigg, pastor of the Monmouth First Baptist Church, officiated.

Pallbearers were Herval and Raymond Chewning, Willard Greenstreet, Herman Witthum and Bruce and Jack McCrery. Burial was in Monmouth Cemetery.

Spencer Lee Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.17.1961



**MRS. SPENCER CHEWNING**

**MONMOUTH** — Mrs. Spencer Chewning, 95, of 734 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, died last night in Applegate Inn Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 Wednesday morning in the Turnbull Funeral Home. The Rev. Stanely Rogers, pastor of the Monmouth Four Square Gospel Church will officiate.

Burial will be in the Monmouth Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home.

The former Mary Toops was born in Missouri, a daughter of John and Margaret Bills Toops.

She was married to Mr. Chewning in 1906 in Monmouth where their entire married life was spent. He preceded her in death.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Bernard Cokel, and four sons, Roy, Everett, Willis, and Ray, all of Monmouth, 10 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Toops Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 9.27.1971

**MRS. MARY CHEWNING**  
**MONMOUTH** — Mrs. Mary  
 Chewning, 95, 734 E. 10th Ave.,  
 died Sunday at 10 p.m. at Ap-  
 plegate Inn.  
 The former Mary Toops was  
 born Sept. 9, 1876, in Clark  
 County Mo., where she was  
 reared and educated. She came  
 to Illinois in 1905 and married  
 Spencer L. Chewning at Mon-  
 mouth in 1906. He preceded her  
 in death.  
 Surviving are four sons, Roy  
 L., Everett W., Willis W. Sr. and  
 Ray Chewning, and a daughter,  
 Mrs. Bernard (Stella) Cokel, all  
 of Monmouth, 10 grandchildren  
 and seven great-grandchildren.  
 Funeral will be Wednesday at  
 10:30 a.m. at the Turnbull Fu-  
 neral Home. Burial will be at  
 Monmouth Cemetery. Friends  
 may call at the chapel until the  
 time of services.

**MRS. MAUDE F. MOONEY**  
 Mary Toops Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.27.1971

**MRS. MARY CHEWNING**  
**MONMOUTH** — Funeral for  
 Mrs. Mary Chewning, 95, of 734  
 E. 10th Ave. who died Sunday,  
 was at the Turnbull Funeral  
 Home Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.  
 Rev. Stanley Rogers, pastor of  
 Foursquare Gospel Church, of-  
 ficiated.  
 Burial was at Monmouth  
 Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ed,  
 Joe and Gary Chewning, Willis  
 Chewning Jr., Rusty Whitt and  
 Jim Cokel.

Mary P McGill Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.30.1971. The pallbearers were her grandsons.

**MONMOUTH CEMETERY MAUSOLEUM, SECTION 14**

**Chewning Mary 1876 1971 funeral marker**

**MONMOUTH CEMETERY, SECTION 18**

**Chewning Robert E. 1912 1949**

**Chewning Lloyd 1917 - 1926**

**Chewning Spence 1881 1961**

**There is a website where someone has posted pictures of gravestones in Monmouth Cemetery. Lloyds and Robert's are there. The comment with Robert's is: Robert E. 1912—1949. This is a pauper's gravestone marker**

Robert died in Rock Island; don't know if that means the town or the hospital. The family story is that he committed suicide in the hospital.

*Greetings from Find A Grave,*

*We are writing to let you know that a Find A Grave volunteer has reported a problem with your photo request for Spencer Chewning.*

*The general problem they reported is:  
I searched the entire cemetery and could not find the grave*

*They also reported, specifically:  
According to cemetery readings taken circa 1980, Spencer had a funeral home marker at that time. These markers are not durable, made of a small cast zinc base, with punched tin lettering wrapped around slots in the base. They measure roughly 4x8 inches, and are very vulnerable to mowers. I am very familiar with the area surrounding his grave, and several people buried there. I photographed the markers in that area back in September 2006 (and perhaps prior to that), and Spencer's marker was missing at that time. I compared photos of temporary markers from 2006 in that area with photos taken yesterday, and one is missing, and a couple showing more damage. Spencer is buried next to (west of) Robert E. Chewning (1912-1949), who has a nice stone marker. Lloyd Chewning (1917-1926; son of S. L. and Mary Toops Chewning) is buried behind (south) of Robert, also with a nice stone marker. I have photos of these, if you want them.*

*In regards to the previous note that Spencer is not buried in the mausoleum; that is correct. He is buried approximately 500 feet to the south.*

Warren County birth index:

1907 Chewning, Roy Lee Spencer Mary  
1910 Chewning, Stella 2<sup>nd</sup> Spencer S. Mary  
1912 Chewning, Robert Edward Spencer Mary  
1915 Chewning, Everett William Spenser L. Mary

### Monmouth Addresses

206 S. 7 <sup>th</sup> Street	George's widow, Margaret, and daughter Camilla Cannon	1930
1104 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Martin Luther Cannon, Leora, Zelma	1880 - 1955
1104 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Spencer Chewning	1905
1108 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Theo Chewning	12/1919
1114 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> Street	Katie R. Cannon, Charles' widow	1940 - 1947
1115 S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street	Albert Cannon	1905 – before 1918
810 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	The Blacksmith shop	
822 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Roy and Virgie Chewning	1943
834 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	John N. Cannon, wife Mary; George H., John's son, and his daughters Irene, Marie and Ruth after 1905	1880 – 1905/1905-1920
916 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Uncle Bill's house	1943
918 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Theo and Nancy Chewning's house	1920 - 1947
924 S. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street	Uncle Herville's house	1930
833 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street	Alice Cannon LeTherman, John's daughter	1900 - 1910
520 E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	George Cannon, John's son	1920
734 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue E or E. 10 <sup>th</sup> Street?	Spencer Chewning, Robert	1910 - 1971
743 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Evert Chewning blacksmith shop	1943
415 E. 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Spencer Chewning, blacksmith	1943 - 1960

Red entries are either no longer there, such as Theo and Nancy's house, or we couldn't locate.

#### **Children of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

#### **Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

#### **Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**

#### **Great Grandchildren of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

1. Roy Lee Chewning, b. 4/14/1907, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Virgil Marie Miller, 9/25/1929, Galesburg, Knox, IL; d. 3/26/1989, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
2. Stella Maude Chewning Heady Cokel, b. 10/18/1910, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Lyman Heady, 3/13/1917, Warren County, IL; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Bernard Harry Bud Cokel, 6/21/1947, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 5/24/2000, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Saint Mary's Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
3. Robert Edward Chewning, b. 9/1/1912, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 1949, Rock Island, Rock Island, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
4. Everett William Chewning, b. 7/31/1915, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Ruth Blanche Asbury, 12/13/1939, Burlington, Des Moines, IA; d. 6/5/2000, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
5. Lloyd M. Chewning, b. 9/20/1917, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 6/5/1926, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.



6. Willis Wiley Chewning, b. 10/23/1919, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Mary Patricia McGill, 11/25/1946, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d. 5/18/2011, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL.
7. Raymond Albert Chewning, b. 3/25/1923, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Dora Jean Smith, 4/29/1941; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Geraldine Geri Enslow, 12/16/1971; d. 8/30/2015, Monmouth, Warren, IL; cremated, burial unknown.

**Roy Lee Chewning**

**Son of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

**Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning and**

**Great Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**



Roy Lee and Virgil Marie Miller Chewning stone, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL

**1920 census, Monmouth, Ward 5, Warren, IL, 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer Chewning, 38, owns home free, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, bricklayer, houses

Mary Chewning, 42, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Roy, 12, born in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year

Stella, 9, etc.

Robert, 7, etc.

Everett, 4 2/12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO

Lloyd, 2 4/12, etc.

Willis, 3/12, etc.

**1922 Monmouth Directory**

Chewning Austin R r 918 S 3d

Chewning Herville P student r 918 S 3d

Chewning Letha F Miss student r 918 S 3d

Chewning Roy r 734 E 10th av

Chewning Spencer L (Mary) r 734 E 10th av

Chewning Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d

Raymond Chewning and cousins, Stella and Roy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., spent several days with relatives and attended the county fair. While here Raymond rebuilt flue on I. O. O. F. hall and garage, also on his uncle's, A. M. Davidson's, dwelling. He has learned to be quite an expert brick mason. They just recently finished a \$55,000 school building at Woodhull, Ill.

Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 9.11.1925

It looks like Roy and Virgie married about the time of this census.

**1930 census, Galesburg, Knox, IL 317 South West St.**

Roy L. Chewning, 22, rents house, \$20, married at 22, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, laborer, disc factory  
 Virgil M. Chewning, 18, married at 18, b. in IL, parents b. in IL

**1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Spencer isn't listed. Don't know why.

Chevrolet Sales & Service, 123 S. 1st St., Tel. 75.  
 Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
 Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.  
 Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
 Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.  
 Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.—O. (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)

**1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chevrolet Sales & Service, 123 S. 1st St., Barrows-Audeman, props.  
 Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning props., Tel. 465.  
 Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
 Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
 Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
 Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
 Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

**1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 822 S 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**

Roy L. Chewning, 33, owns home, \$300, 7 yrs school, b. in IL, same place in 1935, worked 40 yrs, handy man, second hand store,  
 Virgil M. Chewning, 29, 8 yrs school, b. in IL,

SERIAL NUMBER 1714 1. NAME (Print) ROY LEE CHEWNING ORDER NUMBER 1180

2. ADDRESS (Print) 822 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Monmouth WARREN ILLINOIS

3. TELEPHONE none 4. AGE IN YEARS 33 5. PLACE OF BIRTH Monmouth 6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP United States

DATE OF BIRTH April 14, 1907

7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Virgil Marie Chewning 8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife

9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON 822 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Monmouth Warren Illinois

10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Pete Freed

11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS 800 South 10<sup>th</sup> St. Monmouth Warren Illinois

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE

REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. FORM 1 (over) R. L. Chewning (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5ft 7	145	Sallow	X
	EYES	HAIR	Light	
Negro	Blue X	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown X	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification  
 Scar on leg between knee and ankle (left)

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Ethel Chewning (signature of registrar)

Registrar for 10 5 Monmouth Ill. (Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration October 16, 1940

Local Board No. 1 61  
 Warren County 187  
 1 001

117 East ... (The state of Illinois is hereby declared to be the jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

Roy Lee Chewning, WWII reg.2

1943 Monmouth Directory

- Chewning A Raymond (Ethel E; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h916 S 3d
- Bros Blacksmith Shop (A Raymond and Herval P) 810 S 3d
- Evert W (Ruth B) blksmith Chewning's Shop h748 10th av E
- Herval P (Esther B; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h 924 S 3d
- Nancy A (wid Theo) h918 S 3d
- Robt E r734 10th av E
- Roy L (Virgie) blksmith h822 S 3d
- Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 10th av E

These entries continue through 1960. This is from 1952:

- Claude grower hewitt h916 S 3d
- Chewning Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d
- Bros (Austin R and Herval P) blksmith and wldg 810 S 3d
- Everett blksmith hlpr r734 E 10th av
- Herval P (Bonita; Chewning Bros) h924 S 3d
- Ray A (Dora J) wldr h742 E 10th av
- Roy L (Virgie) brkmason h822 S 3d
- S L (Mary) blacksmithing and wldg 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av
- Willie W (Marv P) mach h739 E 10th av

**VULCANIZING**  
**Tire**  
**Inspection**  
**Tire Repairs**  
**Battery**  
**Service**

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL. 822 S. 3rd

Roy L. Chewning, 42, b. in IL, working,  
 Virgil M. Chewning, 39, b. in IL, housework

### ROY LEE CHEWNING

**MONMOUTH** — Roy Lee Chewning, 81, 822 S. Third St., died in Monmouth Community Memorial Hospital Sunday at 4:40 a.m.

He was born in Monmouth on April 14, 1907, the son of Spencer L. and Mary Toops Chewning. He married Virgil Marie Miller in Galesburg on Sept. 25, 1929.

Surviving are his wife; one sister, Stella M. Cokel, Monmouth, and three brothers, Everett Chewning, Willis Chewning and Raymond Chewning, all of Monmouth.

He was reared and educated in Monmouth. He was a brick mason. As a young man, he attended Ninth Avenue Presbyterian Church in Monmouth.

Graveside service will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Monmouth Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Klein officiating. There will be no visitation.

Memorials to Jamieson Community Center may be left at Turnbull Funeral Home, the family said.

Roy Lee Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 3.27.1989



## **Virgil M. Chewning**

**MONMOUTH —** Virgil Marie Chewning, 86, a resident of Pinewood Health Care Center, formerly of 822 S. Third St., died at 1:50 p.m. Saturday (June 7, 1997) in the nursing home.

She was born Aug. 13, 1910, in Ontario, Ill., the daughter of Mordacai and Jessie Wilnot Miller.

She married Roy L. Chewning on Sept. 25, 1929, in Galesburg. He died March 26, 1989.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Stella Cokel and Mary Chewning, both of Monmouth; three brothers-in-law, Willis Chewning, Raymond Chewning and Everett Chewning, all of Monmouth, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the former Ontario Congregational Church.

Graveside service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Monmouth Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Klein officiating. Friends may call Tuesday and Wednesday at Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth; the family will not be present.

Memorials may be made to the Warren County Humane Society.

Virgil Marie Miller Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.9.1997

Stella Maude Chewning Heady Cokel

Daughter of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning

Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

Great Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and

Great Granddaughter of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon



Stella Maude Chewning Heady Cokel, stone, Saint Mary's Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL

**1920 census, Monmouth, Ward 5, Warren, IL, 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

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Stella, 9, etc.

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Lloyd, 2 4/12, etc.

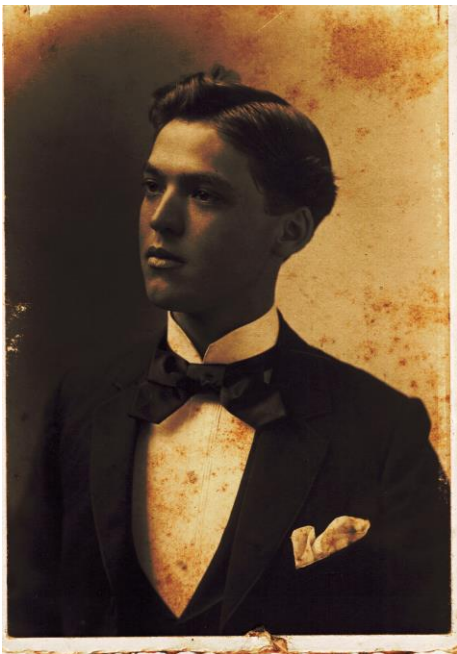
Willis, 3/12, etc.

Raymond Chewning and cousins, Stella and Roy Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., spent several days with relatives and attended the county fair. While here Raymond rebuilt flue on I. O. O. F. hall and garage, also on his uncle's. A. M. Davidson's, dwelling. He has learned to be quite an expert brick mason. They just recently finished a \$55,000 school building at Woodhull, Ill.

Austin Raymond Bill Chewning, Effie Maud Chewning Davidson, Ashton col., ClarkCountyCourier, 9.11.1925

Name: Stella M Cokel  
Birth Date: 26 Oct 1911  
Address: 800 N D St, Monmouth, IL, 61462-1131

Stella apparently married twice, first to Earl Lyman Heady, in 1937:



Earl Lyman Heady

Stella Chewning  
mentioned in the record of E L Heady and Stella Chewning

Name E L Heady  
Event Type Marriage  
Event Date 13 Mar 1937  
Event Place Warren, Illinois, United States  
Gender Male  
Spouse's Name Stella Chewning  
Spouse's Gender Female  
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Name E L Heady  
Gender Male  
Marriage Date 13 Mar 1937  
Marriage Place Warren, Illinois, USA  
Spouse Stella Chewning

**1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 611 E. Euclid**

Earl Heady, 39, owns home, \$2400, b. in IL, Galesburg, IL, in 1935, worked 54 hrs, auto mechanic, auto repair shop, worked 52 wks,  
Stella Heady, 29, 4 yrs hs, same place in 193, worked 54 hrs, trained nurse, hospital, worked 50 wks,



REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER 120 I. NAME (Print) Earl Lyman Heady ORDER NUMBER 10349

T. 120 Earl Lyman Heady T. 10349

2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 611 East Euclid Monmouth Warren Illinois

[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]

3. MAILING ADDRESS Same

4. TELEPHONE None 5. AGE IN YEARS 42 6. PLACE OF BIRTH Warren County Illinois

DATE OF BIRTH Nov. 27, 1899

7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Stella Heady, 611 East Euclid, Monmouth, Illinois

8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS Hayes and Azbell Co. Monmouth, Illinois

9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Garage man at Hayes Azbell Monmouth Warren Illinois

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

D. S. S. FORM 1 (Revised 1-1-42) (over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-2 Earl Lyman Heady (Registrant's signature)

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5'9"	190 lb	Sallow	
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Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
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Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification: None

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Registrar for Local Board: 1, Warren County, Ill. (Signature of registrar: Marjorie Thompson)

Date of registration: February 16, 1942

Local Board No. 1 Warren County 61 187 001

117 East First Avenue (STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)

(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

16-21630-1

Earl Lyman Heady, WWII reg.2



**WED IN MONMOUTH.**  
 Monmouth—Mrs. Stella Chewning and Bernard Cokel, both of Monmouth, were married Saturday by the Very Rev. Dean Edward S. Dunn, rector of Immaculate Conception Catholic school. The couple was attended by A. T. Bray and Mary P. Chewning. Mr. Cokel is a blacksmith.

Stella Maude Chewning Heady Cokel, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 6.25.1947

**1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL**

Bernard H. Cokel, 33, b. in IL, working, 44 hrs/wk, welding, blacksmith shop  
 Stella Cokel, 36, b. in IL, housework

Stella and Cokel listing in the 1952 directory, at the 800 N D St. address.

**1956 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Cohn Leo (Nellie D) tailor 217 S 6th h do  
 Cokel Bernard H (Stella; Cokel Bros Blksmith & Wldrs) h800 North D  
**COKEL BROS BLACKSMITHS & WELDERS (Victor and Robt Cokel), 200 E 6th av, Tel 1429**  
 —Laura glazier Western Stoneware h526 South E  
 —Lelia B fctywkr Western Stoneware r RD 4  
 —Maurice J (Lelia) wldr Cokel Bros Blksmith & Wldrs r RD 4  
 —Robt (Cokel Bros Blksmith & Wldrs)  
 —Sylvia (wid Julius) h1001 W 6th av  
 —Victor (Irene M; Cokel Bros Blksmith & Wldrs) h1005 W 6th  
 Calabrese Gertrude h302 W Broadway apt 4

**MONMOUTH — Bernard Cokel, 800 N. D St., was fined \$100 Thursday in Warren County Circuit Court on charges of selling liquor to minors. The charge was filed Dec. 8 against Cokel, who operates Cokels Package Liquor Store, at 634 S. First St.**

Bernard H. Cokel, Galesburg Register Mail, 1.22.1972

0 BERNARD 'BUD' COKEL  
x MONMOUTH — Bernard "Bud"  
e Cokel, 67, 800 N. D St., died Thursday at  
1 9:20 p.m. in Community Memorial Hos-  
y pital.

2 He was born in Monmouth June 15,  
3 1917. He married Stella Chewning in  
4 Monmouth June 22, 1947.

5 Surviving are his wife; one son,  
6 James B. Cokel of Monmouth; three  
7 brothers, Adolph Cokel of Galesburg,  
8 Victor Cokel of Monmouth and Bob  
9 Cokel of Mendota; two sisters,  
0 Margaret Curry of Eugene, Ore., and  
1 Ruth Hawk of Monmouth; and four  
2 grandchildren.

3 He was reared and educated in Mon-  
4 mouth. He attended Immaculate Con-  
5 ception schools and Monmouth High  
6 School. He operated Cokel Brothers  
7 Blacksmith and Welding and Cokel's  
8 Tap in Monmouth, and was employed  
9 by Monmouth Pottery for number of  
0 years. He was a member of Im-  
1 maculate Conception Church, Knights  
2 of Columbus, the American Legion  
3 Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He  
4 was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War  
5 II.

6 Funeral will be Monday at 10 a.m. at  
7 Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth.  
8 Burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery.  
9 Friends may call at the funeral home  
0 Sunday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.; the rosary  
1 will be recited at 8 p.m.

2 Memorials may be made to the Im-  
3 maculate Conception School, the fami-  
4 ly said.

Bernard H Budd Cokel, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.11.1984

Name:	Stella Cokel
SSN:	344-52-3256
Last Residence:	61462 Monmouth, Warren, Illinois
Born:	18 Oct 1910
Died:	24 May 2000
State (Year) SSN issued:	Illinois (1971)

## **Stella M. Cokel**

MONMOUTH — Stella M. Cokel, 89, 800 N. D St., died at 11:08 a.m. Wednesday (May 24, 2000) in Heartland Health Care Center, Galesburg.

She was born Oct. 18, 1910, in Monmouth, the daughter of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning.

She married Bernard H. Cokel on June 22, 1946, in Monmouth. He died May 10, 1984.

Surviving are one son, Jim Cokel, Monmouth; three brothers, Everett L. Chewning, Willis W. Chewning and Raymond A. Chewning, all of Monmouth; four grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

She received her nurse's training at East Moline State Hospital.

She was a charge nurse at Monmouth Hospital for many years, and she did private-duty nursing in the Monmouth area.

Funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Turnbull Funeral Home, with the Rev. Bailey Clemens officiating. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until the service. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Extended Care Unit at Community Medical Center, Monmouth.

Stella Maude Chewning Heady Cokel, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.27.2000

### **Robert Edward Chewning**

**Son of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

**Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**

**Great Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**





Robert Edward Chewning stone, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL

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Mary Chewning, 42, b. in MO, parents b. in MO  
Roy, 12, born in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year  
Stella, 9, etc.  
Robert, 7, etc.  
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Robert E., 17, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, did not attend school in last year, helper, father's truck farm  
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Robert E., 27, completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, common labor  
Everett W., 24, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, blacksmith

SERIAL NUMBER <b>1972</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>ROBERT EDWARD CHEWNING</b>		ORDER NUMBER <b>391</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>734 EAST 10th AVE MONMOUTH COUNTY ILL</b>			
3. TELEPHONE <b>none</b> <b>3768</b>	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>28</b>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Monmouth</b>	6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP <b>U.S. A</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>9-1-1912</b>		7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS <b>Mrs. Mary Chewning</b>	
8. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>734 East 10th Ave Monmouth Warren Ill</b>		9. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>J. J. Chewning</b>	
10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>Monmouth Blacksmith Shop Monmouth Warren Ill</b>		I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.	
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		<b>Robert Chewning</b> (Registrar's signature)	

### REGISTRAR'S REPORT

#### DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	<b>5ft 4 1/2 in</b>	<b>135</b>	Sallow	
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Light	
	Gray	Red	Ruddy	<b>X</b>
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Dark	
	Brown	Black	Freckled	
Indian	Black	Gray	Light brown	
		Bald	Dark brown	
Filipino			Black	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....  
**Scars on left eye**  
**Scars on both legs**

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

**James Lelarka**  
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for **10** **5** **Monmouth Ill**  
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration **Oct-16-1940**

Local Board No. 1 **61**  
Warren County **187**  
**001**

117 East First Avenue  
Monmouth Illinois

(The stamp of local board in jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

Robert Edward Chewning, WWII reg.2

Robert was committed to the state mental hospital in Rock Island, Rock Island, IL, and committed suicide while there.

**STATE HOSPITAL  
PATIENT HANGS  
SELF IN RAVINE**

**Robert Chewning of Monmouth  
Found Dead in East Moline;  
Missing Since Sunday.**

Robert Chewning, 36, of Monmouth, a patient for little more than a month at the East Moline State hospital, was found dead from hanging yesterday afternoon in a wooded ravine east of the hospital grounds. He had been missing since Sunday night.

Chewning, who came to the institution as a volunteer patient, had made application for his release. He would have been eligible for release tomorrow. His body was found by another patient who had gone to the ravine in search of mushrooms, Dr. A. H. Wolff, acting superintendent, said.

Chewning had taken his life by hanging himself with his necktie, which was tied to a tree. The tie had broken but not before he had died.

At inquest conducted by Leslie H. Banning, county coroner yesterday, a verdict of death by strangulation caused by hanging with suicidal intent was returned.

The Monmouth man was last seen by hospital attendants Sunday evening while walking around the grounds with other patients. He apparently slipped away unnoticed and went to the ravine.

Members of Chewning's family, who reside in Monmouth, have been notified and they were expected to arrive in East Moline today to complete funeral arrangements.

Robert Edward Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.18.1949



## Missing Hospital Patient Is Found Hanged in Ravine

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Robert Edward Chewning, obit, TheDispatch, 5.18.1949



**Chewning Services.**  
 Monmouth — Private funeral services for Robert Chewning, whose death occurred Sunday at a quad-city hospital, were held yesterday afternoon in Turnbull funeral home, Monmouth, the Rev. John D. Kern of First Baptist church officiating.  
 Mrs. Virginia Gibb sang. Pallbearers were Ned Raymond, Edward Gassett, Martin and Frank Barron, Emil and Russell Strong. Burial was in Monmouth cemetery.

Robert Edward Chewning, funeral, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.20.1949

Everett William Chewning

Son of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning

Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and

Great Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon



Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning stone, Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL



Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning, 1936 hs yr, Galesburg, Knox, IL

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IOWA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

29 - 3 - 825

## RETURN OF MARRIAGE TO CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT

Sec. 10440, Code.

1. Full name of GROOM *Everett William Chewning*  
 2. Place of Residence *Monmouth, Ill*  
 3. Occupation *Electric Welding*  
 4. Age next birthday *26* years. Color *White* Nationality *U.S. Born*  
 5. Place of Birth *Monmouth, Ill*  
 6. Father's Name *Spencer L. Chewning*  
 7. Mother's maiden name *Mary Toops*  
 8. Number of Groom's marriage *First*  
 9. Full name of BRIDE *Miss Ruth Blanchelle Asbury*  
 Maiden name, if a widow  
 10. Place of residence *Galesburg, Ill*  
 11. Age next birthday *22* years. Color *White* Nationality *U.S. Born*  
 12. Place of birth *Orange Township, Ill*  
 13. Father's name *Geo. W. Asbury*  
 14. Mother's maiden name *Sciota Asbury*  
 15. Number of Bride's marriage *First*  
 16. Witnesses to marriage *Mrs. M. B. Slater, James B. Slater*

N. B.—At Nos. 8 and 15 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, etc., marriage of each. At 16 give names of subscribing witnesses to the marriage certificate. If no subscribing witnesses, give names of two persons who witnessed the ceremony.

*Dec., 13, Burlington, Ia 1939*

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, That the information above given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**FUNCTION**

*Everett Chewning* Groom.  
*Ruth Blanchelle Asbury* Bride.  
 (Name of Bride Before This Marriage)

I hereby certify that the above is a correct return of a marriage solemnized by me.

At *Burlington, Ia* *M. B. Slater* Minister  
 this *13* day of *December* 19 *39* *Christian Church,*  
 (Office)  
*Burlington, Iowa*

Everett William Chewning marr cert

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Everett married Ruth B., in 1939. I found a 1940 census for a **Ruth B. Chewning**, living with her parents, last name of Asbury, in Galesburg, so did they separate for a while?

Maybe he was heading to WWII service at that point....

### 1940 census, Galesburg, Knox, IL

George W. Asbury, 63,

Seito Asbury, 57,

Lyle G.,

Glen I.,



Ruth B. Chewning, 21, daughter, 4 yrs hs, b. in IL, same house in 1935, housekeeping  
 Grace Willouhby, 38,

**SERIAL NUMBER** 72      **1. NAME (Print)** EVERETT WILLIAM CHEWNING      **ORDER NUMBER** 456

**2. ADDRESS (Print)**  
 734 EAST 10<sup>th</sup> AVE.      MONMOUTH WARREN ILLINOIS  
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)      (Town)      (County)      (State)

**3. TELEPHONE** none      **4. AGE IN YEARS** 25      **5. PLACE OF BIRTH** Monmouth  
(Exchange)      (Number)      (Town or county)

**DATE OF BIRTH** July 31 1915      **6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP** United States  
(Month)      (Day)      (Yr.)      (State or country)

**7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS** Mr. Spencer Lee Chewning  
(Mr., Mrs., Miss)      (First)      (Middle)      (Last)

**8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON** Father

**9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON**  
 734 East 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.      Monmouth Warren Illinois  
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)      (Town)      (County)      (State)

**10. EMPLOYER'S NAME** S. L. Chewning

**11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS**  
 415 East 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.      Monmouth Warren Illinois  
(Number and street or R. F. D. number)      (Town)      (County)      (State)

I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.

**REGISTRATION CARD**  
 D. S. S. Form 1      (cover)      Everett William Chewning  
(Registrant's signature)

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
			EYES	HAIR
White	5'11 1/2	135	Sallow	Light
				X
Negro	Blue	X	Blonde	Ruddy
	Gray		Red	Dark
Oriental	Hazel		Brown	X
	Brown		Black	Light brown
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			Bald	Black
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification.....  
 tattoos on both arms

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:

Ettel Chewning  
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for 10 5 Monmouth Ill.  
(Precinct)      (Ward)      (City or county)      (State)

Date of registration October 16, 1940

Local Board No. 1	61
Warren County	187
	00)

117 East First Avenue  
 Monmouth, Illinois  
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space.)

Everett William Chewning, WWII reg.2



Name: Everett Chewning  
 Gender: Male  
 Birth Date: 31 Jul 1915  
 Death Date: 5 Jun 2000  
 SSN: 331168544  
 Branch 1: ARMY  
 Enlistment Date 1: 25 Apr 1940  
 Release Date 1: 25 Jun 1943

**1943 Monmouth Directory**

Chewning A Raymond (Ethel E; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h916 S 3d  
 —Bros Blacksmith Shop (A Raymond and Herval P) 810 S 3d  
 —Evert W (Ruth B) blksmith Chewning's Shop h748 10th av E  
 —Herval P (Esther B; Chewning Bros Blacksmith Shop) h 924 S 3d  
 —Nancy A (wid Theo) h918 S 3d  
 —Robt E r734 10th av E  
 —Roy L (Virgie) blksmith h822 S 3d  
 —Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 10th av E

**Chewning Ethel Mrs instr Morse Sch of Beauty r Monmouth**  
 —Ruth B Mrs waitress Boots Lunch r34 Silver

Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning, 1949 directory, Galesburg, Knox, IL

**1950 census, Galesburg, Knox, IL**

Ruth B. Chenning, 31, separated, b. in IL, housework  
 Edward L., 9, b. in IL,  
 Gary G., 8, b. in IL,  
 Gloria J., 6, b. in IL,  
 Frank R., b. in Sep, b. in IL,

**1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 734 E. 10th**

Spencer L. Chewning, 68, b. in MO, working, 48 hrs/wk, proprietor, blacksmith, own business  
 Mary Chewning, 73, b. in MO, housework  
 Everett W., 34, b. in IL, separated, unable to work

This is from 1952. Looks like Everett was living with his parents.

—Claude grower hewitt h7100  
 Chewning Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d  
 —Bros (Austin R and Herval P) blksmith and wldg 810 S 3d  
 —Everett blksmith hlpr r734 E 10th av  
 —Herval P (Bonita; Chewning Bros) h924 S 3d  
 —Ray A (Dora J) wldr h742 E 10th av  
 —Roy L (Virgie) brkmason h822 S 3d  
 —S L (Mary) blacksmithing and wldg 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av  
 —Willie W (Marv P) mach h739 E 10th av

**VULCANIZING**  
**Tire**  
**Inspection**  
**Tire Repairs**  
**Battery**  
**Service**

Messer Aaron (Florence M) condr CB&Q h303 N 11th  
**Chewning** Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d  
 —Bros (Austin R Chewning) blksmith and welding 810 S  
 3d  
 —Cleo E lab Vitality Mills Inc r916 S 3d  
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 —Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av  
 —Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th av

Everett William Chewning, 1956 directory, Monmouth, Warren, IL

## Monmouth

### Ruth Chewning

Graveside services for Ruth B. Chewning, 67, of 748 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, who died Sunday in Monmouth Community Memorial Hospital, will be held at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Monmouth Cemetery.

The Rev. Thomas Smith, pastor of the Four Square Gospel Church of Monmouth, will officiate.

Visitation will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth, where friends may call.

The former Ruth Asbury was born Nov. 10, 1918, near Galesburg, a daughter of George and Sciota Asbury. Her early life was spent in Galesburg.

On Dec. 13, 1939, she was married to Everett Chewning in Burlington, Iowa.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Gloria Witt of Monmouth; three sons, Ed. L., and Gary, both of Monmouth, and Frank of East Galesburg; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Fern Hoyle of Wataga, Ill.

Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 9.2.1986

## **Everett W. Chewning**

**MONMOUTH —** Everett W. Chewning, 84, Monmouth, died at 11:20 a.m. Monday (June 5, 2000) in Pinewood Health Care Center, 515 E. Euclid Ave.

Arrangements are pending at **Turnbull Funeral Home.**

Everett William Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.6.2000

## **Everett W. Chewning**

MONMOUTH.— Everett W. Chewning, 84, Monmouth, died at 11:40 a.m. Monday (June 5, 2000) in Pinewood Health Care Center, 515 E. Euclid Ave.

He was born July 31, 1915, in Monmouth, the son of Spencer L. and Mary Toops Chewning.

He married Ruth Asbury on Dec. 13, 1939, in Burlington, Iowa. She died Aug. 31, 1986.

Surviving are one daughter, Gloria J. Witt, Paris, Texas; three sons, Edward L. Chewning, Kirkwood, Gary G. Chewning, Gerlaw, and Frank Chewning, Fort Madison, Iowa; two brothers, Raymond Chewning and Willis Chewning, both of Monmouth, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

He was reared and educated in Monmouth.

He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

He worked as a welder at Butler Manufacturing Co., Galesburg, retiring in 1962.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Monmouth Cemetery, with the Rev. Gerald Marlow officiating. Friends may call after noon Thursday and Friday until the service at Turnbull Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Jamieson Center.

Everett William Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.7.2000

Children of Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning

Grandchildren of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning

Great Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

Great Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and



**Great Great Grandchildren of Newbold J and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

1. Edward Lee Chewning, b. 4/11/1940, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Lina, before 1958; m. 2<sup>rd</sup> Dixie Lee Benson, 6/22/1962, Galesburg, Knox, IL; divorced 9/1967, Knox County, IL; m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dianne Lynn Sage Nolan, 6/1973; divorced 5/1987, Warren County, IL; m. 4th Tanya L. Dowell; d. 5/1/2018, Peoria, Peoria, IL; cremated.
2. Gary G. Chewning, b. 2/9/1942, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Judith Ann Whitehall, 11/25/1962, Monmouth, Warren, IL; divorced 5/1971, Monmouth, Warren, IL; d.
3. Gloria J. Chewning Witt, b. 10/26/1943, Monmouth, Warren, IL; m. Witt;
4. Frank Ray Chewning, b. 9/9/1949, Galesburg, Knox, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Diane Edna Utzinger Presley, 7/1962, Knox County, IL; divorced in 1979; remarried 10/1979, possibly Monmouth, Warren, IL; divorced 1980; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Chewning 1982; divorced 12/1986, Galesburg, Knox, IL; m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Dianne Lynn Sage Nolan Chewning, 6/1987, East Galesburg, Knox, IL; d. 3/15/2005, Coralville, Johnson, IA;

**Edward Lee Chewning**

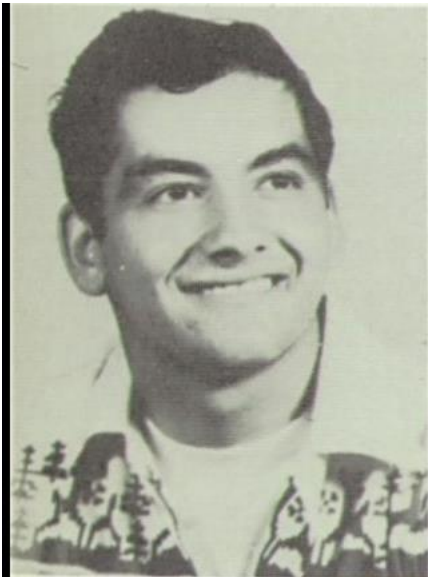
**Son of Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning**

**Grandson of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

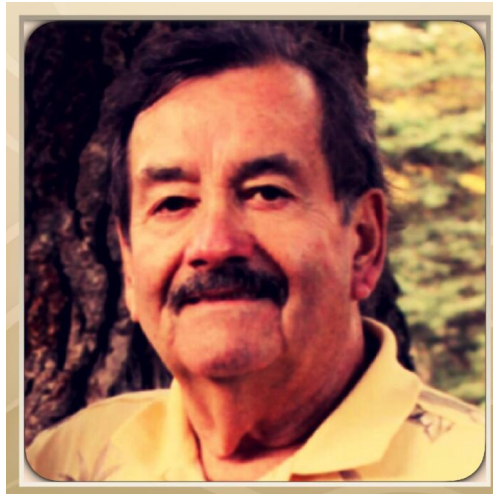
**Great Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**

**Great Great Grandson of Newbold J and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**



Edward Lee Chewning



Chesser Aaron (Florence M) h303 N 11th  
Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do  
—Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d  
—Cleo (Margt) fcty wkr h312 North A  
—Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av  
—Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B  
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—Hervel P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d  
—Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av  
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Edward Lee Chewning, 1958 directory, Monmouth, Warren, IL

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# Benson-Chewning Vows Read at Trinity Church



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lee Chewning  
(Miss Dixie Lee Benson)

Miss Dixie Lee Benson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howard, 1822 Newcomer Dr., became the bride of Edward Lee Chewning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Chewning of Monmouth Friday evening.

Wedding vows were read by Rev. M. L. Raymond at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 7 o'clock. Music was presented by Miss Joan Nordstrom, organist, who also accompanied Mrs. Merle Owen, soloist.

Best man was Tim Benson, the bride's brother. Guests were seated by Gary Chewning, brother of the bridegroom, and Kent Kessler of Macomb.

Miss Benson, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, selected a lace and taffeta wedding dress. The lace bodice was fashioned with a scoop neckline forming a vee in the back and the controlled bell skirt was taffeta. Her elbow length veiling was caught to a tiara of pearls. Her flowers were a cascading nose-gay bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and white carnations marked with pink French lace.

Mrs. Joel Schneider, matron of honor, was in a two tone pink silk organza over taffeta dress

styled with a dark pink cummerbund. A matching pink pleated satin band held her nose veiling and she carried a light pink carnation and red Sweetheart rose bouquet marked with white French lace. Flower girl was Maria Janice Zimmerman.

At the reception on the lawn at the bride's home honors were shared by Mrs. H. A. Foley, Mrs. George Phillips and Mrs. Lillian Deere. Miss Colleen Paramenter was in charge of the guest book, and in charge of gifts were Miss Cheryl Ellison and Miss Janice Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewning will reside at 122 W. Euclid Ave., Monmouth. The bride attended Galesburg High School and her husband, who attended Monmouth schools, is employed at DeKalb in Monmouth.

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Dixie L. Chewning was divorced from Edward L. Chewning. Married June 22, 1962. they have one child, custody of which was granted to the mother. Chewning was given visiting rights and ordered to pay \$19 per week support. Alimony was waived.

Edward Lee Chewning, divorced, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.1.1967



# Woman Hurt In Monmouth Auto Crash

MONMOUTH — Mrs. Mona Coursey, 61, of 714 S. 6½ St., Monmouth, suffered two broken legs and other injuries when the auto in which she was a passenger and another vehicle collided Thursday night on S. Main St. and 4th Ave.

Mrs. Coursey was a passenger in an auto driven by Mrs. Dianne L. Nolan, 25, of 1250 E. Boston Ave.

Police said Mrs. Nolan was heading north on S. Main St. when her auto was struck by an auto being driven across Main St. on 4th Ave. by Raymond Peoples, 35, of Galesburg.

Mrs. Nolan was ticketed for driving without headlights and having no valid driver's license.

Dianne Lynne Sage Nolan, TheArgus, 4.29.1972. Dianne would marry Edward in a year, and then marry Edward's brother, Frank Ray Chewning, in 1987. (Note: Frank murdered Dianne in 1989).

## ***Marriage licenses***

### **WARREN**

**Edward Lee Chewning and  
Dianne Lynn Nolan, both Mon-  
mouth.**

Edward Lee Chewning, marr, TheArgus, 6.25.1973

### **Dianne Chewning and Edward L. Chewning.**

Edward Lee Chewning, divorce, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.14.1987

Name Ed Chewning  
Residence Years 1997-1999  
Address 410 W Peach  
Residence Place Kirkwood, Illinois, USA  
Phone Number 309-768-2023  
Spouse Tanya Chewning

Edward L. Chewning, 78, of Kirkwood, IL, passed away at 10:24 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria, IL.

He was born on April 11, 1940 in Monmouth, IL, the son of Everett William and Ruth (Asbury) Chewning. Edward was raised and educated in Galesburg and Monmouth.



Edward served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. After returning home, he worked as a supervisor at DeKalb Feeds until 1984. He was then a 911 coordinator for the Monmouth Police Department until he retired in 2015.

He was of Pentecostal faith, a member of the Monmouth Kiwanis Club and really enjoyed working with computers. He also enjoyed playing music—especially on the guitar and was a Corvette enthusiast.

Edward is survived by his son, Michael Chewning of Monmouth; wife, Tanya Chewning of Kirkwood, IL; his brother, Gary Chewning of Gerlaw, IL; his sister Gloria Witt of Texas. Grandchildren, nieces and nephews also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 1 brother Frank Chewning.

Cremation has been accorded, No services have been planned at this time.

Edward Lee Chewning, obit

Gary G. Chewning

Son of Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning

Grandson of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning

Great Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning

Great Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning and

Great Great Grandson of Newbold J and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon



Gary G Chewning



**JUDITH WHITEHALL**

## ***Judith Whitehall Is Betrothed to Gary Chewning***

MONMOUTH — The engagement of Miss Judith Ann Whitehall to Gary Chewning has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehall of 522 W. 4th Ave., Monmouth.

Chewning is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Chewning, 748 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth.

Miss Whitehall is a 1962 graduate of Monmouth High School and currently she is employed at Thompson Motor Sales in Mon-

mouth. Chewning is employed by the Supersweet Feed Co.

No definite date for the wedding has been set.

Judith Ann Whitehall Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 10.4.1962.2





MR. AND MRS. CHEWNING

## *Vows Taken by Judy Whitehall, Gary Chewning*

MONMOUTH — Miss Judy Whitehall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehall, 522 W. 4th Ave., Monmouth, became the bride of Gary Chewning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Chewning, 748 E. 10th Ave., at a ceremony conducted Sunday in the Monmouth Immanuel Baptist Church.

The Rev. V. O. Erickson, pastor, officiate at the double-ring ceremony.

Mrs. Everett Frederickson was organist and her son, Donald, sang.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white, floor-length gown with a chantilly lace bodice and full skirt.

Miss Janice Icenogle of Monmouth was maid of honor, and Cindy Whitehall, a cousin of the bride, was flower girl.

Serving as best man was Donald Powell of Monmouth and ushers were Gary Tee of Oquawka, a cousin of the bride, and Richard Robertson, a brother-in-law of the bride.

Following the wedding, a reception was held in the church parlor.

Mrs. Chewning, a graduate of Monmouth High School, is employed at the Thompson Motor Sales in Monmouth, and her husband is an employe of the Super-sweet Co., Monmouth.

Gary G Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 11.22.1962

Born Saturday — Boy to Mr.  
and Mrs. Gary Chewning, Mon-  
mouth.

Gary G Chewning, son born, GalesburgRegisterMail, 6.20.1966

**Gary G. Chewning was given  
a divorce from Judith Ann  
Chewning on mental cruelty  
charges. Mrs. Chewning was  
granted custody of two minor  
children. They were married  
Nov. 18. 1962.**

Gary G Chewning, divorce, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.21.1971

**Gloria J. Chewning Witt**

**Daughter of Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning**

**Granddaughter of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

**Great Granddaughter of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Great Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning and**

**Great Great Granddaughter of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

Name Gloria J Witt  
Birth Date 26 Oct 1943  
Address 14 Cokel Trailer CT  
Residence Place Monmouth, Illinois, USA  
Zip Code 61462

Name Gloria J Witt  
Birth Date Oct 1943  
Residence Date 1991  
Phone Number 784-3904  
Address 1953 W Sherman St  
Residence Paris, TX  
Third Residence Date 1995

Name Gloria Witt  
Gender Female  
Divorce Age 37  
Birth Date 1946  
Marriage Date 2 Mar 1965  
Divorce Date 3 Oct 1983  
Divorce Place Dallas, Texas, USA  
Spouse Bobby S Witt  
Number of Children 4

**Frank Ray Chewning**

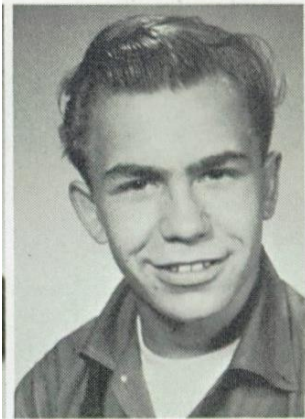
**Son of Everett William and Ruth Blanche Asbury Chewning**

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**Great Great Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**



Frank Ray Chewning, 1966 yrbk, Monmouth, Warren, IL

## Youth Pleads Guilty to Aiding In Theft

Rex E. Meyers, 20, of Kirkwood pleaded guilty this morning in county division to aiding and abetting a theft under \$150.

He entered a motion for probation, and the matter was referred to Lloyd Herbener, probation officer, for investigation. A probation hearing will be held May 12.

The charge originated out of the alleged theft of a tap and die set, valued at \$3.97, from Arlan's Department Store Monday at 4:40 p.m.

The person accused of the theft, Frank R. Chewning, 16, Monmouth, was granted a continuance until Monday so that he could consult with an attorney before entering a plea.

Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.3.1966



# Monmouth Pair Is Nabbed After Chase

Two Monmouth youths were arrested last night by Rock Island County sheriff's deputies, one on six charges and the other on one count, after a speedy auto chase that started at the intersection of Illinois 92 and U.S. 6 near the Quad-City Airport.

Frank R. Chewning, 17, the driver, was booked on six charges and Dean Stewart, 18, a passenger, on one count.

Chewning was charged with reckless driving, reckless conduct, eluding police officers,

a son, Gene of Galesburg; nine grandchildren; a brother, Max, Galesburg, and a sister, Mrs. Herman Steele, Roseville.

His parents and three brothers preceded him in death.

## CARL L. SHERRARD

SHERRARD — Carl Louis Sherrard, 79, died yesterday at 3:05 p.m. at Moline Public Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 Wednesday afternoon at Benson - Kirk Funeral Home, Orion. The Rev. Paul D. Beran, pastor of Sherrard Presbyterian

having no driver's license, driving without tail lights and having no valid registration of license plates. Stewart was charged with conspiracy.

The chase began when Deputies Charles Feltner and Dale Mundt noted a 1955 model car with no tail lights at the Illinois 92 and U.S. 6 intersection. The deputies said they used their siren and red light but still the youths did not stop.

The two youths were nabbed when their car hit the rear of an auto driven by Stuart A. Goldberg, Moline, at the U.S. 150 cut-off, east and south of the Quad-City Airport.

Deputies claim Chewning drove at speeds of 80 to 90 miles an hour during the chase and twice tried to force the police car off the road.

Both youths were arraigned before Circlit Magistrate John Erhart in Milan this morning.

Chewning was released on bonds totaling \$150 and Stewart was remanded to county jail in lieu of posting 10 per cent of \$500 bond after their hearings were continued to Wednesday.

Frank Ray Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 11.21.1966

**Frank R. Chewning, 18, of Monmouth, appeared before Associate Judge Scott I. Klukos in the County Division of Warren County Circuit Court Wednesday for sentencing.**

**Chewning had pleaded guilty Sept. 12 to a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor female, after he had taken a 13-year-old girl to New Mexico.**

**Judge Klukos, who had earlier taken the guilty plea, Wednesday fined Chewning \$200 and placed him on probation for two years with a further stipulation being made that he obtain steady employment.**

Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.27.1968

#### **Probationer Held**

Frank Chewning, 19, of 748 E Tenth Ave. was picked up by Monmouth city police Monday at 9:40 a.m. for violation of probation. Chewning was put on probation Aug. 20 for contributing to the delinquency of a minor female person.

Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 11.12.1968

# 3 Penalized In Circuit Court Cases

MONMOUTH — Frank R. Chewning, 18, of Monmouth appeared before Associate Judge Scott I. Klukos in the county division of Warren County Circuit Court Wednesday and was sentenced to the Illinois State Penal Farm at Vandalia for six months. He was also ordered to pay the balance of a fine and costs incurred in his case, which included \$433 in fees for returning him from the State of Tennessee.

The sentencing occurred after Chewning was found guilty of violating probation.

In August Chewning was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor female. He had taken a 13-year-old girl to New Mexico. When the case came to court in September he pleaded guilty and asked for probation. At that time he was fined \$200 and placed on probation for two years. Part of his probation stipulation was that he must find a job and stay away from the minor female involved in the case, and police said he did not comply with the stipulation.

## Two Others Fined

Frank Ray Chewning, Galesburg Register Mail, 1.31.1969

Booked separately for illegal possession of liquor were Edwin Boettcher, 56, of Oquawka, and Frank R. Chewning, 19, of 748 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth.

Frank Ray Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 9.1.1969

On 9/20/1969, Frank was arrested in Monmouth for driving without his lights on.

Frank R. Chewning, 20, of 748 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, was ticketed for spilling part of a load of trash on a public street, James A. Huff, 17, of

Frank Ray Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 10.9.1969

**Warren County Authorities List Traffic Charges**  
MONMOUTH — Frank R. Chewning, 21, of 748 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, was booked for illegal transportation of liquor and ticketed for failing to have a city wheel tax sticker at 2 a.m. yesterday. His companion, Darrell C. Parrick, 31, of the Christy Hotel, also was booked for illegal transportation

Frank Ray Chewning, TheRockIslandArgus, 11.12.1970



## **Circuit Court**

**Frank Chewning, 21, Monmouth, appeared in Knox County Circuit Court today on two counts of burglary and attempted rape. His case was continued until May 11, and he was jailed in lieu of \$10,000 bond. Chewning is accused of breaking into the home of a Galesburg woman and trying to rape her.**

**Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.8.1971**

**...ed by the court.**

**Frank Chewning, 21, of Monmouth pleaded guilty Friday to burglary and asked for probation. His case was continued for a report from the Knox County probation officer, and he was jailed in lieu of bond. Chewning was accused of breaking into the apartment of Verna Van Winkle May 5. An additional charge against Chewning of attempted rape was dismissed.**

**Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.15.1971**

**charge.**

**Frank Chewning pleaded guilty May 14 to breaking into the apartment of Verna Van Winkle, 2201 Washington St., on May 5. He was originally charged with attempted rape in addition to the burglary charge.**

**Hazel Peace 43 Taylor 40-  
Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.27.1971**

## Marriage Licenses

KNOX COUNTY — Mrs.  
Diane E. (Utzinger) Presley,  
26, Cameron, and Frank R.  
Chewning, 22, Monmouth.

Frank Ray Chewning, marr lic, GalesburgRegisterMail, 7.3.1972

## Birth Record

Born at Cottage Hospital to:  
Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Johnson,  
Maquon, a girl Tuesday at  
11:11 p.m.  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank R.  
Chewning, Cameron, a boy to-  
day at 8:14 a.m.

Frank Ray Chewning, baby born, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.23.1973

## Marriages dissolved

KNOX COUNTY — Russell Olson  
and Ruth Ann Olson; Chris Stromson  
and Melody Ann Stromson; Frank  
Chewning and Diane Chewning; Helen

Frank Ray Chewning, divorce, GalesburgRegisterMail, 9.22.1979

### WARREN

Frank Ray Chewning, Galesburg, and Diane Edna  
Chewning, Cameron.

Frank Ray Chewning, marr to Diane Edna Chewning TheRockIslandArgus, 10.17.1979

## Dorothy Chewning and Frank Chewning.

Frank Ray Chewning, divorce, GalesburgRegisterMail, 12.30.1986

**WARREN COUNTY**  
**Frank Ray Chewning, Galesburg,**  
**and Dianne Lynn Chewning,**  
**Monmouth.**

Frank Ray Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 6.27.1987

Name Frank Ray Chewning  
Gender Male  
Residence Place Galesburg  
Marriage Date Abt 1987  
Spouse Dianne Lynn Chewning

**: Frank R. Chewning, 38, Garland, Texas, was held in the Warren County Jail in lieu of bond after he was arrested Thursday at 11:14 p.m. for driving under the influence, driving while his driver's license was revoked and illegal transportation of alcohol.**

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Frank Ray Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 8.12.1988

## Police probe Coralville death

CORALVILLE, Iowa — Coralville police still were searching Monday night for the husband of a woman found dead in a motel room here Friday.

The body of Diane Chewning, 43, of Monmouth, Ill., was found by workers at the University Inn about 1:45 p.m.

Police continued to decline comment on circumstances surrounding the death.

An autopsy was performed Saturday by Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek, but police said results would not be available for several days.

Investigators said they are not ruling out any possibilities, including homicide or suicide.

Police were searching for Frank Ray Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, for questioning. Authorities said they believe he may have been with her at the motel.

Relatives contacted Monday in Monmouth refused comment.

Monmouth police said they were contacted for a background check on Frank Chewning and could be called in to assist if he is found near the Warren County seat.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, QuadCityTimes, 10.10.1989



## Police seeking Monmouth woman's husband

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Mrs. Chewning, 43, was found dead in a room at the University Inn, along Highway 6, at 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 6.

According to Coralville police Chief Barry Bedford, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation agents are investigating.

During an interview on Monday, he said police do not know if crime was involved in the death. The re-

sults of an autopsy performed on Saturday are not expected to be known for several days, he said.

Investigators want to talk with Mr. Chewning "to see if he can provide any information relevant to the investigation," Mr. Bedford said.

Mrs. Chewning had been in Coralville for an appointment at a University Hospitals' clinic, Iowa City, the police chief said.



Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheRockIslandArgus, 10.10.1989

## Police seek husband of woman found dead in Coralville motel

By Lyle Muller

CORALVILLE — Police here are trying to find the husband of an Illinois woman found dead in a Coralville motel room Friday, Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said Monday.

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Monday that police did not know if crime was involved in the death. An autopsy was performed Saturday, but the results are not expected to be known for several days, Bedford said.

Investigators want to talk with Frank Chewning "to see if he can provide any information relevant to the investigation," Bedford said. Police said Chewning is believed to be driving a 1989 red Ford Festiva hatchback with Illinois license plate RKR153. They asked that people with information about the vehicle or Chewning contact Coralville police at 354-1100.

Dianne Chewning had been in Coralville for an appointment at a University Hospitals' clinic at Iowa City, Bedford said.

She was not suffering from a terminal disease, he said.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheGazette, 10.10.1989

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Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, QuadCityTimes, 10.10.1989

## **Search on for husband of woman found dead**

The Register's Iowa News Service

IOWA CITY, IA. — Law officers were searching Monday for the husband of an Illinois woman found dead Friday in a Coralville motel.

Officials said they were trying to find Frank Ray Chewning, 40, after his wife was found dead Friday afternoon at the University Inn. The woman was identified as Dianne Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill.

Frank Chewning is believed to be driving a 1989 red Ford Festiva.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheDesMoinesRegister, 10.10.1989

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# Chewing rites slated on Friday

MONMOUTH — Funeral services for Diane L. Chewing, 43, 1303 S. Seventh St., have been scheduled for Friday.

Meanwhile, police in Coralville, Iowa, still are not disclosing the cause of Mrs. Chewing's death. Her body was found in a motel in the Iowa city last week.

A police department spokesman said results of a toxicology report would have to be completed before authorities would make any comment on the case.

Mrs. Chewing was found dead Friday about 1:45 p.m. in a room at University Inn, Coralville.

Her husband, Frank Chewing, 40, is wanted for questioning in the "suspicious death" of his wife.

Warren County Chief Deputy Sheriff Richard Hart said Tuesday that Chewing was released Oct. 4 from the Warren County Jail, where he was being held for driving under the influence and driving while his license was revoked, so that he could take his wife to Iowa City for medical treatment.

Iowa authorities said Chewing was in Iowa City, but they did not know when he left the area. Monmouth officials said they have had no knowledge of his whereabouts since he called them on Oct. 4 to say he would spend the night in Iowa City.

## Obituary

Dianne Lynn Sage Nolan Chewing Chewing, funeral, GalesburgRegisterMail, 10.12.1989obit

spend the night in town city.

### **Obituary**

Dianne L. Chewning was born in Spokane, Wash., on June 4, 1946, the daughter of Irvin E. and Gladys L. Thomas Sage.

She married Frank Chewning in Monmouth on June 22, 1967.

Surviving are her mother, Gladys Sage, Monmouth; her father, Irvin E. Sage, no available address; one son, Gary J. Fillman, Monmouth; two brothers, Richard Sage, Aledo, and Alan Sage, Chillicothe, Mo.; and five sisters, Nancy Wheeler, Kirkwood, Sharon Bishop, Monmouth, Cindy Brant, Keithsburg, Linda Sage, Galesburg, and Donna Becker, Lecanto, Fla.

She was reared in Monmouth, where she attended public schools. She had worked at Admiral Division of Maytag in Galesburg.

Graveside service will be Friday at 11 a.m. in Monmouth Cemetery. Friends may call at Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth, today and Friday until the service. The family will be at the funeral home Friday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to the Warren County Cancer Fund, the family said.

Dianne Lynn Sage Nolan Chewning Chewning, obit, RegisterMail, 10.12.1989



## Motel death ruled murder

CORALVILLE (AP) — A Monmouth, Ill., woman found dead in a Coralville motel Oct. 6 was murdered and her husband is being sought, authorities said Tuesday.

Dianne Chewning, 43, died of asphyxiation before she was found at the University Inn in Coralville, according to an autopsy.

Police are seeking her husband, Frank Ray Chewning, 40, for questioning in her death. He has been missing since leaving a Monmouth jail, where he was held on a recent drunken driving charge, to go to Coralville with his wife.

After two weeks of collecting and analyzing the results of the autopsy, Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek ruled Tuesday afternoon that Dianne Chewning's death was a homicide.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheMuscatineJournal, 10.25.1989

# Husband charged with strangling wife in Coralville

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Authorities filed a first-degree murder charge in Iowa City Friday against the husband of a Monmouth, Ill., woman found dead in a Coralville motel earlier this month.

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, is wanted in the strangulation death of his wife, Dianne Chewning, 43, whose body was found at the University Inn motel Oct. 6.

Frank Chewning fled the Iowa City-Coralville area with his wife's car and personal belongings, including her purse, and authorities still are searching for him. Last week they found the car they think he drove and then abandoned in Kansas City, Kan.

Authorities believe the couple used that car to come to Coralville Oct. 4 for an appointment she had at University Hospitals and Clinics.

Coralville police said earlier this week that Frank Chewning was a suspect, but waited until receiving a medical report from Johnson County Medical Examiner Dr. T.T. Bozek Friday before filing the murder charge in Johnson County District Court.

Frank Chewning, whose address is listed as East Galesburg, Ill., was facing drunken driving charges in nearby Monmouth and was out of jail from Illinois on bail to accompany his wife to Iowa.



Frank Chewning is shown with and without a hair piece in police photos.

■ Please turn to 13A: Murder

# Murder: 2 dozen beer cans in room

■ From page 1A

Bozek's medical report and the murder charge filed in court Friday fill in some details of the case that previously had not been revealed:

Mrs. Chewning died Oct. 5 of asphyxiation caused by strangulation, but Bozek did not know the time of death. She was in Iowa City to be treated for abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.

Frank Chewning was last seen in public with his wife the night of Oct. 4 at the University Inn Lounge. The next day about noon, he was seen entering his motel room alone.

He requested that there be no maid services.

Bozek said that when motel employees found Dianne Chewning about 1:45 p.m. Oct. 6, she was in her bed, nude with some markings around her neck. There were a little more than two dozen empty beer cans in the room.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said in an interview that a murder charge normally is kept confidential until the person charged is in custody. That is done for the public's safety and to keep the suspect from knowing an

arrest is imminent, he said.

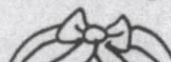
However, in this case, "our assumption is that Frank Chewning would be aware that he is wanted for questioning," White said.

White said it has taken two weeks to file the murder charge because authorities wanted to make sure of their case. Also, Bozek did not turn in his report until Friday, although the document shows that Bozek signed it Oct. 9.

"This was not a case where you could immediately determine what the cause of death was," White said. "People worked 10 to 11 hours that day (Oct. 6, when the body was found) and still hadn't been able to reach a firm conclusion."

Frank Chewning also is wanted by Illinois authorities for a bail violation.

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Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 10.28.1989.1



# Motel death a murder; husband jumped bail

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

CORALVILLE — A Monmouth, Ill., woman found dead in a Coralville motel Oct. 6 was murdered and her husband is being sought as a suspect, authorities said Tuesday.

Dianne Chewning, 43, died of asphyxiation before she was found at the University Inn in Coralville, according to an autopsy.

Police are seeking her husband, Frank Ray Chewning, 40, for questioning in her death. He has been missing since leaving a Monmouth jail, where he was held on a recent drunken driving charge, to go to Coralville with his wife.

"We don't have any idea where he is," Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said.

After two weeks of collecting and analyzing the results of the autopsy, Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek ruled Tuesday afternoon that Dianne Chewning's death was a homicide.

Authorities had been waiting for that ruling before releasing publicly their suspicions that the woman may have been murdered.

"Because we've been treating this as a homicide from the outset, the length of time used in determining the cause of death has not hampered the investigation," Bedford said.

**BEDFORD DECLINED** to reveal specifics about the case, such as a possible motive, how

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## Murder: Husband jumped bail

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Dianne Chewning was asphyxiated and whether there were signs of a struggle in her motel room.

A 1989 red Ford Festiva hatchback police believe Frank Chewning drove when he left Coralville was found last week in Kansas, Bedford said. However, Bedford would not pinpoint the location.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White was not in his office and was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Dianne Chewning had been staying at the University Inn while getting treatment at University Hospitals and Clinics, several sources said.

She was found dead in her room about 1:45 p.m. Oct. 6.

Cleaning workers at the motel had opened the door to her room that morning but saw Dianne in her bed and closed the door, sources said.

**"THEY LOOKED** in and they thought she was sleeping that

morning," Coralville Chief Bedford said. "How long she had been there, I can't tell you."

Although Frank Chewning had just been jailed in Monmouth a few days earlier on a fourth drunken driving charge, a felony, he was allowed to accompany his wife to Iowa after posting \$5,000 bail, sources said.

Greg McClintock, state's attorney for Warren County, Ill., said Frank Chewning has a history of legal problems dealing with drinking and driving.

He was convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol in 1982, 1986 and last year before he was arrested again on that charge on a Monmouth street at 12:05 a.m. Oct. 2, McClintock told The Gazette. He was on probation for last year's conviction when authorities stopped him.

**OTHER CHARGES** facing Chewning because of his Oct. 2

arrest are driving while his driver's license was revoked, a charge he was convicted of two previous times because of his earlier legal problems, and illegal transportation of alcohol.

Chewning appeared in court later the day of his arrest on the new charges.

The next day, he appeared again at a hearing at which he and Dianne asked if he could accompany her Oct. 4 on her trip to U of I Hospitals. The request was granted, provided the bail was posted.

No precise date for Frank Chewning's return was ordered because he and his wife testified that she might have to stay in the Iowa City-Coralville area more than one day, McClintock said.

"He called back on at least one occasion to the sheriff's office after he had gone to Iowa City," McClintock said. However, that was the last Illinois authorities heard from him.

**A WARRANT** for his arrest on the bail violation was issued. Illinois authorities are looking for Chewning, too.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation was called to help in the investigation. Also assisting are the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and County Attorney's Office, Illinois State Police, Monmouth police and other out-of-state agencies, Bedford said.

## Crash: Engine problem suspected

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NTSB staff report their findings, Dickens added.

**THE PLANE** crashed while the airport was being inspected by Ken Pardock, airport inspector with the Air and Transit Division of the Iowa Department of Trans-

had to be at the edge of the 75-foot wide runway. Also, Meyer said, to clip the marker, the plane had to be only 4 feet off the grass when it reached the end of the runway.

"It should have been 200 feet off the ground by the time it

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheGazette, 10.25.1989.2



# Authorities say woman's death was a homicide

Officials seek husband of Monmouth woman

Stories by Doug Schorpp  
QUAD-CITY TIMES

CORALVILLE, Iowa — Police have ruled that the death of a Monmouth, Ill., woman is a homicide, and authorities are looking for her husband in connection with the case.

Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek ruled this week that Dianne Chewning, 43, died of asphyxiation in a University Inn motel room in Coralville.

Authorities would not release further details about the death. The body was discovered Oct. 6.

Coralville Police Sgt. Terry Koehn said Frank Chewning, 40, the victim's husband, is considered a primary suspect in the case. But Koehn declined to say whether he is the only suspect.

Chewning was believed to have been at the motel during the two days his wife stayed there, police said.

He has been wanted for questioning since the body was found. His abandoned car was found last week in Kansas.

Chewning, who is wanted on two charges in Warren County, Ill., apparently has not been seen since two days before his wife's body was found.

A Warren County Sheriff's deputy said Chewning was arrested Oct. 2 on a felony charge of drunken driving.

He had been convicted on drunken driving charges in 1982, 1986 and 1988. Because it was his fourth drunken driving arrest, police said the charge was upgraded to a felony.

He was released from jail Oct.

## Police: Husband is still missing

MONMOUTH, Ill. — Frank Chewning was released from the Warren County Jail Oct. 4 so he could accompany his ailing wife to the hospital.

Two days later, his wife, Dianne, was found dead and the 40-year-old Monmouth man disappeared.

The only trace of him so far has been his wife's abandoned car, which was found in Kansas last week.

Dianne's mother, Gladys Sage, of Monmouth, said Wednesday she is not sure whether her son-in-law is responsible for the crime, but circumstances point his way.

"I wish they'd find him," she said.

Sage said she knows the couple was staying at the motel together.

The Chewnings married in 1987. Dianne Chewning filed for divorce, but soon reconsidered.

"She did change her mind and they went back together. One day she files for divorce and the next day they're back together," Sage said.

Court records indicate that was her fourth marriage. Sage said her daughter's third marriage — which lasted about 12 years — was to Chewning's brother, Edward Chewning.

4 with the understanding he would return Oct. 5, one day before his wife's body was found.

Police have an outstanding warrant on him for "skipping bail," officers said.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, QuadCityTimes,, 10.26.1989

# Cops nab victim's husband

By the Press-Citizen

A man wanted in Iowa for the murder of his wife was arrested Thursday in Ogden, Utah.

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., was stopped by two foot-patrol officers in a downtown Ogden area that is frequented by transients, Lt. Mike Empey said.

Chewning is being held in the Weaver County Jail on fugitive justice charges, Empey said.

Chewning is accused of murdering his wife, Diane Chewning, 43, Oct. 5 at a Coralville motel.

The Weaver County Attorney's Office will review the case today, Empey said. If Chewning waives extradition, he will be brought to Iowa and tried on first-degree murder charges. If he fights extradition, the Utah courts first will have to decide whether the fugitive justice charges are legal, Empey said.

Empey said Chewning hadn't given a lot of information about himself. He had been staying in a transient shelter in Ogden but didn't say how long he'd been in the city.

Authorities had been looking for Chewning since his wife's body was found Oct. 6 at the University Inn. An autopsy performed by Johnson County Medical Examiner T.T. Bozek showed that she had been

strangled. Coralville police later issued a warrant for Chewning's arrest.

Sgt. Terry Koehn, Coralville police detective, said the police were glad Chewning was found, but the investigation couldn't continue until Chewning was extradited.

"It will take some time for us to gear up," he said. "We're looking at the next step, which is talking to him."

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 11.3.1989

## Coralville murder suspect captured

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

CORALVILLE — An Illinois man wanted in the strangulation of his wife at a Coralville motel was arrested Thursday in an Ogden, Utah, railroad yard.

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, was lingering around a bush at the yard when two foot patrol officers arrested him at 3:57 CDT, police in Ogden told The Gazette.

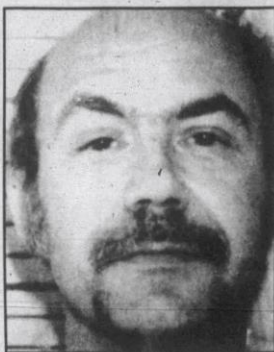
He did not resist arrest and is being held without bail in the Weaver County Jail in Ogden.

Chewning is to make an initial court appearance today on a federal charge of being a fugitive from justice. Authorities said Iowa authorities then must extradite him to Johnson County, where a court charge accuses him of first-degree murder.

**CHEWNING IS** accused of killing his wife, Dianne Chewning, 43, of Monmouth, Ill., on Oct. 5 while the couple were in the Coralville-Iowa City area.

"At least we got him," Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said last night. "When he gets back, we can put the pieces (of his case) together then."

The Chewning woman's body was found the afternoon of Oct. 6 in a University Inn motel in Coralville, where she had been staying while undergoing treat-



**Frank Ray Chewning**  
Captured in Ogden, Utah

ment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for gastrointestinal problems.

Thursday afternoon, Frank Chewning was with two other transients when the Ogden foot patrol officers found him. The officers were on a regular patrol of the railroad tracks and stockyard areas where transients often "hang out," said Ogden police Lt. David Reed.

The officers obtained the identities of the men and checked with the national police network to learn if any were wanted. Chewning was.

"As soon as it came back that he was wanted out of Iowa City,

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## Murder: 'He wasn't talking'

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he was handcuffed and taken to jail," Reed said.

Authorities in Ogden have learned little from Chewning, Reed said. "He wasn't doing any talking."

Chewning apparently was in Ogden simply because a train he had hitched a ride on took him there, Reed said. "He was passing through."

He had spent at least one night, and maybe more, at an overnight shelter in Ogden. Reed said police used a search warrant to recover Chewning's property from the shelter.

That property consisted mainly of a knapsack and some belongings, Reed said.

Chewning, whose address is listed as East Galesburg, Ill., was out of jail on \$5,000 bail when he accompanied his wife to Iowa for her Oct. 4 appointment in Iowa City. He had been in custody on drunken driving charges filed in Monmouth Oct. 2.

Police said they believe Chewning drove his wife's car until leaving it in Kansas City, Kan. The car was found the week after the death was reported.

Johnson County Medical Examiner Dr. T.T. Bozek ruled last week that Dianne Chewning died of asphyxiation caused by strangulation. However, Bozek said he did not know the woman's time of death.

**FRANK CHEWNING** was last seen in public with his wife in Coralville the night of Oct. 4 at the University Inn Lounge, court records indicate.

The next day he was seen entering his room alone about noon. He requested that there be no maid service that day, records show.

Motel employees found Dianne Chewning about 1:45 p.m. Oct. 6. She was nude and in her bed with some markings around her neck, authorities said.

Police found blood on some wash rags in the bathroom and a plastic cup with Drano in it, but authorities have not publicly linked those findings to the woman's death.

Police said they also found 26 empty beer cans in the room and Dianne Chewning's purse missing.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 11.3.1989.1

## Man sought in killing waives extradition

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — An Illinois man arrested in an Ogden railroad yard Friday waived extradition to Iowa, where he is charged with first-degree murder in the strangulation death of his wife.

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, of East Galesburg, Ill., waived extradition during a 2nd District Court video arraignment at the Weber County Jail, where he was being held without bail following his arrest Thursday, said clerk Joi Olund.

In a video arraignment, prisoners are linked with the court by a two-way camera and monitor system.

Authorities in Johnson County, Iowa, filed a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Chewning's wife, Dianne, 43, of Monmouth, Ill., on Oct. 5.

The woman's nude body was found in bed at the

University Inn motel in Coralville on Oct. 6. She had been staying in the Iowa City suburb while undergoing treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for abdominal pain.

Johnson County Medical Examiner Dr. T.T. Bozek ruled last week that Dianne Chewning died of asphyxiation caused by strangulation.

"At least we got him," Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said.

Chewning was arrested by a pair of Ogden police officers during a routine patrol of the railyard Thursday afternoon, authorities said.

He apparently was in Ogden simply because a train he had hitched a ride on took him there, said police Lt. David Reed. "He was passing through."

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheBellevilleNewsDemocrat, 11.4.1989

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, of East Galesburg, Ill., waived extradition during a 2nd District Court video arraignment at the Weber County Jail, where he was being held without bail following his arrest Thursday, said clerk Joi Olund.

Authorities in Johnson County, Iowa, filed a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Chewning's wife, Dianne, 43.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheDailySpectrum, 11.4.1989

## Chewning waives extradition to Iowa

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Frank Ray Chewning, 40, East Galesburg, has waived extradition to Iowa, where he is facing a first-degree murder charge in the strangulation death of his wife, Dianne Chewning, 43, Monmouth.

Mr. Chewning, who was arrested Thursday in an Ogden, Utah, railyard, waived extradition during a 2nd District Court video arraignment at the Weber County Jail on Friday, according to clerk Joi Olund.

He is being held at the jail without bail.

In a video arraignment, prisoners are linked with the court by a two-way camera and monitor system.

Authorities in Johnson County, Iowa, have filed a charge of first-degree murder in the death of Mrs. Chewning.

Her nude body was found in bed at the University Inn, a motel in Coralville, on Oct. 6. She had been staying in the Iowa City suburb while undergoing treatment at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for abdominal pain.

Johnson County Medical Examiner Dr. T.T. Bozek ruled last week that Mrs. Chewning died of asphyxiation caused by strangulation.

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Mr. Chewning had been free on \$5,000 bail when he accompanied his wife to Iowa for her Oct. 4 appointment in Iowa City. He had been in custody on drunken driving charges filed in Monmouth Oct. 2, authorities said.

Police said they believe Mr. Chewning drove his wife's car from Coralville to Kansas City, Kans., where it was found the week after the death was reported.

Mr. Chewning was last seen in public with his wife in Coralville the night of Oct. 4 at the University Inn Lounge, court records indicate.

The next day he was seen entering his room alone about noon. He requested that there be no maid service that day, records show.

Motel employees found Mrs. Chewning about 1:45 p.m. on Oct. 6.

Police said they also found 26 empty beer cans in the room, adding Mrs. Chewning's purse was missing.

### GED preparation series obtained for students

CAMBRIDGE — Ronald Hewitt, regional superintendent of schools for Henry and Stark counties, is an

exam. The series is designed for use on the Apple IIe computer, which is available by appointment in the re-

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheRockIslandArgus, 11.4.1989

## **CITY BRIEFS**

### **Murder suspect in court today**

An East Galesburg, Ill., man charged with first degree murder made his initial appearance in Johnson County District Court this morning.

The man, Frank Ray Chewning, 40, is in the Johnson County Jail after being arrested on a warrant Thursday in Ogden, Utah. He waived extradition to Iowa Friday.

Chewning is accused of strangling his wife, Dianne Chewning, 43, Oct. 5 at the University Inn in Coralville.

Authorities had been searching for him since Oct. 6, when his wife's nude body was found in the motel.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 11.8.1989



# Murder suspect's hearing is set

By **Monica Seigel**

The Press-Citizen

A Monmouth, Ill., man charged with first-degree murder remains in the Johnson County Jail today on \$100,000 bond.

Frank R. Chewning, 40, made his initial appearance before District Court Judge John Sladek Wednesday morning.

A preliminary hearing was set for Nov. 17. An arraignment will be scheduled after that date.

Patrick Peters, who was appointed Wednesday as Chewning's lawyer, asked Sladek to lower Chewning's bond to a more reasonable amount that Chewning might be able to post. Peters recommended a restricted release on bond under the supervision of the Sixth Judicial Department of Adult Corrections.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White asked that the bond be kept at \$100,000.

Sladek continued the bond at \$100,000.

Chewning was arrested last Thursday in Ogden, Utah, as a suspect in the strangulation of his wife, Dianne Chewning, 43.

Dianne Chewning's nude body was found Oct. 5 in a room at the University Inn in Coralville. Authorities had been searching for Frank Chewning since that day.

He had been temporarily released from the Warren County, Ill., jail Oct. 4 to take his wife to University Hospitals, where she was seen by doctors in the gastroenterology department.

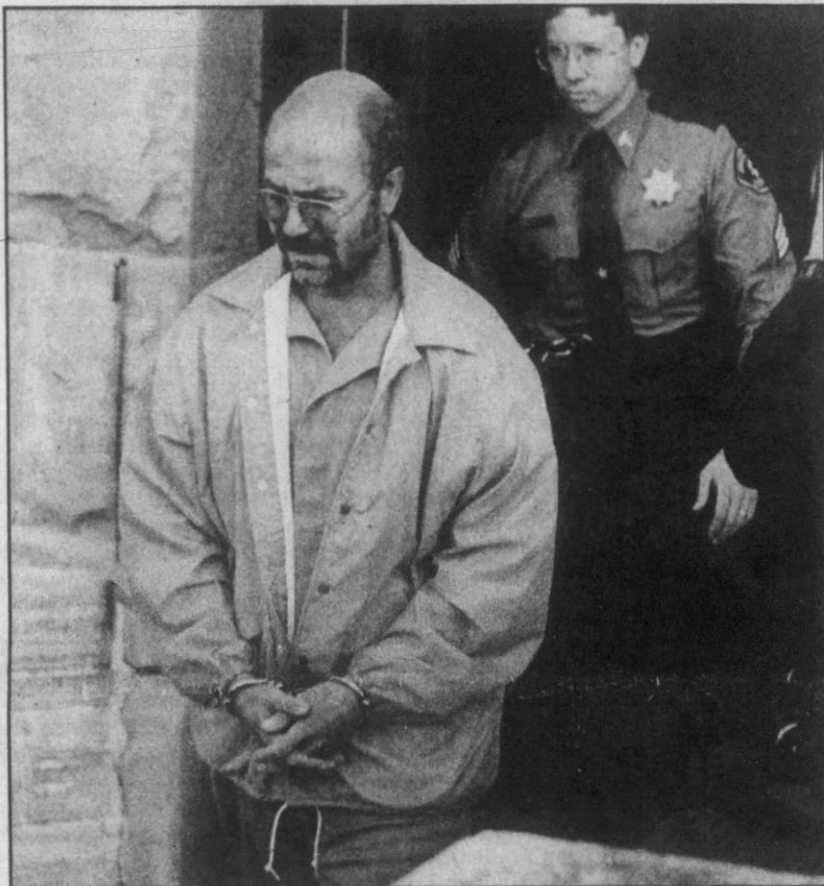
In his application for a court-appointed lawyer, Chewning said he was a laborer who had been unemployed since May 1987. His total income for the past 12 months was \$38, the application said.

He also listed a 20-year-old son and 16-year-old daughter as his dependents.

In the police complaint and arrest warrant, Chewning's address is listed as East Galesburg, Ill. He told Sladek Wednesday his correct address was Monmouth.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 11.9.1989

## Chewning back in Iowa City



Gazette photo by Lyle Muller

Frank Ray Chewning, 40, is escorted back to the Johnson County Jail after making his initial appearance Wednesday in District Court on a charge of first-degree murder. He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail in the Nov. 5 strangulation of his wife, 43-year-old Dianne Chewning, at a Coralville motel. Chewning did not enter a plea, and Judge John Sladek scheduled a Nov. 17 preliminary hearing in the case.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheGazette, 11.9.1989

# Frank Chewning pleads innocent to wife's death

IOWA CITY, Iowa (UPI) — An East Galesburg man accused of strangling his wife in a Coralville motel has pleaded innocent in Johnson County District Court to a charge of second-degree murder.

Frank Chewning, 40, East Galesburg, made his plea on Wednesday before Judge Paul Kilburg. Trial has been set for Jan. 22.

Chewning is accused of strangling Dianne Chewning, 43, Monmouth, on Oct. 5. The woman's body was found on Oct. 6 in a room at the University Inn in Coralville.

Authorities say Chewning left the Coralville area after his wife's death. He was arrested on Nov. 2 in Ogden, Utah, where authorities said

he was living the life of a transient passing through town.

He waived extradition to Iowa and was returned to the state two weeks ago.

Originally, Chewning had been charged with first-degree, however, last week the charge was reduced to second-degree murder because authorities said the strangling did not appear to be premeditated.

At the time of his wife's death, Chewning was free on bond from the Monmouth Jail where he had been held on a drunken driving charge.

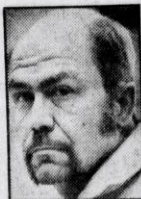
Currently, he is being held on \$100,000 bail at the Johnson County Jail.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheRockIslandArgus, 11.24.1989

## Accused killer may have brain damage

By Monica Seigel  
The Press-Citizen

Accused murderer Frank Chewning has a history of emotional and mental health problems that may be caused by brain damage, his lawyer said Friday.



Chewning

Patrick Peters, Chewning's court-appointed lawyer, told District Court Judge Thomas Koehler that Chewning had

psychiatric examinations and treatment in 1988 and 1989 at the VA Hospital in Iowa City.

"There have been complaints of personality disorders, mood changes and losses of memory," Peters said.

Chewning had possible damage to the left side of his brain because of a severe physical beating early in 1988, Peters said. An alcohol problem also affected his mental health, he said.

Chewning's I.Q. dropped from 116 to 87 in one year, Peters said. He was also treated for a potential overdose of a prescription drug last May, he said.

Judge Koehler will rule early

next week on whether Chewning may undergo a psychiatric examination for a possible insanity defense.

Peters filed a motion this month asking for a state-paid psychiatric evaluation to determine whether Chewning was insane at the time of the murder.

Chewning was charged with second-degree murder in connection with the Oct. 5 strangling of his wife, Dianne, 43, at a Coralville motel.

Koehler postponed the trial Friday from Jan. 22 to April 2 to allow time for a psychiatric evaluation. Chewning waived his right to a speedy trial.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 12.30.1989



**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18,**



## **CITY BRIEFS**

### **Tests confirm brain damage**

A preliminary psychiatric examination shows that parts of Frank Chewning's brain are damaged and do not function properly, Johnson County District Court records said.

Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., is charged with murdering his wife, Dianne, at a Corvillville motel in October.

Iowa City psychiatrist Vernon Varner performed a neuro-psychiatric examination on Chewning Wednesday and found evidence of brain damage, records said.

"Dr. Varner feels additional tests need to be conducted," Pat Peters, Chewning's lawyer, wrote in court papers.

Peters asked the court to increase the amount of money allowed for Chewning's mental evaluation. The tests are being done at the state's expense for a possible insanity defense in Chewning's trial.

The court approved up to \$1,806.80 for the tests. The original allowance was \$1,500.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 1.18.1990



# Judge denies closed hearing for Chewning

By Monica Selgel  
The Press-Citizen

The media brought out their big guns for a hearing in Johnson County District Court Monday, but they did not need to be used.

Lawyers for KGAN-TV, who also represent the Freedom of Information Council, and a lawyer representing the *Press-Citizen* were prepared to argue against closing a hearing on a motion to suppress evidence in Frank Chewning's murder trial.

Sixth District Court Judge Vern Robinson did not wait to hear arguments.

After Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said there was no evidence to merit a closed hearing, Robinson said, "I agree. Motion denied."

Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., is charged with second-degree murder in the Oct. 5 strangling of his wife, Dianne Chewning, at the University Inn in Coralville.

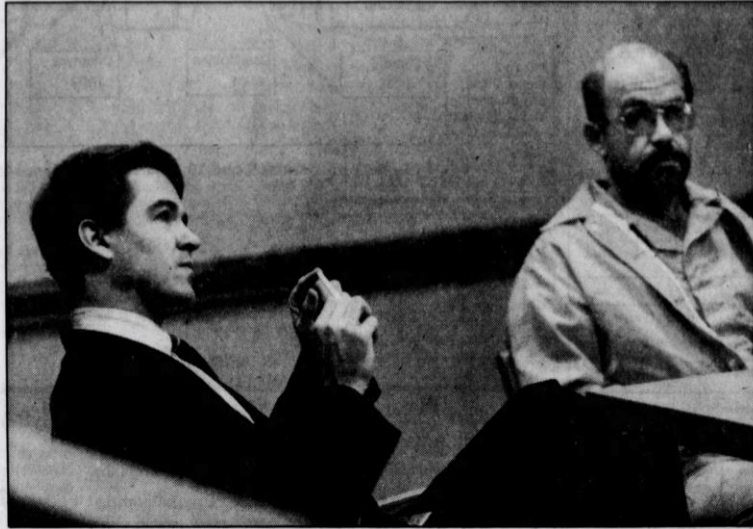
Patrick Peters, Chewning's court-appointed lawyer, asked for a closed suppression hearing to avoid publicity about evidence he wanted kept out of the trial.

Media coverage of the suppression hearing would restrict Chewning's constitutional right to a fair trial, Peters said. Potential jurors who had read or heard about the evidence would have to be weeded out in the jury selection process, he said.

"This would eliminate many of the best jurors that would be available," Peters said.

The suppression hearing is set for March 8. The evidence Peters wants to be suppressed stems from Chewning's arrest Nov. 2 in Ogden, Utah, and his extradition to Johnson County, court records said.

Chewning's trial is scheduled for April 2.



Press-Citizen/David Crooner

Patrick Peters (left), Frank Chewning's court-appointed lawyer, and Chewning during a hearing at which Peters moved to close the Chewning murder trial.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 2.6.1990

# Suicide effort surfaces at Chewning hearing

By Monica Selgel  
The Press-Citizen

Frank Chewning told police he tried to kill himself after he strangled his wife because he wanted to be with her, investigators testified Wednesday. Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., told Coralville police Sgt. Terry Koehn and Department of Criminal Investigation agent Wade Kisner that he bought a can of Crystal Drano and tried to commit suicide by drinking it, Koehn and Kisner said. They testified at a suppression hearing

in Chewning's case Wednesday in Johnson County District Court.

Chewning is accused of killing his wife, Dianne, 43, Oct. 5 at the University Inn in Coralville. He was charged with second-degree murder Oct. 27.

Patrick Peters, Chewning's lawyer, wants the court to suppress information Koehn and Kisner obtained during their questioning of Chewning Nov. 6 in Ogden, Utah. In a motion filed Jan. 31, Peters said the evidence should be inadmissible in court

because the interrogation of Chewning violated his constitutional rights.

Chewning was arrested Nov. 2 in Ogden. Ogden has a large population of transients because it is near a railroad yard. Chewning had been riding the rails, officials said.

During the interrogation, Chewning told investigators that he was let out of jail in Monmouth to take his wife to University Hospitals for tests, Kisner said. Early in the questioning, Chewning said he left Cor-

alville because he did not want to go back to jail, but that his wife was alive when he left.

Later, he became emotional, began to cry and changed his story, Kisner said. Kisner gave this account of Chewning's story:

The morning after the hospital tests, he and his wife had sexual intercourse. Afterward, he straddled her and massaged her back and face. When she commented that he would soon have to go back to jail, something in him snapped, and he choked her.

"My assessment of his emotional state was that he was, in fact, remorseful," Kisner said. "He said that he loved his wife and regretted what had occurred."

When they asked him about Crystal Drano found in the hotel room with his wife's body, Chewning at first said he knew nothing about it, Koehn said. The next day, he told police he had communicated with his wife and knew he had to tell them

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## Trial starts May 14

Frank Chewning's trial was continued to May 14.

He had been scheduled to go to trial April 2.

County Attorney J. Patrick White asked for the continuance because Chewning was undergoing examination at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center in Oakdale. The examination will take 30 days, he said, and after that lawyers will need two or three weeks to prepare their cases.

Chewning is being examined for a potential insanity plea, his lawyer Patrick Peters said.

# Chewning

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that he bought the Drano to try to kill himself.

Peters said Chewning had a lawyer in Ogden, a public defender who represented him during his hearing to waive extradition. Martin Gravis, the public defender, should have been contacted before any interrogation of Chewning, Peters said.

Gravis testified that he considered himself Chewning's lawyer and would have advised Chewning not to speak to investigators.

Koehn and Kisner said they advised Chewning of his right to remain silent and to have a

lawyer with him before questioning him. Chewning signed a form saying he understood those rights.

The two investigators said they did not try to find out whether Chewning had a lawyer before they questioned him. They said Chewning did not tell them he had a lawyer, and did not ask for one.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said the questioning of Chewning was proper and the evidence should be admissible at his trial.

"The advisement of his rights was a veritable model of how to do it," White said.

District Court Judge Lynne Brady said she would rule on Peter's motion to suppress within a few days.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 3.15.1990.1

## Judge rules Chewning's statements can be used as evidence in court

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Comments obtained from an Illinois man accused of strangling his wife at a Coralville motel can be used as evidence, a judge in Johnson County ruled Thursday.

Statements made by Frank R. Chewning about the murder of his wife last October can be used even though Chewning did not yet have an attorney, District Judge Lynne Brady said, because he had been advised of his Miranda rights beforehand.

Chewning is accused in the Oct. 5 death of his wife, Dianne, 43, at the University Inn in Coralville.

Chewning's lawyer filed a motion to suppress the statements, which the lawyer said "were essentially a confession to killing his wife," on the basis that his client's Fifth and Sixth Amendment rights had been violated, Thursday's ruling states.

The Fifth Amendment protects a person's right against self-incrimination and the Sixth Amendment protects an individual's right to be represented by an attorney.

In statements to investigators, Chewning reportedly said he tried to commit suicide by drinking drain fluid after he strangled his wife.

Brady overruled the motion on the basis that Chewning had been advised of his right to an attorney several times.

Chewning also had signed a form saying he had understood his rights, according to two investigators.

Chewning was arrested by Utah police in November after he was found trespassing on railroad property. He made the statements in question to Utah police officers, a Coralville police officer and an Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation officer who went to Utah to bring Chewning back to Iowa.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 4.7.1990

# Trial date set for Chewning

IOWA CITY — A trial will continue as planned for an Illinois man who was charged with second-degree murder in the strangulation of his wife, according to records filed in Johnson County District Court.

On Jan. 31, 1990, Frank Ray Chewning, 41, of Monmouth, Ill., entered an insanity plea in connection with the charge.

However, according to the Iowa Supreme Court, the application for discretionary review in regard to the insanity plea was denied May 25, records indicated.

The jury trial will continue as originally set for July 16 at 9 a.m. in Johnson County District Court, records filed by 6th Judicial District Judge Lynne E. Brady said.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 6.27.1990



# Murder trial jury being chosen

By **Monica Seigel**  
The Press-Citizen

Jury selection began in Johnson County District Court this morning in the murder trial of Frank R. Chewning.

Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., was charged with second-degree murder last November in connection with the Oct. 5 strangulation of his wife, Dianne Chewning, at the University Inn in Coralville.

His trial is expected to last about five days.

Motel employees found Dianne Chewning's naked body lying in the bed in her room Oct. 6. The last time she

was seen alive was with her husband in the motel's lounge.

Frank Chewning had been temporarily released from the Warren County, Ill., jail to take his wife to University Hospitals for tests in the gastroenterology department.

Police began searching for him immediately after Dianne Chewning's body was found. An arrest warrant was issued Oct. 27 and he was arrested in Ogden, Utah, where he had been riding the rails.

Patrick Peters, Chewning's court-appointed lawyer, had filed a notice that Chewning planned to use insanity as a defense, but withdrew the

notice last month.

A pretrial order filed in court records said the issue in the case was whether the murder was premeditated.

Peters will ask that jurors be allowed to consider Chewning guilty of involuntary manslaughter, a lesser included offense of second-degree murder, the order said.

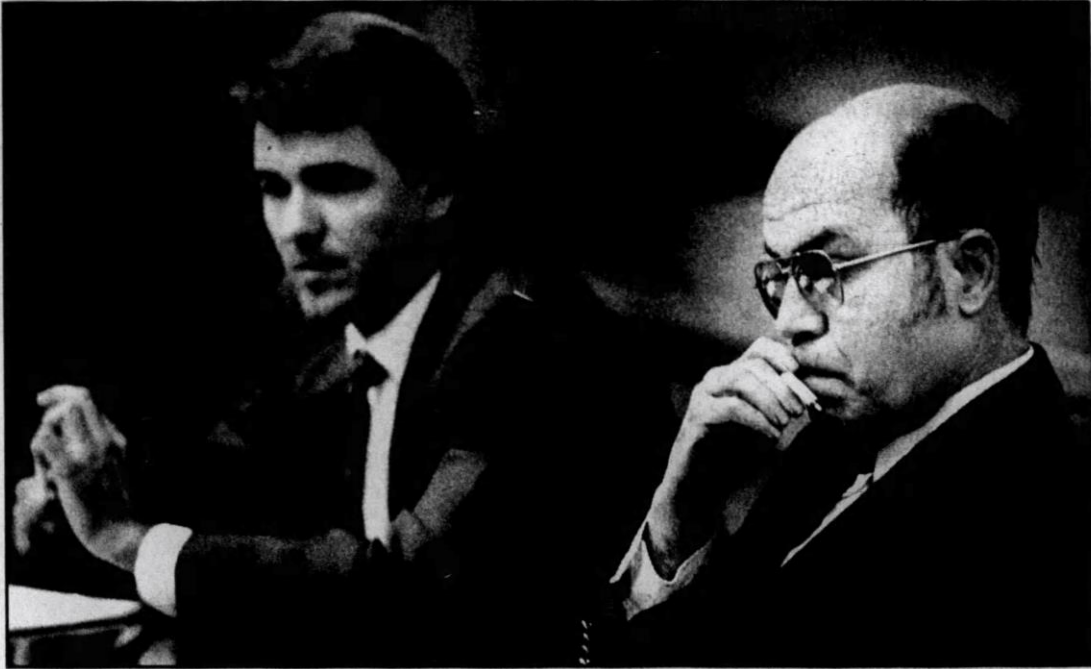
Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White is prosecuting the case, with District Court Judge William Thomas presiding.

About 15 witnesses are expected to be called to testify in the trial.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, IowaCityPressCitizen, 7.16.1990



## MURDER TRIALS



Gazette photo by Chris Stewart

Frank Chewning (right) listens to testimony Tuesday in his murder trial. Chewning is charged with killing his wife at a Coralville motel. His lawyer, Patrick Peters, is at left.

# Chewning's story: 'Just snapped'

By Heather Sloman Woodin

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Frank Chewning “just snapped” while giving his wife a facial massage. He strangled her, then drank a Drano-and-beer mixture in an attempt to kill himself.

That was the testimony Tuesday from two law enforcement officers who said Chewning told the story after he was arrested in Utah.

Chewning, 41, is on trial for second-degree murder in Johnson County District Court. His wife, Dianne, was found dead Oct. 6 in a room at the University Inn in Coralville.

The trial, which started Monday, resumes at 9 a.m. today. Defense attorney Patrick Peters said he expects to call one or two more witnesses

before the case is sent to the jury by this afternoon. Peters has not announced whether Chewning will be called to the stand.

The Chewnings were staying in Coralville because she had an appointment at University Hospitals for gastrointestinal problems.

Frank Chewning had been released on a court order from jail in Illinois, where he was facing drunk driving charges, to accompany Dianne to Iowa City. He had been given instructions not to consume alcohol while he was gone, and he was to return to custody after Dianne's appointment.

When her body was discovered, Frank Chewning and the couple's car were missing. A warrant was issued and Chewning was arrested Nov. 2 in

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from the back, his hands went into her vagina.

and I know what to do. I turned her over and slapped her on the

phone.

Farmer said toward the end of

testimony continues at 3 a.m. today.

## Chewning: Drank Drano, beer

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Ogden, Utah, where police were making a routine check of transients in a railroad yard. Coralville Police Sgt. Terry Koehn and Wade Kisner, an agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, went to Utah to question Chewning and return him to Iowa.

The two testified that Chewning at first denied any knowledge of Dianne's death, the Drano in the motel room, or how the car got to Kansas City.

When the law enforcement officers confronted him with the inconsistencies in his story, "tears started to come from his eyes" and he eventually answered all of their questions, Koehn said.

Koehn and Kisner testified that Chewning told them this story:

After Dianne's appointment on Oct. 4, they went back to the motel, where they spent some time in the bar before returning to their room. Frank was drinking beer in the room.

He spent the morning of Oct. 5 drinking more beer, having sex with Dianne, showering and watching television. He gave her a massage, as he had done in the past. He straddled her while he massaged her back and face, then slipped his hands around her neck and choked her for 1 minute to 1 1/2 minutes. She didn't struggle or fight him.

He thought she was dead, but hoped she wasn't. He made no attempt to get medical help for her.

He looked at her body for awhile, then decided "he wanted to be with her." He went next door to Randall's Foods and bought beer and crystal Drano because it was the only thing he could find that was strong enough to cause death.

He mixed the Drano and beer. Instead of dying, he vomited.

He drove the car to a parking lot near Kansas City, left it there and hopped a freight train. The

train eventually took him to Ogden.

Except for saying he "snapped," Chewning has not offered a motive.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White rested his case about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Patrick Peters, Chewning's attorney, on Monday had held off on making his opening statement. When he made the statement Tuesday, he told the jury the real issue in the case is whether Chewning showed malice aforethought. That factor is necessary for a second-degree murder conviction. He defined malice as "a state of mind leading one to intentionally do a

wrongful act out of hatred or with an evil or unlawful purpose."

There was good will between Frank and Dianne Chewning right up until the time of death, Peters said.

His first witnesses were Chewning's ex-wives. Diane Baughman married him in 1972. They were divorced in 1979, remarried that same year, and divorced again in 1980. Dorothy Chewning married him in 1982 and divorced him in 1986.

Both women testified Frank Chewning is a kind, non-violent person who cares about others. When faced with controversy, he was more likely to leave than deal with a confrontation, they

said. Both said the divorces were because of Chewning's drinking.

An Illinois attorney, Christopher Kanthak, had represented Chewning on traffic violations and the drunk-driving charge and said he was "surprised he would be involved in an incident of this nature."

The last witness was Arlo Sage. Dianne Chewning was his neighbor, as well as his first cousin's daughter.

He said the couple seemed happy and he knew of no problems between them.

If convicted of second-degree murder, Chewning faces a sentence of up to 50 years in prison with a chance for parole.

## Army says absent soldiers members of cult

GULF BREEZE, Fla. (AP) — Six soldiers who disappeared from a classified intelligence unit in West Germany and are believed to be members of a mysterious group called "The End of the World" have been caught in Florida.

The five men and one woman, caught over the weekend in this Florida Panhandle city, were being held at Fort Benning, Ga., pending a counterintelligence investigation.

However, Bob Hall, a spokesman for Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, said the investigation is being conducted as a matter of routine because the soldiers had access to classified information.

"The Army says this does not appear to be an espionage case," said Hall.

Maj. Joe Padilla, an Army spokesman at the Pentagon, said he had no information about "The End of the World" group except that the six are apparently members. He could not say if it has any significance in the investigation, or how and when the Army came to know of their affiliation.

women, Brown said. One of the women had met one of the male soldiers last year in Gulf Breeze and struck up a friendship. He called her and asked if the group could stay with them for a few days, Brown said.

They were caught after one of the men was stopped by a police

officer Friday night because the taillights on the van he was driving weren't working, Brown said.

The man had no driver's license and warrants showed he had been listed Thursday as wanted for desertion from the Army, the chief said.

## School board defends, passes \$5.1 million levy

By Kurt Rogahn  
Gazette education writer

It was the school board's turn to talk Tuesday noon.

Just before approving a \$5.1 million five-year Instructional Support Levy in the Cedar Rapids Community school district, board members answered comments made at Monday's public hearing and defended the proposed levy.

"This is not 'taxation without representation,'" began Douglas Henderson. "We are elected officials. . . People can vote for us or against us in the next school

About \$3.8 million of the levy is being collected already for all-day kindergarten, dropout prevention, and certain educational improvement projects. About \$1.4 million would be new money, to be used for repair and maintenance of buildings and equipment, to put more teacher aides in early elementary classes (kindergarten, first grade, and combination first-second grade classrooms), and other purposes.

Burton Loupee compared Iowa's tax situation to Missouri's, where he said annual school budgets had to be brought before the voters. "Missouri's

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 7.18.1990.1





Press-Citizen/Rodney White

Coralville police officer Sgt. Terry Koehn describes pictures of a room at the University Inn.

# Murder trial goes to jury

**By Shawn Hubbell**  
The Press-Citizen

The murder trial of Frank Chewning goes to the jury today.

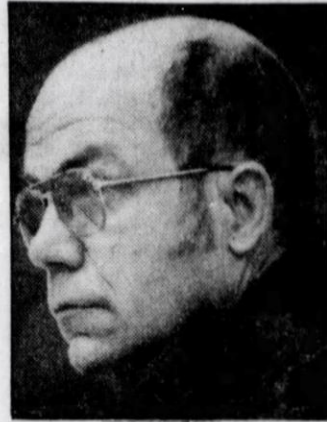
County Attorney J. Patrick White rested his case against Chewning Tuesday, and defense lawyer Pat Peters said final defense witnesses would testify today.

Peters said a decision on whether Chewning would take the stand on his own behalf would not be made until the last minute.

Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., was charged with second degree-murder last November in the Oct. 5 strangulation of his wife, Dianne Chewning, at the University Inn in Coralville. Motel employees found her naked body Oct. 6.

White rested his case Tuesday after medical experts testified that autopsy findings proved Dianne Chewning was strangled.

State Medical examiner Thomas Bennett said his examination of Dianne Chewning's



**Frank Chewning**

body supported the findings of T.T. Bozek, Johnson County medical examiner, and Dr. Steven Moore, a pathologist at University Hospitals who performed the autopsy.

Bennett said marks on Chewning's neck as well as broken blood vessels in her eyes were evidence of strangulation.

"In my opinion, there were fresh injuries inflicted to her neck minutes before her

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# Chewning

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death," Bennett said.

Dianne Chewning was choked for a prolonged period of time, Bennett said.

"Strangulation does not occur in a moment or a second or two," he said.

The jury also heard Sgt. Terry Koehn, a Coralville police officer, testify that Chewning confessed to his wife's murder.

Koehn said he and a special agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation questioned Chewning several times at the county jail in Ogden, Utah. Chewning at first lied and hid facts, Koehn said.

Chewning said he left Coralville because he did not want to go to jail but said his wife was alive when he left, Koehn said. This statement was inconsistent with evidence, Koehn said, and when Chewning was confronted, he became emotional, began to cry and changed his story.

Sgt. Koehn gave this account of Chewning's revised story:

The morning after hospital tests, Chewning and his wife returned to their room. They ate sandwiches, drank beer, watched television, had sexual intercourse and went to bed.

The next morning, Chewning got up, drank more beer, showered and had sex with his wife again. Afterward, he straddled her and massaged her back and face. When she mentioned that he would soon have to go back to jail, something in him snapped, and he choked her.

Chewning then sat in a chair and stared at his wife's body before leaving the motel to buy more beer and two cans of Crystal Drano. He returned to the room where he mixed the Drano and beer. He drank the mixture to try to kill himself but got sick and vomited.

He then drove the couple's car

got sick and vomited.

He then drove the couple's car to outside Kansas City, Kan., where he got on a west-bound train. He traveled to Las Vegas, Nev., California and Salt Lake City before being arrested Nov. 2 in Ogden.

Before Peters presented his opening arguments, he asked that charges be dropped against Chewning because White had not proved Chewning killed his wife with malice.

Peters defined malice as a state of mind that led a person to intentionally do a wrongful act out of hatred or with an evil or unlawful purpose.

Judge William Eads overruled the motion.

Two of Chewning's former wives testified on his behalf.

Diane Baughman married Chewning in 1972, divorced him in 1979, remarried him in 1979 and divorced him again in 1980. She said he always treated her well and never harmed her. Baughman said she divorced Chewning because of his drinking problem and because he fooled around with other women.

Other than that, she said, Chewning was easy to live with.

"He was not one to argue," Baughman said. "He would leave. I can't remember him saying any unkind words to anyone."

Dorothy Chewning, 49, of Galesburg, Ill., told the jury she had been married to Chewning for four years. She, too, said her former husband was not a violent man.

"He's a kind loving person," she said. "He cares about other people."

Chewning had been temporarily released from the Warren County, Ill., jail to take his wife to University Hospitals for tests.



## Jury deliberates Chewning verdict

By Heather Sloman Woodin  
Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — A jury will start its second day of deliberations today in the second-degree murder trial of Frank Chewning.

Chewning, 41, of Monmouth, Ill., is accused of strangling his wife, Dianne, in a Coralville motel room on Oct. 5.

Defense Attorney Patrick Peters said Tuesday afternoon he would call additional witnesses Wednesday morning, but he instead rested his case when court resumed Wednesday. His only witnesses during the trial were Chewning's two ex-wives, Dianne Chewning's cousin, and an Illinois attorney who has represented Chewning in the past. They said Chewning is a non-violent man and were surprised he is accused of murder.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White wanted to recall Dianne Chewning's sister to the stand to testify that Chewning had been violent on several occasions. With the jury out of the courtroom, Linda Sage said she once saw cuts and bruises covering Dianne's body, and Dianne told her Frank Chewning beat her.

Peters objected to the testimony and Judge William Eads ruled the comments inadmissible because Linda Sage wasn't present when the beating occurred.

During closing arguments, Peters told the jury that Chewning had no malice aforethought, a factor that must be present to find him guilty of second-degree murder.

He said Frank Chewning made arrangements to be temporarily released from jail in Illinois, where he was facing drunk driving charges, to accompany his wife to an appointment at University Hospitals. The morning after the appointment — the day she died — the couple had sex and he gave her a back and facial massage, Peters said. "Where's the malice?" in those kind of acts, he asked.

Dianne Chewning's death was unintentional, he said. Otherwise, Frank Chewning would not have attempted to commit suicide by drinking a mixture of crystal Drano and beer after her death, Peters told the jury.

Chewning did not testify during the trial.

During White's closing argument and a rebuttal, he said it takes time and pressure to cause death by strangulation. It would be "illogical almost to the point of absurdity" to think there was no malice involved in choking her for between 30 and 90 seconds, as Chewning has confessed, White said.

"If this was an unintentional death, why didn't he have the decency to do something about his wife's death?" White asked. He said

Chewning left the scene without attempting to get medical help for Dianne, hopped a train and hid for a month, and at first lied to police when questioned about the death. He was arrested Nov. 2 in Ogden, Utah.

White showed the jury photos of Dianne Chewning taken before and after her death. He pointed out marks on her neck he said were caused by Frank Chewning digging his fingernails into her skin, and showed jurors a photo of her eye, noting that blood vessels in her eye popped because of the pressure to the neck. "That's malice," he said.

The jury has three options for verdicts:

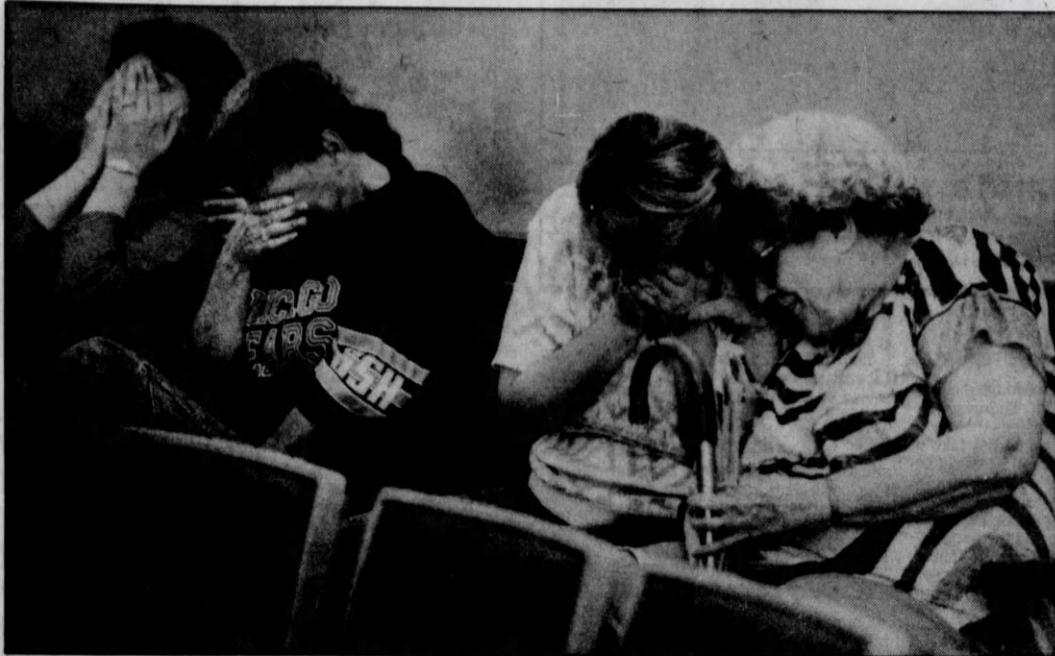
- Guilty of second-degree murder, where the jury is convinced Chewning caused her death by strangling her and that he did it with "malice aforethought," or that he intentionally did the act and understood the consequences within minutes or even seconds before death occurred. The penalty is up to 50 years in jail with a chance for parole.

- Guilty of involuntary manslaughter, where he committed the assault and unintentionally caused her death. The penalty is up to five years in jail with a chance for parole.

- Not guilty.

Deliberations resume at 8:30 a.m. today.

# Chewning guilty



Press-Citizen/Rodney White

Dianne Chewning's family cries with relief after the jury convicted Frank Chewning of second-degree murder. From left, they are: Linda Sage, Sharon Bishop, Cindy Brant and Gladys Sage, Dianne's mother.

## Man faces up to 50 years in jail for wife's death

By Shawn Hubbell  
The Press-Citizen

Cheers of relief sounded from the back of the courtroom late Thursday afternoon as Dianne Chewning's family applauded the second-degree murder conviction of Frank Chewning.

A jury of eight women and four men deliberated half the day Wednesday and until 4 p.m. Thursday before reaching its unanimous decision.

Chewning showed no emotion as District Judge William Eads read the jury's verdict.

Eads ordered a pre-sentence investigation and scheduled Chewning's sentencing for 9 a.m. Aug. 31.

Chewning, 40, of Monmouth, Ill., faces up to 50 years in prison.

Chewning was charged with second-degree murder last November in the Oct. 5 strangulation of his wife, Dianne Chewning, at the University Inn in Coralville. Motel employees found her body Oct. 6.

He was arrested Nov. 2 in Ogden, Utah.

Lawyer Pat Peters based Chewning's defense on what he said was the state's lack of evidence in proving Chewning acted with malice aforethought

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**Sharon Bishop  
victim's sister**

— an essential element to prove second-degree murder — when he killed his wife.

Peters said Chewning committed the murder in the heat of passion rather than out of malice.

At one point in its deliberations Wednesday, the jury asked for the definition of passion. Judge Eads sent a message to the jury that he could give them no further instructions.

When asked if he was surprised about how long the jury took to reach a verdict, Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said, "I suppose a little,

but a jury's deliberations are hard to predict."

White said he asked the jury in his closing arguments to weigh the evidence carefully before making a decision.

"Obviously, they took it very seriously," White said.

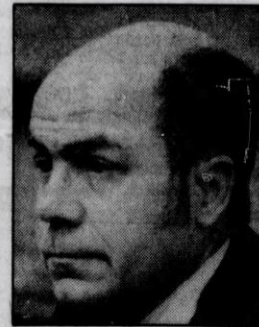
White gave most credit for Chewning's conviction to the law enforcement officers who obtained Chewning's confession and medical experts who gathered evidence.

Linda Sage, a sister of Dianne Chewning, said it was unfortunate that Judge Eads did not allow the jury to hear her testimony.

Jurors were asked to leave the courtroom Wednesday before Sage testified. She described Chewning as an alcoholic and a wife beater. Sage recalled a June 1988 incident in which Chewning beat her sister, leaving her with cuts and bruises all over her body.

Judge Eads ruled Sage's testimony inadmissible because Sage was not present during the beating.

If jurors had been allowed to hear that testimony, it would not have taken them so long to



Frank Chewning

find Chewning guilty, Sage said.

Another of Dianne Chewning's sisters said that she was glad the trial was over and justice had been done.

"Right now, I'm glad he got what he got, but I wish he could have got more because he deserves it," Sharon Bishop said. "But they came back with what we wanted and that's all we can ask for."

"It won't bring her (Dianne) back, but I tell you what, it's going to make me feel a little better about it."



# Cheers, tears as Chewning found guilty

Faces 50 years  
for wife's murder

By Heather Sloman Woodin

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Dianne Chewning's family clapped and cheered, then broke into tears and hugged each other when they heard Dianne's husband had been found guilty of second-degree murder.

Frank Chewning now faces up to 50 years in prison. Sentencing is set for 9 a.m. Aug. 31.

He was accused of strangling his wife in a Coralville motel room Oct. 5. He left the scene and was arrested Nov. 2 in Ogden, Utah.

His trial started Monday and the case went to the jury at about noon Wednesday. Jurors indicated at 4 p.m. Thursday they had reached a unanimous decision, ending 10 hours of deliberations over two days.

The jury's other options were to find Chewning, 41, of Monmouth, Ill., guilty of involuntary manslaughter, with a penalty of up to five years in jail, or to find him not guilty.



**Frank Chewning**

Guilty of second-degree murder

"We were scared he was going to get away with a lighter sentence. He got what he deserved," Dianne's sister said as the family left the courtroom.

Dianne's mother, three sisters, son and brother-in-law sat through the trial and nervously waited for the verdict. "We

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## Chewning: 'Passion' an issue for jury

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were scared," said the sister, before the family entered an elevator and left the Johnson County Courthouse.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White said he was somewhat surprised at the length of the deliberations, but he credited the jurors for taking their job seriously. "It was obviously a very conscientious jury," he said.

"I thought the evidence was pretty clear-cut," White said. During the trial, White argued that Chewning wrapped his hands around his wife's neck and applied pressure for between 30 and 90 seconds. His fingernails dug into her skin and left marks on her neck and blood vessels popped in her eye because of the intense pressure, he said. "I didn't have any reservations about that being murder," he said. "I think justice was done."

He also credited the expertise of the Coralville Police Department, the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation and the medical experts who worked on the case.

Patrick Peters, Chewning's court-appointed attorney, left the

courtroom after the verdict was read without talking to reporters.

He had argued that Dianne Chewning's death was unintentional. He noted that Frank Chewning made special arrangements to be temporarily released from jail in Illinois, where he was facing drunk driving charges, to accompany his wife to an appointment at University Hospitals. The morning after the appointment — the day she died — the couple had sex and he gave her a back and facial massage. Those were thoughtful acts, he said. "Where's the malice?" he asked the jury during closing arguments.

If the death were intentional, Frank Chewning would not have attempted to commit suicide by drinking a mixture of crystal Drano and beer after her death, Peters said.

The issue in the case was whether Chewning committed the act with "malice aforethought," or that he intentionally did the act and understood the consequences within minutes or

even seconds before death occurred.

After the verdict was read, the jury of eight women and four men was dismissed and the jurors left the courtroom. They did not look at Chewning as they filed past him.

Although jurors did not talk to reporters, one explanation for their lengthy deliberations may be that they were debating whether this was a crime done with malice or in the heat of passion.

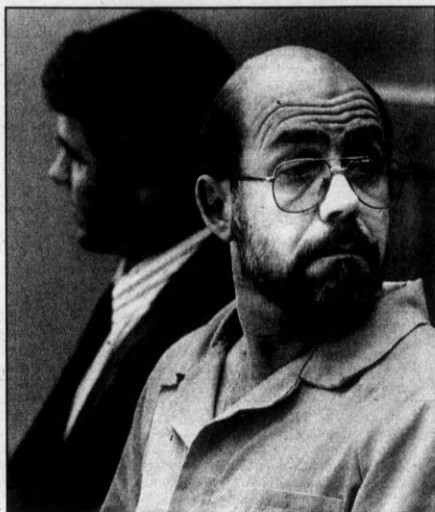
Among the instructions Judge William Eads gave the jury before deliberations began was this notice:

"Malice requires only such deliberation that would make a person appreciate and understand the nature of the act and its consequences, as distinguished from an act done in the heat of passion."

Early in the deliberations, jurors sent a note to the judge asking for a definition of "passion." But Eads' only reply was that the jurors must rely on the instructions previously issued.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder charge, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 7.20.1990.2

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Gazette photo by Lisa Powell  
Frank Chewning (right) was sentenced in Johnson County District Court Friday to 50 years in prison for killing his wife, Dianne, in a Coralville motel. Chewning's lawyer, Patrick Peters, appears at left.

## Chewning gets 50 years Judge says convicted killer is 'fortunate'

By Lyle Muller

Gazette Johnson County Bureau

IOWA CITY — Calling him a lucky man, a judge Friday sentenced Frank Chewning of Monmouth, Ill., to up to 50 years in prison for murdering his wife.

Chewning likely will serve only about nine years of that sentence, the prosecutor in the case said.

Chewning, who will turn 41 in 19 days, was convicted of second-degree murder July 19 for the Oct. 5, 1989, death of his wife, Dianne Chewning. Testimony showed Chewning strangled his wife in the Coralville motel where the couple were staying.

"I consider you very fortunate that you were not charged with first-degree murder," Johnson County District Court Judge William Eads told Chewning after handing down the second-degree murder sentence.

Elements in the case indicate that a first-degree case may have been warranted, Eads said. "You're fortunate that you will be eligible for parole," he told Chewning.

First-degree murder carries a mandatory life prison term with no parole. Johnson County authorities decided against prosecuting that charge last fall because of the evidence, County Attorney J. Patrick White said.

Chewning testified at his trial that he was giving his wife a facial massage when he "just

snapped" and strangled her. He had been released from an Illinois jail to accompany his wife to this area.

Dianne Chewning was undergoing treatment at University Hospitals for gastrointestinal problems. Chewning was awaiting court appearances on a drunken driving charge, one of several he faced in his life.

He said he tried to kill himself unsuccessfully after killing his wife and then fled. Authorities found him one month later in Utah.

Before Eads sentenced Chewning, White said he would have preferred a sentence with a specific number of years to the indeterminate number provided for in state law.

Although the law states imprisonment may be up to 50 years, good behavior time and the possibility of early parole will reduce that time greatly, White said.

"Mr. Chewning would more likely serve nine years," he said. Chewning already had 309 days' credit for time served Friday.

Chewning, who has grown a mustache and beard since his trial, said nothing on his behalf at the sentencing hearing.

Eads also ordered Chewning to pay \$2,600 restitution for his wife's funeral expenses and new clothing. White said additional pecuniary damages will be sought.



## **Taxpayers' bill for murder trial: \$13,560**

Lawyer's fees of \$13,560 for the murder trial of Frank R. Chewning were assessed to the state Thursday.

Johnson County District Court Judge William R. Eads approved all but \$240 of request made by Patrick C. Peters, Chewning's lawyer. The total includes his fee, expenses and payment of a law clerk.

Chewning was sentenced to 50 years in prison Aug. 31 for second-degree murder. His wife, Dianne Chewning, died of strangulation Oct. 5, 1989.

# Illinois man fails to reverse conviction in Coralville death

By Rod Boshart

Gazette Des Moines Bureau

**D**ES MOINES — A Monmouth, Ill., man serving up to 50 years in prison for the 1989 strangulation death of his wife at a Coralville motel failed Tuesday in his bid to have his second-degree murder conviction overturned.

The Iowa Court of Appeals unanimously rejected constitutional challenges raised by Frank Ray Chewning, 42, in upholding the guilty verdict in the Oct. 5, 1989, death of his wife, Dianne.

Chewning contended Johnson County district judges handling his case should have suppressed incriminating statements he made to authorities in Utah and Iowa, and that his right to counsel was violated.

**HOWEVER**, the justices ruled that Chewning "knowingly and intelligently waived his right" to the constitutional

protections he cited during the process of being extradited from Utah back to Iowa.

Chewning testified at his trial that he was giving his wife a facial massage in the Coralville motel where the couple was staying when he "just snapped" and strangled her. He had been released from an Illinois jail to accompany his wife to the Iowa City area.

**CHEWNING SAID HE** unsuccessfully tried to kill himself after strangling his wife and then fled. Authorities found him one month later in Utah.

Dianne Chewning was undergoing treatment at University Hospitals for gastrointestinal problems at the time of her death.

Frank Chewning was sentenced to up to 50 years in prison in September 1990, but prosecutors indicated then that he could be eligible for parole after serving nine years of the term.

Frank Ray Chewning, murder conviction, Gazette, 10.30.1991

## CORALVILLE

### **Convicted murderer dies in prison hospice**

Frank Chewning, who was serving a 50-year prison term for the second-degree murder of his wife in Coralville, died of cancer Tuesday at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center, prison officials said Thursday.

Chewning, 55, died in the medical center's Hospice Unit, where he had been since Nov. 22. Chewning had been in prison since August 1990 for strangling his wife, Dianne, at a Coralville motel in 1989.

Frank Ray Chewning, obit, TheCedarRapidsGazette, 3.18.2005

Birth Place        Galesburg Kn, Illinois

Death Date        15 Mar 2005

Notes    Jun 1967: Name listed as FRANK RAY CHEWNING; 09 Aug 1988: Name listed as FRANK R CHEWNING

#### **Lloyd M. Chewning**

**Son of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

**Grandson of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning and**

**Great Grandson of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

Lloyd was born 9/20/1917; d. 6/5/1926. Death record online says that he was buried in Glendale Cemetery, don't know why. He has a stone in Monmouth Cemetery. He died of lockjaw.

Name	Lloyd M. Chewning
Sex	Male
Age	8
Burial Date	7 Jun 1926
Birth Date	20 Sep 1917
Birth Year (Estimated)	1918
Birthplace	Monmouth, Illinois
Occupation	student
Race	white
Ethnicity	American
Father's Name	S. L. Chewning
Father's Birthplace	Mo.
Mother's Name	Mary Loops
Mother's Birthplace	Mo.
Event Type	Death
Event Date	5 Jun 1926
Event Place	Monmouth, Warren, Illinois, United States
Event Place (Original)	Monmouth, Warren, Illinois
Source Details	p145 cn25438 rn87
Cemetery	Glendale Cemetery

He was on the **1920 census** with his family.



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CHEWNING LLOYD M M/W UNK 0940145 1926-06-05 WARREN MONMOUTH

**Willis Wiley Chewning**

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Willis Wiley Chewning. Willis and Mary McGill Chewning stone, Monmouth Cem., Warren County, IL

**1920 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL, 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer Chewning, 38, owns home free, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, bricklayer, houses

Mary Chewning, 42, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Roy, 12, born in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school in past year

Stella, 9, etc.

Robert, 7, etc.

Everett, 4 2/12, b. in IL, parents b. in MO

Lloyd, 2 4/12, etc.

Willis, 3/12, etc.

About 1919, Spencer's brother Theodore, relocated his family from Ashton, Clark, MO, to Monmouth.

Just as Spencer first lived in Uncle Martin Luther Cannon's house, Theodore and family did, also, before moving to S 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

**1922 Monmouth Directory**

*Chewning, Austin R r 918 S. 3d*

*Chewning, Herville P student r 918 S 3d*

*Chewning, Letha F student r 918 S 3d*

*Chewning, Roy r 734 E 10 av*

*Chewning, Spencer r 734 E 10 av*

*Chewning, Theodore (Nancy) blksmith 810 S 3d r 918 S 3d*

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Robert E., 17, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, did not attend school in last year, helper, father's truck farm

Everett W., 14, b. in IL, parents b. in MO, attended school

Willis W., 10, etc., attended school

Raymond A., 7, etc., attended school

**1936 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

*Chewning, A.R., blacksmith and welder (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St.*

Chewning, A. R., blacksmith and welder, (Ethel); ch: Mary Ann, Lillian, Eloise, Theodore A., 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, Herville, blacksmith, (Bonita); ch: Estella, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St., Tel. 2654—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Mary, ch: Willis, Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning's Blacksmith & Welding Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., Tel. 465.  
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil); 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chicago Motor Club, 116 S. 1st St., Tel. 120, (V. T. Phelps, mgr.)

**1939 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewning, A. R., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Ethel) ch. Mary Ann, Eloise Allen, Cleo, 916 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, 810 S. 3rd St., H. P. Chewning, Raymond Chewning props., Tel. 465.  
Chewning, Everett, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, H. P., part., Chewning's Blacksmith Shop, (Bonita) ch. Stella Ann, Twila Jean, Patsy Joan, 924 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Mrs. Nancy, 918 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, Robert, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.  
Chewning, Roy, bricklayer, (Virgil) 822 S. 3rd St.—O.  
Chewning, S. L., blacksmith, (Mary) ch. Raymond, 734 E. 10th Ave.—O.  
Chewning, Willis, lab., 734 E. 10th Ave.

REGISTRATION CARD			
SERIAL NUMBER	1. NAME (Print)		ORDER NUMBER
5-29	Willis	Wiler Chewning	5-1370
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print)			
734 East Tenth Ave. Monmouth, Warren, Illinois			
3. MAILING ADDRESS			
Same			
4. TELEPHONE	5. AGE IN YEARS	6. PLACE OF BIRTH	7. OCCUPATION
None	21	Monmouth	Mechanic
DATE OF BIRTH			
Oct. 23, 1919			
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS			
Mrs. S. L. Chewning, 734 East Tenth Ave. Monmouth, Ill.			
9. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS			
Chaseland Wood, Ford Sales and Service, Roseville, Ill.			
10. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS			
Roseville Warren Illinois			
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.			
D. S. S. FORM 1		16-21630	
(Revised 6-9-41)		Willis Wiler Chewning	

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)		WEIGHT (Approx.)		COMPLEXION	
	EYES	HAIR				
White	✓	5' 4"	145	He	Sallow	
Negro	Blue	✓	Blonde		Light	✓
	Gray		Red		Ruddy	
Oriental	Hazel		Brown	✓	Dark	
	Brown		Black		Freckled	
Indian	Black		Gray		Light brown	
			Bald		Dark brown	
Filipino					Black	

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification... *None*

I certify that my answers are true; that the person registered has read or has had read to him his own answers; that I have witnessed his signature or mark and that all of his answers of which I have knowledge are true, except as follows:  
*None*

*Catherine Wilson*  
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Local Board... *Warren Illinois*  
(Number) (City or county) (State)

Date of registration... *July 1, 1941*

Local Board No. 1 61  
Warren County 187  
1 001  
117 East First Avenue  
(STAMP OF LOCAL BOARD)  
Monmouth, Illinois  
(The stamp of the Local Board having jurisdiction of the registrant shall be placed in the above space)

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 16-21630

Willis Wiley Chewning, WWII reg.1

U.S. World War II Army Enlistment Records, 1938-1946 about Willis W Chewning

Name: Willis W Chewning  
 Birth Year: 1919  
 Race: White, citizen (White)  
 Nativity State or Country: Illinois  
 State of Residence: Illinois  
 County or City: Warren

Enlistment Date: 28 Nov 1941  
 Enlistment State: Illinois  
 Enlistment City: Chicago  
 Branch Code: Branch Immaterial - Warrant Officers, USA  
 Grade: Private  
 Component: Selectees (Enlisted Men)  
 Source: Civil Life  
 Education: Grammar school  
 Civil Occupation: Semiskilled mechanics and repairmen, motor vehicles  
 Marital Status: Single, without dependents  
 Height: 64  
 Weight: 130

1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL. 739 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Willis W. Chewning, 30, b. in IL, working, 44 hrs/wk, trucker, county highway  
 Mary P. Chewning, 28, b. in Australia, housework  
 Willis, Jr., 1, b. in IL  
 Patricia V., 8, b. in IL

**1952:**

—Claude grower Hewitt Chewning Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d —Bros (Austin R and Herval P) blksmith and wldg 810 S 3d —Everett blksmith hlpr r734 E 10th av —Herval P (Bonita; Chewning Bros) h924 S 3d —Ray A (Dora J) wldr h742 E 10th av —Roy L (Virgie) brkmason h822 S 3d —S L (Mary) blacksmithing and wldg 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av —Willis W (Mary P) mach h739 E 10th av	<b>VULCANIZING</b> <b>Tire</b> <b>Inspection</b> <b>Tire Repairs</b> <b>Battery</b> <b>Service</b>
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**1958 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do  
 —Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d  
 —Cleo (Margt) fcly wkr h312 North A  
 —Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av  
 —Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B  
 —Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butlers Mfg h748 E 10th av  
 —Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d  
 —Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av  
 —Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d  
 —Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av  
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 —Chester Lloyd E (Edith D) driver Campbell-Skaggs h213 S 6th



# Australian Wives of Midwest Area Meet in Knoxville Home



**AUSTRALIAN WIVES REUNION**—Pictured is first get-together of Australian wives in this area who, with their families, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Tayler of Knoxville. Standing from left are MRS. HOLLIS TAYLER, the former Isabelle Moore of Rockhampton, Queensland, Australia; MRS. MARIO OLIVA of Chicago, the former Gloria Moore, first cousin of Mrs. Tayler and also from Rockhampton; MRS. WILLIS CHEWNING, the former Mary McGill of Sydney, New South Wales; MRS. CHRIS SCHEER of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, the former Enid Irving, a school friend of Mrs. Tayler at Rockhampton; MRS. WILLIAM WEIMERS of Milwaukee, Wis., the former Beryl Mullaney who was a neighbor of Mrs. Tayler's in Rockhampton; MRS. JOE INDELICATO of Galesburg, the former Yvonne Mason of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia; and MRS. ROGER PELLETIER of Galesburg, the former Gloria Anderson of Bris-

bane, Queensland, Australia. Mrs. Pelletier and Mrs. Tayler were cabin mates coming over. Mrs. Chewning and Mrs. Indelicato came over as fiancées, the other five as brides. Mrs. Scheer and Mrs. Weimers arrived in 1945 and the others in 1946. Mrs. Indelicato came by plane and the others on the "bride's ship," which carried 567 brides from Australia. Youngsters in the picture are from left, MARGUERITE WEIMERS, PATRICIA VERN CHEWNING, CAROL ANN and LYDIA JEAN SCHEER who are twins, SUSAN PELLETIER and PATTY JO INDELICATO. The youngsters are playing with toy koala bears, regarded with fondness by children in Australia. The little bears feed on the leaves of the gum or eucalyptus tree. Among the wives, one had a dressmaking business back in Australia, two were tailresses, two were clerks, one was a secretary and one was a waitress. Photo by Dale Humphrey, Register-Mail.

Lilting Australian voices, the clipped accents only slightly dulled by seven years in the United States, punctuated the air with happy conversation last weekend in the Knoxville home of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Tayler at 202 W. Ann St. The event was the initial get-together of a group of seven Australian wives from over the Midwest, who arrived in the United States as brides or fiancées of U. S. service men back in 1945 and 1946.

For one, Mrs. Willis Chewning of Monmouth, it was one of her few meetings with Australians since she came to America. For several it was a general reunion as they had been acquainted in their home town of Rockhampton, Queensland. For all, it was an opportunity to reminisce of their homeland.

#### Miss Ocean

And what do they miss most besides their relatives? The ocean and the beaches. Australia is populated principally around the coastal areas since the interior is

quite arid. As a result the seaside is a great source for entertainment and everyone frequents the beaches during the weekends.

Otherwise, the transplanted Australians are quite in love with America and are happy and satisfied, says Mrs. Tayler. They did not find the U. S. as different as did war brides from many other countries, since Australia has much in common with the United States and is about the same size. Both are comparatively new as nations go. Landing in a virgin country, pioneers in both had to conquer the wilderness. In so doing, the people of both lands developed similar characteristics. Australia even patterned its constitution after that of the U. S.

Be that as it may, most of the wives would love a trip home, but it is a long way to the other side of the world. Two have had visitors from home. Mrs. William Weimers of Milwaukee had her sister here for six months, and the mother of Mrs. Chris Scheer

of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was a visitor two years ago.

#### Twenty-nine Attend

Twenty-nine were in the group of wives and families Sunday and included: Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chewning of Monmouth and children, Willis Jr., 5, and Patricia, 3; Mr. and Mrs. Mario Oliva of Chicago with Mario Jr., 5, and Lorelei, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scheer of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with Chris Jr., 7, Linda and Carol, 3; Mr. and Mrs. William Weimers of Milwaukee, Wis., with Michael, 10, Francis 7, and Marguerite, 3; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Indelicato of Galesburg, with Alan, 6, and Patricia, 2; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Pelletier of Galesburg, and Suzanne, 6; and Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Tayler with Allen, 6, and John 3.

As if by some special arrangement, the climax to the day of visiting came at 4 o'clock when a television program showed a number of Australian animals.

By A.K.

READ THE WANT ADS

Mary Patricia McGill Chewning, Galesburg RegisterMail, 9.11.1953

**1960 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewing Cleo E (Peggy M) h828 North E  
Chewing Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do  
Chewing Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d  
Chewing Edna Mrs h1120 E 11th av  
Chewing Ethel Mrs nurses aide Mon Hosp r1120 E 11th  
Chewing Everett W (Ruth B) widr Butler Mfg h748 E 10th  
av  
Chewing Gary mill wkr Sharp Feed Mill r748 E 10th av  
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**At 2:10 this morning Willis W. Chewning, 43, of 739 E. Tenth Ave., was arrested for having no license plates on his car.**

Willis Wiley Chewning arrested, GalesburgRegisterMail, 7.18.1963

**Held on DWI Charge**

**MONMOUTH — Mrs. Mary P. Chewning, 41, of 739 E. Tenth Ave. was arrested on West Broadway at 12:45 a.m. today on the charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Chewning was released after posting a \$200 bond for a hearing Feb. 25.**

Mary Patricia McGill Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 2.13.1964

## **Mary P. Chewning**

**MONMOUTH** — Mary P. Chewning, 79, 739 E. 10th Ave., died at 12:05 a.m. Wednesday (Aug. 8, 2001) in Community Medical Center.

She was born May 16, 1922, in Abermain, New South Wales, Australia, the daughter of John Patrick and Jane Drummond McGill.

She married Willis W. Chewning on Nov. 25, 1946, in Monmouth.

Surviving are her husband; one daughter, Patricia Chewning, Monmouth; one son, Willis W. "Butch" Chewning Jr., Oquawka; one brother, Dr. John "Jack" (and Joy) McGill, Austinville, Australia; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and four brothers.

She attended parochial school in Abermain and attended a four-year technical college to become a tailor.

As a World War II bride, she came to America, sight unseen, in 1946 on the U.S.S. Monterey. During World War II, she was employed fabricating planes and constructing parachutes.

She was a member of the Australian War Brides Society.

She was a homemaker.

Graveside service will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Monmouth Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Klein officiating. Friends may call Friday at Turnbull Funeral Home, Monmouth; the family will not be present.

Memorials may be made to Community Medical Center Extended Care.

Mary Patricia McGill Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 8.9.2001

### **Willis Wiley Chewning Obit**

*Willis W. Chewning Sr., 91, of Monmouth, Ill., died at 10:43 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2011, at Monmouth Nursing Home.*

*Born Oct. 23, 1919, in Monmouth, he was the son of Spencer L. and Mary Toops Chewning. On Nov. 25, 1946, he married Mary P. McGill in Monmouth. She died Aug. 8, 2001.*

*Mr. Chewning worked for Minnesota and St. Louis Railroad, as a mechanic for Pierson and Wood Ford Garage in Roseville, Ill., at International Harvester Co. in Moline, Ill., for Warren County Highway Department and at Butler Manufacturing in Galesburg, Ill. He attended school in Monmouth and LaCrosse, Wis. He served from 1941 to 1945 as a corporal and drove an ambulance in a medical unit in the Army during World War II.*

*He was a lifelong member of VFW and American Legion in Monmouth.*

*Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Thompson of Monmouth; one son, Willis W. "Butch" Chewning of Oquawka, Ill.; five grandchildren; six grandchildren; and one brother.*

*Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and four brothers.*

*No visitation is planned. The body has been cremated. Burial with military rites for Mr. Chewning will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Monmouth Cemetery.*

*Memorials have been established for St. Jude Children's Hospital, Monmouth VFW Post 2301, and Monmouth American Legion Post 136.*

*Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth is in charge of arrangements.*

### **Roseville Independent**

Posted Mar 24, 2011 @ 04:04 PM

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*He is survived by his two children, Patricia Thompson, of Monmouth, and Willis W. "Butch" Chewning, of Oquawka; five grandchildren, Christel Thompson, of Monmouth; Laura Thompson, of rural Monmouth; Michael Thompson, of rural Monmouth; Julaine Holtz (Dave), of Center Point, La., and Denys Berry (Matt), of Rochester, Wash; six grandchildren and one brother, Raymond Chewning (Geri), of Monmouth.*

*He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Mary, one sister and four brothers.*

*Willis attended school in Monmouth as well as LaCrosse, Wis. He served as a corporal and drove an ambulance in the medical unit in the United States Army from 1941 to 1945. While serving, Willis met the love of his life in Australia, and he married Mary P. McGill on Nov. 25, 1946, in Monmouth. She preceded him in death on Aug. 8, 2001.*

*He first was employed by the M&St. L Railroad; he then was a mechanic for Pierson & Wood Ford Garage in Roseville. Later he worked at International Harvester Company in Moline, the Warren County Highway Department and lastly for 32 years at Butler Manufacturing in Galesburg. Willis was a life-long member of the VFW and American Legion in Monmouth.*

*Cremation rites have been accorded.*

*A graveside committal of his ashes with military honors will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011 in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth. A memorial fund has been established for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Monmouth VFW Post 2301 or Monmouth American Legion Post 136.*



Turnbull Funeral Home in Monmouth is in charge of arrangements. For more information, please visit [www.turnbullfuneralhomes.com](http://www.turnbullfuneralhomes.com)

**Children of Willis Wiley and Mary Patricia McGill Chewning**


**Grandchildren of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

**Great Grandchildren of Moses William and Elizabeth Ann Lizzie Cannon Chewning**

**Great Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning and**

**Great Great Grandchildren of Newbold NJ and Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon**

1. Patricia Vern Chewning Dennis Thompson, b. 1942, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Ancil David Dave Dennis, 1/20/1968, Monmouth, Warren, IL; divorced 4/1969, IL; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thompson, before 2011;
2. Willis Wiley Butch Chewning, Jr., b. 6/20/1948, IL; m. Marjorie Dorothy Browning, 10/1968;



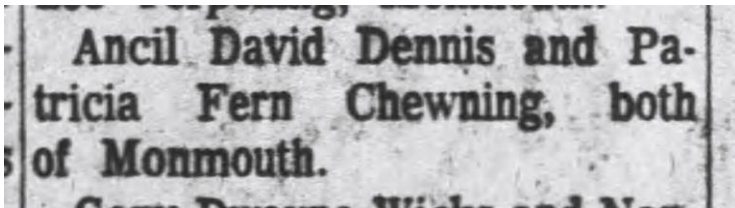
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chewning, 739 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Patricia, to Dave Dennis of Monmouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ancil R. Dennis, formerly of Galesburg, now of Peoria.

A January wedding is being planned.

Both are employed at the Burlington Ordinance Plant, Burlington, Iowa.

**Miss Patricia Chewning**

Patricia Vern Chewning Dennis, marr, GalesburgRegisterMail, 12.12.1967



Patricia Vern Chewning Dennis, marr lic, TheRockIslandArgus, 1.23.1968. They got the marriage license in Monmouth.

Mental cruelty was the claim upon which Mrs. Patricia Vern Dennis was given a divorce from Ancil David Dennis. She was granted custody of their minor child. They were married Jan. 20, 1968.

Patricia Vern Chewning Dennis, GalesburgRegisterMail, 5.1.1969

# Boy Reports Being Beaten And Robbed

MONMOUTH — A 17-year-old Monmouth boy told police he was attacked, beaten and robbed in the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue Friday at about 10:30 p.m.

Butch Chewning of 739 E. 10th Ave. said two husky young men took his wallet that contained about \$27 and other valuables, including his Social Security card.

Chewning described the men as Negroes, about 6-feet-2 inches tall each. One wore a white shirt, and the other wore a light-colored shirt. Both were wearing white Levi slacks and dark-colored shoes.

The Monmouth youth said he was walking west on East 10th Avenue when the two men approached him in the 400 block and started a conversation as they walked along with him.

"They started out by asking me if I had a match," said Chewning today. As the group started approaching the shadows away from the street light on the 300 block of East Tenth Avenue, Chewning said: "I began to sense something was wrong and started to move toward the edge of the street."

He said it was then that the two men dragged him into the shadow of a tree, started hitting him and threw him to the ground. While one man held a knee on Chewning's neck, the other took his wallet from him.

Both men then fled on foot.

Chewning said that from the questions the men asked him, he believed they were probably from out-of-town.

mouth.  
**Willis Wiley Chewning Jr.,  
 Monmouth, and Marjorie Dorothy Browning, Burlington, Iowa.**

Willis Wiley Butch Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 10.30.1968. License was issued in Warren County.

**Raymond Albert Chewning**

**Son of Spencer Lee and Mary Toops Chewning**

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Raymond Albert and Dora Jean Smith Chewning stone, Monmouth County Memorial Park, Monmouth, Warren, IL

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Willis W., 10, etc., attended school

Raymond A., 7, etc., attended school

Ray is NOT on his father's 1940 census:

**1940 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL 734 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street**

Spencer L. Chewning, 58, owns home, value \$1500, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in MO, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, employed, blacksmith shop, owns shop

Mary Chewning\*, 63, completed 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, b. in MO, Monmouth, Warren, IL in 1935, not employed, housework

Robert E., 27, completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, common labor

Everett W., 24, completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, same house in 1935, not working, seeking work, blacksmith



**1940 census, Fort Randolph, Cristobol, Panama**

Raymond A. Chewning, 19, completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade, b. in IL, worked for pay, worked 52 hours/week, occupation: private, US Army, worked 52 weeks

Ray married his high school sweetheart, Dora Jean Smith, 4/29/1941.

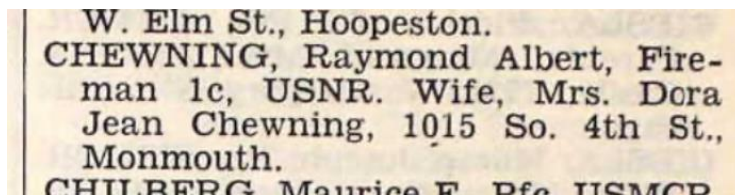
Was Ray living in his parents' house in 1993?

**U.S. Public Records Index, Volume 1** about Ray A Chewning

Name:	Ray A Chewning
Birth Date:	25 Mar 1923
Address:	734 E 10th Ave, Monmouth, IL, 61462-2844 (1993) [742 E 10th Ave, Monmouth, IL, 61462-2844 (1981)]



Raymond Albert Chewning, marr, TheRockIslandArgus, 5.3.1941



Raymond Albert Chewning, wounded WWII, US Navy Casualty book

**1950 census, Monmouth, Warren, IL**

Raymond Chewning, 27, b. in IL, working, 48 hrs/wk, helper, blacksmith  
 Dora J. Chewning, 27, b. in IL,  
 Judity, 8, b. in IL,  
 John E., 4 b. in IL,

**1952:**

<p>—Claude grower hewitt h8100          Chewning Austin R (Ethel; Chewning Bros) h916 S 3d          —Bros (Austin R and Herval P) blksmith and wldg 810 S 3d          —Everett blksmith h1pr r734 E 10th av          —Herval P (Bonita; Chewning Bros) h924 S 3d          —Ray A (Dora J) wldr h742 E 10th av          —Roy L (Virgie) brkmason h822 S 3d          —S L (Mary) blacksmithing and wldg 415 E 5th av h734 E          10th av          —Willie W (Marv P) mach h739 E 10th av</p>	<p><b>VULCANIZING</b>  <b>Tire</b>  <b>Inspection</b>  <b>Tire Repairs</b>  <b>Battery</b>  <b>Service</b></p>
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**1958 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do  
 —Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d  
 —Cleo (Margt) fcty wkr h312 North A  
 —Edw (Lina) serv mn DeKalb Seed r215 W 4th av  
 —Ethel Mrs beauty opr h709 South B  
 —Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butlers Mfg h748 E 10th av  
 —Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d  
 —Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av  
 —Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d  
 —Spencer L (Mary) blksmith 415 E 5th av h734 E 10th av  
 —Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th av  
 Chezem Lloyd E (Edith D) driver Gamble-Skosmo h213 S 6th

**1960 Monmouth, Warren, IL directory**

Chewing Cleo E (Peggy M) h828 North E  
 Chewning Austin R brklyr 916 S 3d h do  
 Chewning Bros (Dale E Schisler) blksmith 810 S 3d  
 Chewning Edna Mrs h1120 E 11th av  
 Chewning Ethel Mrs nurses aide Mon Hosp r1120 E 11th  
 Chewning Everett W (Ruth B) wldr Butler Mfg h748 E 10th  
 av  
 Chewning Gary mill wkr Sharp Feed Mill r748 E 10th av  
 Chewning Herval P (Bonita E) jan YMCA h924 S 3d  
 Chewning Ray A (Dora J) wldr Butler Mfg h742 E 10th av  
 Chewning Roy L (Virgil M) brklyr 822 S 3d h do  
 Chewning Spencer L (Mary) blksmith h734 E 10th av  
 Chewning Willis W (Mary P) lab Butler Mfg h739 E 10th  
 Chezem Lloyd E (Edith) driver Gamble-Skosmo r RD 2

**Wife Dora passed away 1970**

**MRS. RAY CHEWNING**

**MONMOUTH** — Mrs. Ray Chewning of 742 E. 10th Ave., Monmouth, died in her home at 4 yesterday afternoon.

Funeral services will be at 3 tomorrow afternoon in the Turnbull Funeral Home. The Rev. Stanley Rogers, pastor of the Four-Square Gospel Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Monmouth Memorial Park Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home.

The former Dora Smith was born Oct. 28, 1922, in Monmouth, a daughter of Robert and Lela Dougherty Smith.

She was married to Mr. Chewning April 26, 1941, at Kahoka, Mo. There entire married life was spent in Monmouth.

Surviving are the widower; two sons, Joe, at home and John of Lincoln, Ill.; two daughters, Janna, at home and Mrs. Judy McGinnes of Monmouth; two grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Arlo Sage, and a brother, James Smith, both of Monmouth. Her parents and a daughter preceded her in death.

Dora Jean Smith Chewning, obit, TheRockIslandArgus, 8.14.1970

**MRS. DORA J. CHEWNING**  
**MONMOUTH** — Mrs. Dora Jean Chewning, 47, of 742 E. 10th Ave. died Thursday at 4 p.m. at her home. She had been ill some time.

She was born Oct. 28, 1922, at Monmouth, where she resided in early life and was educated. She married Raymond A. Chewning on April 26, 1941, at Kahoka, Mo. She was a member of the Foursquare Church and active in the Harding School PTA.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, John of Lincoln and Joe Ray at home; two daughters, Mrs. Harry (Judy) McGinnes and Miss Jana Chewning at home; a sister, Mrs. Arlo (Margaret) Sage of Monmouth, and a brother, James M. Smith of Monmouth.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at the Turnbull Funeral Home. Rev. Stanley Rogers will officiate. Visitation

Dora Jean Smith Chewning, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 8.14.1970

Ray married Geraldine Geri Enslow Morris, 12/16/1971. She passed away 12/24/2012.

**Geraldine M. Chewning, 67, Monmouth, was fined \$50 and sentenced to six months under court supervision for an Aug. 14 charge of retail theft for stealing a wig from Kmart, 1280 N. Henderson St.**

Geraldine Geri Enslow Morris Chewning, GalesburgRegisterMail, 3.17.1987. She apparently stole a wig worth \$17.91 in Aug. 1986.

Source: Tributearchive.com



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*Geraldine M. Chewning - 93 12/22/1919 - 12/24/2012*

*Geraldine (Geri) Chewning, 93, of Monmouth, died December 24, 2012, at The Monmouth Nursing Home. She was born December 22, 1919, in Aledo, the daughter of Lute and Truie (Walters) Enslow. She was raised and educated in Aledo where she graduated from Aledo High School.*

*Geri married Stuart Morris on April 17, 1937, and he preceded her in death.*

*She was a homemaker and had worked at the grocery stores she and her husband, Stuart, owned. She enjoyed her family, gardening, her home, and church work. She was a member of Heritage United Presbyterian Church where she was active before her failing health. In her earlier years she enjoyed traveling all over the U.S. and spent winters in the South.*

*Her family includes one daughter, Barbara J. (Verlin) Anderson of Greenville, SC, one son, Dr. George Nelson Morris of Monmouth, daughter-in-law, Carole Morris, four grandchildren, two great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren, as well as nieces and nephews.*

*She was preceded in death by her husband, Stuart, a son, Shirl L., a sister and a brother.*

*Cremation has been accorded. Entombment will be in the Monmouth Mausoleum. Online condolences may be left at [hooverhall.com](http://hooverhall.com).*

*Cremation has been accorded. Entombment will be in the Monmouth Cemetery Mausoleum.*

*To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Geraldine M. Chewning please visit our Tribute Store.*

*Raymond A. Chewning, 92, of Monmouth, passed away Sunday, August 30, 2015 at the Monmouth Nursing Home in Monmouth. He was born on March 25, 1923 in Monmouth, the son of Spencer L. and Mary (Tupes) Chewning. Ray attended school in Monmouth. **He served as a Fireman in the United States Navy during WWII on the Destroyer Minesweeper USS Hovey.** The unsung hero's of the Philippine invasion were the little minesweepers that went to work three days before the "Big Show" to make the heavily mined water of Leyte Gulf safe for warships, troop transports, and a vast number of landing craft. **The first American surface craft to enter Philippine waters since the Fall of Corregidor was the Hovey. The Hovey was sunk by Japanese bombers. Only a few members of her crew survived. Ray spent 18 hours in the waters doing his best to help his fallen friends before he was rescued.** The Hovey was a proud little ship. She started her war career at Pearl Harbor, was at Guadalcanal and Tulagi in the Solomon Islands and on to the Philippines. **She swept more Japanese mines than any other ship.** Ray received our Country's Purple Heart. After the war, Ray returned home and worked on the M&StL railroad, for his dad in his blacksmith shop, and retired from Butler's in Galesburg as a welder and crane operator. Ray married his high school sweetheart, Jean Smith, on April 29, 1941. After 29 years of marriage, she preceded him on August 13, 1970. He married Geri Morris in December, 1971. She preceded him on December 24, 2012. He was also preceded by his parents, an infant daughter, Jerry Faye Chewning, on June 21, 1966, one grandson, Patrick J. Adams, son of his daughter Janna LaFrance and Jack Adams, his son-in-law who passed away in 1993. Five brothers and one sister also preceded him. He is survived by two sons; John E. of Dwight, Joe (Crystal) Spring Valley, CA, two daughters; Janna (Greg) LaFrance of Downers Grove, Judy (Terry) McGinnes of Monmouth, three grandsons, two granddaughters, three great-grandsons, four great-granddaughters, on great-great granddaughter, and one great-great grandson. Several nieces and nephews also survive, including Patricia Thompson, "Butch" Chewning, and Jim Cokel. Ray love to fish, garden, and travel.*

*Services: Services are currently pending and will be announced at a later date. In honor of Ray's wishes, cremation was accorded.*