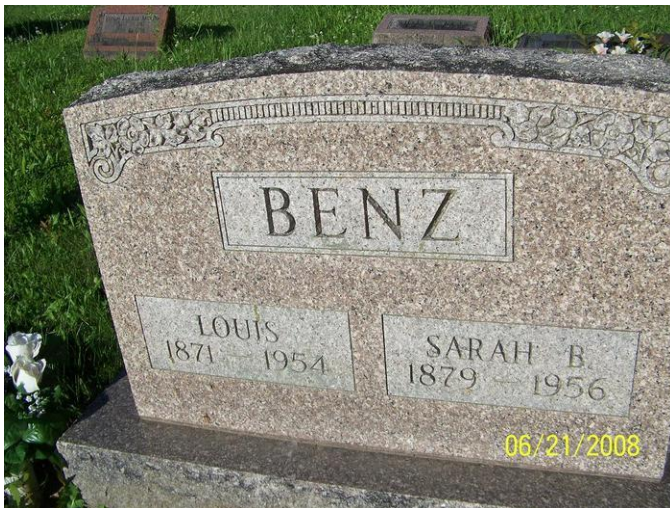


**The Children of**  
**Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning**  
**Siblings of Moses William Chewning**

**October 17, 2023**

1. John Washington Chewning: Granville Washington through John Benjamin
2. John Washington Chewning: Bettie Vinson
3. John Washington Chewning: Theodosia through Moses William
4. John Washington Chewning: Sarah Boonie through Charles Louis
5. Catherine E. Chewning Tucker - James Madison Chewning son Thomas Edward
6. James Madison Chewning: Martha Ellen through Bertha Lee
7. Mary Frances Chewning Noe
8. William Granville Patsy Chewning: through Franklin Pierce
9. William Granville Patsy Chewning: John Henry through Ralph "Blackie"
10. Elizabeth A. Bettie Chewning – Stephen A. Douglass Chewning

**Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz**  
**Daughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**  
**Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning**



Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz stone, Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO



Marvin H Benz, Virginia Katherine Donnel, James Claude Donnel, Earl Lyle Benz, Bakersfield, CA 1939-1941

Marvin and Earl were sons of Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz, sister to Theodosia Ernest Chewning Burnett; therefore, these kids were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins.

I presume Marvin and Earl were in California due to their military training, although if the dates of this photo are correct, then that would be prior to their enlistment.

Sarah – Boonie - was living with her brother, George Kindel Chewning in 1900:

**1900 census, Williams Twp., Benton County, MO**

George K. Chewning, 26, b. 6/1873, m. 1, b. in MO, father b. in PA, mother b. in IN, lead and zinc miner, rents home

Minnie B. Chewning, 20, b. 12/1879, m. 1, 0 children b., b. in TN, parents b. in TN

Sarah B. Chewning, 21, sister, b. 3/1879, b. in MO, father b. in PA, mother b. in IN

1821 Geo. D. Barnard & Co., Prs., St. Louis. 271

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
 County of Benton } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Louis Benz of Lincoln in the County of Benton and State of Missouri who is over 21 the age of twenty-one years; and Sarah B. Chewning of Lincoln in the County of Benton and State of Missouri who is over 18 the age of eighteen years.

*F.S.* WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Warsaw this 7 day of November 1 1900  
 By Arthur Biddle Deputy. Geo. U. Freund  
 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss. This is to certify that the undersigned a Justice of the Peace did, at Warsaw in said County, on the 7th day of Nov A. D. 1900, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States, and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 7th day of November A. D. 1900.  
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 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz marr. cert

**1910 census, Williams Twp., Benton County, MO**

Louis Benz, 38, m. 1, m. 9 yrs, b. in MO, father b. in Germany, mother b. in MO, farmer, farm, owns farm, mortgage

Sarah Benz, 31, m. 1, m. 9 yrs, 5 children b., 5 living, b. in MO, father b. in VA, mother b. in IN,

Dora, 8, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Leon, 5,

Clarence, 4,

Earnest, 2,

Warren, 1/6

**1920 census, Elk Fork Twp., Benton County, MO**

Louis Benz, 48, farm, mortgage, b. in MO, father b. in Germany, Dutch, mother b. in MO, farmer

Sarah B. Benz, 40, b. in MO, father b. in PA, mother b. in IN,

Nora E., 18, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Leon E., 15, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Clarence V., 14, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Ernest L., 12, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Warren E., 10, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Hillard M., 8, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Clyde C., 5, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

Earl L., 3, b. in MO, parents b. in MO

A little article in the Sedalia paper concerning the Benz' is under the 'LaMonte, Rte 2 Items' heading.

**1930 census, Elk Fork Twp., Benton County, MO**

Louis L. Benz, 58, m. at 28, b. in MO, father b. in Germany, mother b. in MO, farmer, general farm, not a veteran

Sarah B. Benz, 51, m. at 21, b. in MO, father b. in VA, mother b. in MO,

Dora E., 29, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, teacher, public school

Leon, 25, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, laborer, general farm

Ernest L., 23, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, laborer, general farm

Hillard M., 17, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, laborer, general farm

Clyde L., 15, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, laborer, general farm

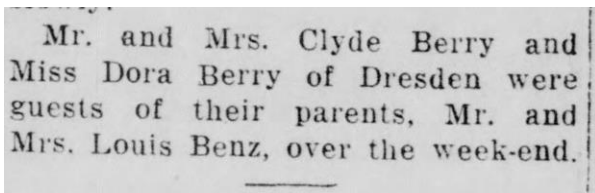
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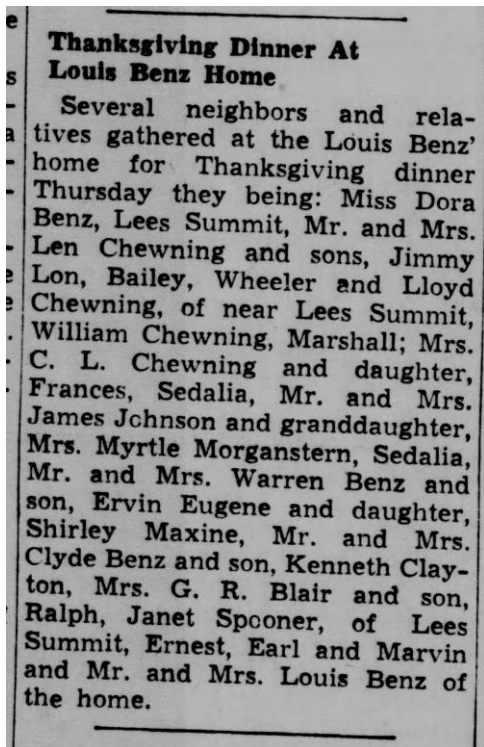
Now the Benzes are under the Green Ridge column in the Sedalia paper.



Clyde Benz, marr. ann., The Sedalia Democrat, 10.21.1935



Clyde Benz, Dora Benz, Louis and Sarah Chewning Benz, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 12.6.1935



Louis and Sarah Boonville Chewning Benz and family, The Sedalia Democrat, 11.26.1939

**1940 census, Dresden, Pettis, MO**

Louis Benz, 68, rents home, \$8, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935,  
Sarah B. Benz\*, 60, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, housework,  
Ernest L., 31, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 40 hrs/wk, presser, overall factory, 44 wks, \$616 income  
Earl, 22, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 44 hrs/wk, farm laborer, farm, 52 wks, \$600 income  
Marvin H., 19, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 40 hrs/wk, farm laborer, paper hanging, 44 wks, \$620 income



Private Earl Benz, (left) Ft. Lawton, Washington, who was inducted into the army September 1, 1942, has completed his basic training received at Camp Roberts. His brother Private Marvin Benz, (right) Shepard Field, Texas, is a mechanic in the United States Army Air Corps. He was inducted into the service from Kansas City last October 27.

The two soldiers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden.

Earl, Marvin Benz, WWII, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 1.29.1943

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SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Cpl. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of LaMonte, has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics at North American Aviation Factory school, Inglewood, Calif., and now is prepared to blast the Axis. This is one of the many schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians who maintain our bomber and fighter planes in perfect combat condition. He is now eligible to become crew chief on a bomber and to win a higher rating.

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Marvin H. Benz, WWII, The Sedalia Democrat, 5.25.1943.1

Cpl. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, of Dresden Mo., has completed his schooling in the North American aviation school at Inglewood, Calif. Upon his graduation he was made a crew chief, and about June 1 his plane came to Kansas City, where he stopped for a few days' leave.

On Saturday, June 5, his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benz, 207 East Seventh street, Sedalia, drove to Kansas City, taking his parents with them. On Sunday they were joined in the home of another son, Hillard Benz, and his family, by the following family members: Miss Dora Benz, of Warrensburg, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Benz, Ervin Eugene, and Shirley Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benz, Kenneth, Dan, and Marjorie Ann, and a cousin, Miss Marie Donnel, all of Kansas City.

Cpl. Benz departed by plane for Tennessee after his visit.

Another son, Earl L. Benz, who was drafted into the armed forces in August, 1942, is now overseas, after receiving his training at Seattle, Wash.

Marvin H. Benz, The Sedalia Democrat, 6.13.1943



A dinner in his honor was given last Sunday at the home of Louis Benz, at which the following were present: Miss Ethel Crowell and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benz and family, of Kansas City; Mrs. Gordon Blair and son, Ralph, of LaMonte; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunter and family, Mrs. Myrtle Morgenstern, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benz and Mrs. C. L. Chewning, of Sedalia; Mr. and Mrs. Warren Benz and family, of Knob Noster; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz and Dora Benz of the home, and Sgt. Benz.

Louis Benz dinner, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.17.1943

Son missing in action, presumed dead



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Marvin H. Benz, WWII, missing, The Sedalia Democrat, 4.5.1944

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Marvin H. Benz, WWII, missing, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 4.7.1944

## Sgt. M. H. Benz Reported Dead

Word that Staff Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, 23 years old, has been killed in action has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden through the Red Cross from Germany. The young man had been reported missing since March 20 on a mission over Germany. He was in the United States Army Air Corps.

Sergeant Benz was born on a farm south of LaMonte and had lived there and also in the Green Ridge and Dresden communities. He attended the Green Ridge high school, and previous to his enlistment was a filling station attend-

ant in Kansas City. He entered service on October 27, 1942 and has been stationed in England since January 1944.

Surviving are his parents, and the following brothers and sister, Pvt. Earnest Benz, Samp Blanding, Fla., Pvt. Earl Benz in the army in Alaska, Hillard Benz and Clyde Benz both of Kansas City, Clarence Benz of the state of California, Lynn Benz of the state of Arizona, and Miss Dora Benz of the home.

A letter was received by Sgt. Benz's mother after he was reported missing from the army chaplain in England.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, dead, The Sedalia Democrat, 5.8.1944

## *Killed In Action*



**Staff Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, 23 years old, who was killed in action on March 20 on a mission over Germany. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden, was in the United States Army Air Corps, entering services on October 27, 1942 and had been overseas in England since January of this year.**

Marvin H. Benz, obit, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 5.19.1944

### **Sgt. Earl Benz III**

Sgt. Earl Benz, who has been spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden and other relatives, is confined to the army hospital in Leavenworth, Kas. He became ill with pneumonia while visiting relatives in Kansas City on Saturday.

Sgt. Benz has been stationed on the Aleutian islands and Alaska since February 1943 and recently returned to the States.

Earl Benz, WWII, The Sedalia Democrat, 4.17.1945

## **Body of Sgt. Benz Is Returned**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden, Mo., has been returned from Europe aboard the U. S. Army Transport Carroll Victory and will arrive here within the next two or three weeks and be taken to the Ewing Funeral home.

Sgt. Benz was inducted into service in 1943. He was later sent over seas and was killed in the spring of 1944 at Frankfurt, Germany.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.8.1948

### **Sgt. Marvin Benz**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, who was killed while on a mission over Frankfort, Germany, March 20, 1944, will arrive in Sedalia, Friday morning at 8:38 o'clock and will be taken to the Ewing funeral home.

Sgt. Benz was born near LaMonte, June 30, 1920, the son of Louis and Sarah Chewing Benz. He attended the Pettis county schools and was employed in Kansas City for a time prior to his entering the service.

He was inducted in the army at Jefferson Barracks, October 27, 1942 and was sent overseas with the Eighth Air Force, December, 24, 1943. He was on his fifth mission as a gunner and crew chief when his plane went down over Frankfort, March 20, 1944.

Sgt. Benz was awarded the purple heart, the president's unit citation and five battle stars.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, Dresden; seven brothers, Leon Benz and Earl Benz, Missoula, Montana, Clarence Benz, Santa Rosa, California, Clyde Benz, Kansas City, Ernest Benz, Sedalia, Warren Benz, Knob Noster, Hillard Benz, Montserrat, Mo.; one sister, Dora Benz, Dresden.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Dresden at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The American Legion Post No. 342 will be in charge of the services at the grave assisted by Post 520 of LaMonte.

Interment will be in the Dresden cemetery.

The body will remain at the Ewing funeral home until time to leave for the service.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.28.1948

### **Sgt. Marvin H. Benz**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, Dresden, arrived in Sedalia at 8:38 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Staff Sgt. G. Alexander, and was taken to the Ewing funeral home. Sgt. Benz was killed in action March 20, 1944, when his plane went down over Frankfort, Germanu. It was his fifth mission as a gunner and crew chief.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at Dresden at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Carl Opp will officiate, assisted by Rev. Walter P. Arnold.

Mrs. Hazel Lazenby will be in charge of the music.

Friends who will serve as pallbearers will be Ralph Blair, Dick Whitfield, John Earl Farris, Clark Romig, Burton Hubert Russell and Earl Hunter.

American Legion, Post 342 of Sedalia, assisted by Post 520 of LaMonte, will be in charge of the services at the grave.

Interment will be in the Dresden cemetery.

The body will remain at the Ewing funeral home until the hour of the service.

Marvin H. Benz, WWI, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.29.1948

50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

## *Anniversary*



Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, of Dresden, will observe their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, November 5, and will hold open house from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon. (Photo by Cole's Studio)



# Social Events

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, November 5 at their home in Dresden.

Mr. and Mrs. Benz were married at Warsaw, November 7, 1900.

The couple entertained the following children at dinner: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benz and family and Mr. and Mrs. Hillard Benz and family of Kansas City; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Benz and son of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Warren Benz of Knob Noster; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benz and daughter and Miss Dora Benz of the home. Two sons, Leon Benz of Browning, Mont., and Earl Benz of Eugene, Ore., were unable to attend. Earl telephoned from Oregon.

The home was decorated with bowls of flowers sent by neighbors and friends. The dining table was covered by a lace cloth and centered by two large three tiered cakes, decorated with gold flowers and golden wedding decorations.

Cake and punch was served the two hundred guests who attended "open house" in the afternoon.

Rev. Carl Opp, pastor of the Dresden Methodist church, officiated at the fiftieth wedding ceremony before a large group of friends.

The couple received many gifts.

Louis d. 1954

Saturday. He had been a patient at the hospital for the past six days.

Mr. Benz was born in Benton County, near Cole Camp, Dec. 8, 1871, son of the late August and Elizabeth Schnabel Benz.

He was married at Warsaw Nov. 7, 1900 to Miss Sarah B. Chewing. They were the parents of ten children. One son died in infancy and another son, Sgt. Marvin Benz, was killed in action in Germany March 20, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Benz lived on a farm near Lincoln in their early married life and in 1917 moved to a farm south of La Monte. In 1932 they moved to Green Ridge where they resided until 1937 when they moved to the present home at Dresden.

Mr. Benz was a member of the Methodist Church at Dresden.

He is survived by his wife; one daughter, Miss Dora Benz, Blue Springs; seven sons, Leon Benz, Casper, Wyo.; Clarence Benz, Santa Rosa, Calif., Ernest Benz, Sedalia, Warren Benz, Knob Noster, Hillard Benz, Kansas City, Clyde Benz, Kansas City, Kan., and Earl Benz, Roseburg, Ore; fifteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. Benz was one of a family of eight and he was preceded in death by all his brothers and sisters.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed, pending the arrival of the sons from the west coast.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

**Louis Benz**

Louis Benz, 82, well known retired farmer of Dresden, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 6:55 a.m.

Louis Benz, obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.3.1954.1

### **Louis Benz Services**

Funeral services for Louis Benz, 82, Dresden, who died at the Bothwell Hospital Saturday, were held at the Methodist Church in Dresden at 3 p.m. Tuesday. The Rev. J. W. Cox, pastor of the Methodist Church in Dresden, officiated.

Mrs. Richard Mills, Mrs. Olan Dorrance, Fritz Hintz and Clarence Evans sang "Beyond the Sunset", "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Shadows", accompanied by Mrs. D. E. Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers were C. W. Wiseman, B. E. Hunter, C. J. Lemler, George Farris, William Arnold Henry Bolton, J. L. Anderson and Gordon Blair.

Active pallbearers were H. A. Cook, George Feaster, C. E. Ferguson, Oscar Kemp, Frank Van Natta and Ralph Blair.

Burial was in Dresden Cemetery.

The body was at the Ewing Funeral home until the hour of the service.

Louis Benz, funeral, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.5.1954

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THE DIVISION OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

State File No. 2253

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

BIRTH NO.		REG. DIST. NO. 274	PRIMARY REG. DIST. NO. 3452	Registrar's No. 48
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY Pettis		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE Missouri b. COUNTY Pettis c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) Dresden, Missouri		
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) Sedalia		c. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) Dresden, Missouri		
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION Bothwell Hospital		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location)		
3. NAME OF DECEASED a. (First) LOUIS		b. (Middle) BENZ		c. (Last) BENZ
4. DATE OF DEATH Jan. 2, 1954				
5. SEX Male	6. COLOR OR RACE White	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) Married	8. DATE OF BIRTH Dec. 8, 1871	9. AGE (In years last birthday) 82
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) Farmer Retired		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Agriculture		11. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Benton County, Mo.
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? U.S.A.		13a. FATHER'S NAME August Benz		
13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Elizabeth Schnabel		14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE Sarah Chewning Benz		
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (If yes, give war or dates of service) NO		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. None		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE OR NAME AND ADDRESS Bora Benz, Dresden, Mo. (dau.)
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.				
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) Carcinoma of Stomach with repeated metastasis		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 5 days of 48 hours of 4 days		
ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last.		DUE TO (b)		
DUE TO (c)		II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death.		
19a. DATE OF OPERATION		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION 151X		20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE (Specify)		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)		21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)
21d. TIME OF INJURY (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) m.		21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?
22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Dec. 30, 1953, to Jan 2, 1954, that I last saw the deceased alive on Jan 1, 1954, and that death occurred at 4:30 m., from the causes and on the date stated above.				
23a. SIGNATURE David R. Edwards MD		23b. ADDRESS Sedalia Mo		23c. DATE SIGNED 1/2/54
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial		24b. DATE 1/5/54		24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY Dreden Cemetery
24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) Dresden, Mo.		25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS Sedalia, Mo.		
DATE/REG. BY LOCAL REG. 1/5/54		REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE W. G. Campbell MD		25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE AND ADDRESS Sedalia, Mo.

Louis Benz death cert

Letters of administration were also issued in the estate of the late Louis Benz, who died Jan. 2. A daughter, Dora E. Benz, Dresden, was named administratrix.

Heirs include the daughter, the widow, Mrs. Sarah B. Benz, also of Dresden, and seven sons, Leon E., Casper, Wyo., Clarence V., Santa Rosa, Calif., Ernest L., 325 North Park, Warren E., Knob Noster, Hillard M., Hickman Mills, Clyde C., Kansas City, Kan., and Earl L., Roseburg, Ore.

Attorney for the estate is Harold W. Barrick.

Louis Benz, estate, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.7.1954

**Mrs. Sarah Benz**

Mrs. Sarah Benz, 77, Dresden, died at the Bothwell Hospital at 9:00 p. m. Monday. She had been a patient at the hospital for the past ten days.

Mrs Benz was born in Cooper County near Boonville, March 26, 1879. She was the last one of a family of 12 children.

She was married at Warsaw, Mo., Nov. 7, 1900, to Louis Benz. They were the parents of ten children. One son, Glenn Benz, died in infancy and another son, Sgt. Marvin Benz, killed in action in Germany during World War II, March 20, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. Benz made their home in Benton County until 1917 when they moved to a farm south of LaMonte. They had resided in Dresden since 1937. Mr. Benz died Jan. 2, 1954.

Mrs. Benz was a member of the Dresden Baptist Church.

Mrs. Benz is survived by one daughter, Miss Dora Benz, North Kansas City, Mo.; seven sons, Leon Benz of Casper Wyo., Clarence Benz, of Santa Rosa, Calif., Ernest Benz of Dresden, with whom she had been residing, Warren Benz of Knob Noster, Hillard Benz of Kansas City, Mo., Clyde Benz, of Kansas City, Kan., and Earl Benz of Roseburg, Ore. Seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

The body was taken to the Ewing Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Baptist Church in Dresden. Burial will be in the Dresden Cemetery. The body will remain at the Ewing Funeral Home until time for the services.

Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 4.10.1956

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b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <u>TOWN SEDALIA</u>		c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) _____	c. CITY OR TOWN <u>DRESDEN</u>	d. Is Residence within limits of city or incorporated town? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>BOTHWELL HOSPITAL</u>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>None</u>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) <u>Sarah</u> b. (Middle) <u>Chewning</u> c. (Last) <u>Benz</u>		4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) (Day) (Year) <u>April 9, 1956</u>		
5. SEX <u>Female</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED, DIVORCED (Specify) <u>Widowed</u>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>March 26, 1879</u>	
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (How kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Housewife</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Home</u>	11. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) <u>Cooper, County, Mo.</u>	12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>USA</u>
13a. FATHER'S NAME <u>John W. Chewning</u>		13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Margaret Rogers</u>	14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Louis Benz</u>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or date of service) <u>None</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <u>None</u>	17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE OR NAME <u>Dora Benz, North Kansas City, Mo.</u>	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c))		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION		
I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Terminal pneumonia</u>		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>5 days</u>		
*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS		
ANTECEDENT CAUSES		DUE TO (b) <u>Intertrochanteric fracture of femur 8 days</u>		
DUE TO (c) _____		III. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION		
19a. DATE OF OPERATION <u>4-8-56</u>		19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION <u>Hypertensive Cardiovascular dis. 10 yrs</u>		
21a. ACCIDENT (Specify) <u>None</u>		21b. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) <u>Home</u>		
21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) <u>Dresden</u> (COUNTY) <u>Pettis</u> (STATE) <u>Mo.</u>		20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
21d. TIME OF INJURY _____		21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR? <u>Fell at home</u>		22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>4/2</u> , 19 <u>56</u> , to <u>4/9</u> , 19 <u>56</u> , that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>4/9</u> , 19 <u>56</u> and that death occurred at <u>8 P.M.</u> , from the causes and on the date stated above.		
23a. SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u> (Print name and title) <u>MA</u>		23b. ADDRESS <u>Sedalia Mo.</u>		
23c. DATE SIGNED <u>4/9/56</u>		24. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>		
24b. DATE <u>4/14/56</u>		24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Dresden Cemetery</u>		
24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) <u>Dresden, Missouri</u>		25. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u>		
DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <u>4-13-56</u>		25. STATE DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>[Signature]</u> ADDRESS <u>Sedalia, Mo.</u>		

Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz death cert

**Children of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz**  
**Grandchildren of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**  
**Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning**

1. Dora Etta Benz, b. 9/23/1901, MO; d. 4/6/1985, Independence, Jackson, MO; buried in Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO.
2. Leon Edwin Benz, b. 10/2/1904, Lincoln Twp., Benton County, MO; m. Susanah Lenore Sue Anspach Roulge, 8/22/1936, Riverton, Fremont, WY; d. 4/23/1997, Corvallis, Benton, MO; buried in
3. Clarence Vernon Benz, b. 10/24/1905, Benton County, MO; m. Blanche I. Carver, 1/4/1928, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 12/19/1972, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA; buried in Santa Rosa Memorial Park, Santa Rosa, Sonoma, CA.
4. Ernest Lyle Benz, b. 1/30/1908, Benton County, MO; m. Mary Louise Rouchka, 10/12/1940, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 10/10/1991; buried in Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO.
5. Warren Ervin Benz, b. 3/19/1910, Lincoln, Benton, MO; m. Stella Novella Dollie Morgenstern, 4/9/1933, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 12/27/1994, Adrian, Bates, MO; buried in Warrensburg Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Warrensburg, Johnson, MO.

6. Hillard Martin Benz, b. 4/12/1912, Benton County, MO; m. Ora Alice Coats, 4/29/1939, Jackson County, MO; d. 1/3/1993, Kansas City, Jackson, MO; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson, MO.
7. Clyde Clayton Benz, b. 5/4/1914, MO; m. Verchel Ora Snapp, 10/18/1935, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 1/1982, Kanas City, Wyandotte, KS; buried in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS.
8. Earl Lyle Benz, b. 1/20/1917, LaMonte, Pettis, MO; m. Doreen Alice Reardon, 6/8/1946, Missoula, Missoula, MT; d. 11/18/1979, Lebanon, Linn, OR;
9. Glenn C. Benz, b. 4/10/1919. MO; d. 4/10/1919, MO; buried in Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO.
10. Marvin H. Benz, b. 6/30/1921, near LaMonte, Pettis, MO; d. 3/20/1944, Germany; buried in Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO.

**Dora Etta Benz**

**Daughter of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz**

**Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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Dora Etta Benz stone, Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO

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## **Leon Edwin Benz**

Leon Edwin Benz, 92, of Corvallis, died April 23 at the Corvallis Manor Nursing Home.

Inurement will be private at his request.

He was born Oct. 2, 1904 in Lincoln, Mo., the second of ten children and the eldest of Lewis and Sarah Chewing Benz. He was raised on a farm, and moved west during the depression to Wyoming, where he met and married Susanah Anspach Rogle on Aug. 22, 1936 in Riverton, Wyom.

They lived in Wyoming, Montana, Utah, California, Arizona and Nevada before settling in Lebanon in 1963. In Lebanon, he owned and operated a dump truck business until his retirement in 1972. The couple moved to Corvallis in February 1991.

His wife preceded him in death in December 1991. He was also preceded in death by all of his siblings.

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### **Clarence Vernon Benz**

**Son of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewing Benz**

**Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewing**

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

## Clarence Vernon Benz

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Clarence Vernon Benz, 67, died here Dec. 19.

He was born in 1905 at Lincoln, Mo., son of Louis and Sarah Benz. He moved to a farm near LaMonte. Mr. Benz married Blanche Carver in 1928 at LaMonte. They spent their married life in California.

He is survived by his wife, of the home; one son, Leroy Benz, state of California; two granddaughters; six brothers, Leon Benz and Earl Benz, both of Lebanon, Ore.; Warren Benz, Warrensburg; Earnest Benz, 817 West Third, Sedalia; Clyde Benz, Kansas City, Kan.; Hillard Benz, Wheatland; and one sister, Miss Dora Benz, North Kansas City.

Funeral services and burial were held at Santa Rosa.

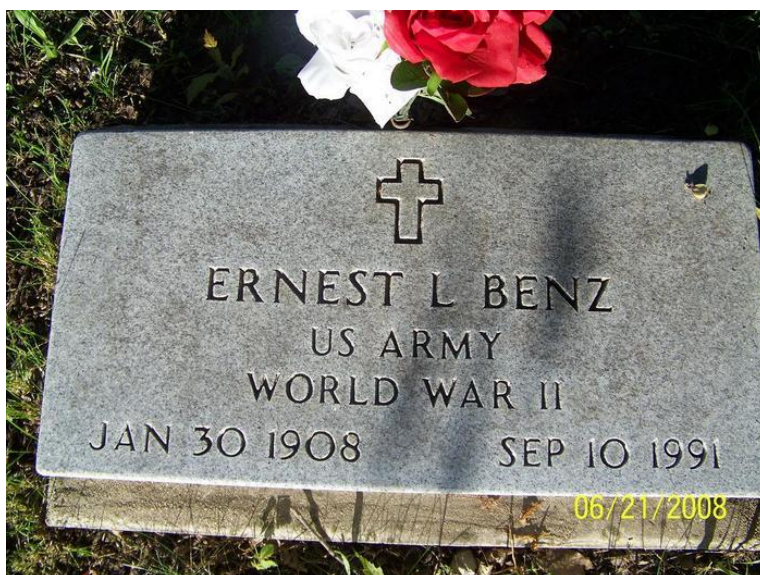
Clarence Vernon Benz obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 12.26.1972

### Ernest L. Benz

Son of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz

Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning

Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning



Ernest Lyle Benz stone, Cavalry Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO



Michael Lewis Benz stone, Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO

**Service s For Benz Baby**  
Graveside services for Michael Lewis Benz, 4 months old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Benz, 706 East Tenth street, who died at the Bothwell hospital Thursday morning, will be held at Calvary cemetery at 3:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon.  
The Rev Father J. T. Nolan will officiate. Cousins will serve as pallbearers, Ervin Eugene Benz, Kenneth Benz, Billy Joe Brown, Tommie Rouchka, Donnie Rouchka and Jimmie Joe Rouchka.  
Interment will be in the Rouchka family lot beside the grave of his grandmother, the late Mrs. Mary Rouchka.  
The body is at the home of the grandfather, Joseph Rouchka, 1600 East Broadway.

Michael Lewis Benz, obit, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 6.21.1946

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21070

Registration District No. 274 Primary Registration District No. 3052 State File No. Registrar's No. 200

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

1. PLACE OF DEATH:

(a) County Pettis  
 (b) City or town Sedalia  
 (If outside city or town limits, write "RURAL" and name of township)  
 (c) Name of hospital or institution: Bothwell Hospital  
 (If not in hospital or institution, write street number or location)  
 (d) Length of stay: in hospital or institution 5 minutes  
 In this community lifetime  
 (Specify whether years, months or days)

3. (a) PRINT FULL NAME Michael Lewis Benz  
 (b) If veteran, name war none  
 (c) Social Security No. none

4. Sex Male 5. Color or race White 6. (a) Single, widowed, married, divorced Baby  
 6. (b) Name of husband or wife \*\*\*\*\* 6. (c) Age of husband or wife if alive \*\*\*\*\* years

7. Birth date of deceased February 12, 1946  
 (Month) (Day) (Year)

8. AGE: Years Months Days If less than one day  
0 4 8 hr. min.

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

10. Usual occupation \*\*\*\*\*

11. Industry or business \*\*\*\*\*

MOTHER {  
 FATHER { 12. Name Ernest L. Benz  
 13. Birthplace Benton County, Mo.  
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)  
 14. Maiden name Mary Rouchka  
 15. Birthplace Plattsmouth, Nebraska  
 (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant Ernest L. Benz (Father)  
 (b) Address 706 East 10th, Sedalia, Mo.

17. (a) Burial (b) Date thereof 6/22/46  
 (Burial, cremation, or removal) (Month) (Day) (Year)  
 (c) Place: burial or cremation Calvary Cemetery

18. (a) Signature of funeral director Shirley Ewing  
 (b) Address Sedalia, Mo.

19. (a) 6/22/46 (b) Betty Yeager  
 (Date received local registrar) (Registrar's signature)  
 251 (Licensed Embalmer's Statement on Reverse Side)

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED:

(a) State Missouri (b) County Pettis  
 (c) City or town Sedalia  
 (If outside city or town limits, write "RURAL")  
 (d) Street No. 706 East 10th  
 (If rural, give location)  
 (e) Citizen of foreign country? No. (Yes or No)  
 If yes, name country \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION

20. DATE OF DEATH: Month June day 20  
 year 1946 hour 9:30 minute A. M.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from June 13, 1946 to June 20, 1946  
 that I last saw him alive on June 16, 1946  
 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.

Immediate cause of death: Enterocolitis Acute Duration \_\_\_\_\_

Due to \_\_\_\_\_

Due to \_\_\_\_\_

Other conditions (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death) \_\_\_\_\_

Major findings: \_\_\_\_\_

Of operations: \_\_\_\_\_

Of autopsy: \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICIAN  
 Underline the cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes, fill in the following:

(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (b) Date of occurrence \_\_\_\_\_  
 (c) Where did injury occur? \_\_\_\_\_  
 (City or town) (County) (State)  
 (d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place?  
 While at work \_\_\_\_\_ (Specify type of place)  
 (e) Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

23. Signature A. L. Walter (M. D. or other) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Sedalia, Mo. Date signed 6-22-46

Michael Lewis Benz death cert

Warren Ervin Benz  
Son of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz  
Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning  
Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning



Warren Ervin Benz stone, Warrensburg Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Warrensburg, Johnson, MO

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
 County of Pettis, }  
 Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between

**Warren E. Benz** of **Green Ridge,** in the County of  
**Pettis** and State of **Missouri** who is **over,** the age of twenty-one years

and **Dollie N. Morgenstern.** of **Sedalia,** in the County of  
**Pettis** and State of **Missouri** who is **over** the age of **21** years.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed at my office in **Sedalia,**  
 this **4th** day of **April** 19 **33.** Recorder of Deeds.  
 (SEAL) **John E. Bohon**

By **Naomi Tanksley,** Deputy

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
 County of **Pettis.** }  
 Minister did at **Sedalia,** in said County, on the  
**4th** day of **April** A. D. 19 **33** unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further  
 certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to Solemnize Marriages.  
**Rev. D.E. Dillow.**

Filed for Record this **6th** day of **April** 19 **33**  
**John E. Bohon** Recorder

Warren Ervin Benz marr. cert

**Warren Ervin Benz, obit**

*Warren Ervin Benz, 84 of Adrian, formerly of Warrensburg, died Tuesday, December 27, 1994, at the Adrian Manor Nursing Home. He was born on March 19, 1910, in Lincoln, the son of Louis Benz and Sarah Boonville Chewning Benz.*

*He and Dollie N. Morgenstern were married on April 4, 1933, in Sedalia.*

*Mr. Benz had been living in Adrian the last four years after moving from Warrensburg. He lived in Warrensburg nearly 40 years and prior to Warrensburg, he lived in Knob Noster. He was a retired farmer and had retired from Missouri Cities Water Co. in 1975. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Warrensburg and a member of the Baptist Kitchenaires Band.*

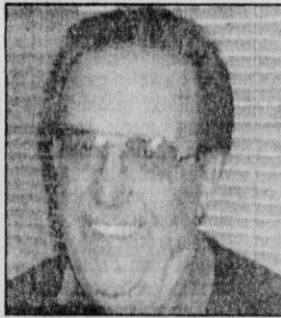
*Survivors include his wife Dollie Benz, of the home; one son Ervin E. Benz of Crane, MO; one daughter, Mrs. Charles (Shirley) Disney of Adrian, MO; one brother Leon Benz of Corvallis, OR; nine grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.*

*He was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.*

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*CLINTON (MO) DAILY DEMOCRAT, Dec/1994*

## Obituaries



### Rev. Ervin E. Benz

**BILLINGS** - The Rev. Ervin E. Benz, 65, Billings, passed away Wednesday, April 5, 2000, in Cox Medical Center South, Springfield.

He was born Jan. 24, 1935, in Sedalia, and was the son of Warren and Dollie Benz. He attended Southwest Baptist College, Central Missouri State University and Southwestern Theological Seminary. On May 23, 1954, he and Mildred "Micki" Parker were married.

The Rev. Benz served as a Southern Baptist minister for 47 years as pastor of churches in Missouri, Illinois and Florida. He was presently pastor of Morningsstar Baptist Church, Crane. He was past Director of Missions for Tri County Baptist Association. The Rev. Benz was also co-founder of Restaurant Management Services Inc., Springfield.

He was preceded in death by his father, Warren Benz.

Survivors include his wife, Micki; five children, Carol Miller and her husband David, Joplin; David Benz and his wife Shari, Springfield; Melody Benz and Merrilee Benz, both of Battlefield; and Mark Benz and his wife Rhonda, Paducah, Ky.; his mother, Dollie Benz, Adrian, Mo.; his mother-in-law, Florence Parker Gallatin, Chillicothe; a sister, Shirley Dizney and her husband Charles, Adrian; 16 grandchildren, Christie Anglin, Sarah Benz, Ken Kehler, Jonathan Benz, Beki Benz, Kyle Kehler, Steven Benz, Maria Posada, Celia Posada, Jennifer Miller, Kati Benz, Dani Benz, Janella Miller, Derek Benz, Isaac Benz and Julia Posada; three great-grandchildren, Tatum Anglin, Claire Anglin and Luke Saylor; and other relatives and many friends.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, in Nixa First Baptist Church with Drs. Ted Francis and Richard Eakins officiating. Burial will be in Hopedale Cemetery, Ozark. Arrangements are under the direction

of Adams Funeral Home, Nixa. Friends may pay their respects to the Rev. Benz from noon until 1:15 p.m. Saturday in the church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Morningsstar Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 430, Crane, MO 65633.

### Henry Ferd Cooper

**SUMMERSVILLE** - Henry Ferd Cooper, Summersville, was born near Thomasville, Mo., Nov. 29, 1913, and passed away Tuesday, April 4, 2000, at the age of 86 years.

He was the son of George W. and Minnie Elizabeth (Spencer) Cooper. The Cooper family moved near Summersville when Henry was about four years old. He attended school in the Helm District.

Henry went to Lyons, Neb., to pick corn, and remained there for a few years, doing general farm work. He returned to Missouri and was married later to Iva Delores Huffman on May 14, 1938.

Henry and Iva went to work doing domestic work for a family from the state of Pennsylvania, and returned there with them when they moved to Ambler, Pa.

Henry and Iva moved back to St. Louis, Mo., in May 1941. Henry worked for Chevrolet for a while, then for Scullen Steel and for Emerson Electric Turret Division. They moved to a farm in October 1943 in Summersville, where they lived and raised their family.

He had been in failing health for the past three years.

Henry was baptized in the Church of Christ Faith.

He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, George and Minnie Cooper; three brothers, Eli, Elmer and Roy; and five sisters, Maudie Conner, Velma Martin, Edith Pilkenton, Goldie Healey and Bonnie Stuart.

He is survived by Iva, his devoted wife of 61 years; five children, Karen and husband Jim Montgomery, Marilyn and husband Jerry Hunt, Jerry and wife Judy (Wilbanks) Cooper, Calvin and wife Wanda (Kaut) Cooper, and Christa and husband Mike Jackson; 14 grandchildren, James and wife Sarah Montgomery, Diana and husband Steve Robertson, Rodney Hunt and wife Misti, Jason Hunt, Jennifer Hunt, Brad Cooper, Becky and husband Brian Parham, Brent Cooper, Jamie Cooper and wife Lori, Dustin Cooper and wife Misti, Amanda Cooper, Mikela and

Rev. Ervin E Benz obit, TheSpringfieldNewsLeader, 4.7.2000

**Hillard Martin Benz**

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Hillard Martin Benz stone, Memorial Park Cemetery, Kansas City, Jackson, MO

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The two soldiers are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden.

Earl, Marvin Benz, WWII, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 1.29.1943

### **Sgt. Earl Benz III**

Sgt. Earl Benz, who has been spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden and other relatives, is confined to the army hospital in Leavenworth, Kas. He became ill with pneumonia while visiting relatives in Kansas City on Saturday.

Sgt. Benz has been stationed on the Aleutian islands and Alaska since February 1943 and recently returned to the States.

Earl L Benz, WWII, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 4.17.1945

### **Earl L. Benz**

LEBANON — Earl L. Benz, 62, 705 E. Oak St., died Sunday at home after an extended illness.

He was born in Lincoln, Mo. He lived in Roseburg and Springfield before moving to Lebanon 23 years ago.

He was employed as a millwright and was an instructor in an apprenticeship program for millwrights. He last was employed as an assistant business agent of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters Joiners of America, Local 1857, of Portland.

He was a member of Lebanon Elks, American Legion and St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Survivors include wife, Doreen; sons, Thomas, Coos Bay, Jeffery, Moscow, Idaho, and Michael, Redmond; brothers, Leon, Lebanon, Hillard, Ernest, Clyde and Warren, all in Missouri; sister, Dora Benz, Kansas City, Mo.; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. today in St. Edward's Catholic Church. Jost mortuary is in charge of arrangements. The family suggests contributions to American Legion Post 51 for hospital equipment.

Earl Lyle Benz obit, Salem, OR, Statesman Journal, 11.20.1979

Warren Ervin Benz obit from FAG:

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*Benton County*

*Missouri, USA*

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Clyde Clayton and Verchel Ora Snapp Benz stone, Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, Kansas City, Wyandotte, KS

**GREEN RIDGE COUPLE WED  
HERE FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

Miss Verchel Snapp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Snapp, and Clyde Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Green Ridge, were married here at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon, the Rev. Sumners of this city officiating.

They were accompanied here for the nuptials by the bride's mother, and following the marriage a wedding repast was served that evening. The couple will reside at Dresden.

Clyde Clayton Benz, marr. ann., TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.21.1935



Clyde Clayton and Verchel Ora Snapp Benz

**Glenn C. Benz**

**Son of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz**

**Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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



Glenn C Benz stone, Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO

**Marvin H. Benz**

**Son of Louis and Sarah Boonville Boonie Chewning Benz**

**Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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

Marvin H. Benz, b. 6/30/1921, near LaMonte, Pettis, MO; d. 3/20/1944, Germany; buried in Dresden Cemetery, Dresden, Pettis, MO.

Marvin enlisted in the service during WWII, and died in Germany. There are a series of articles concerning him, that I also put in his parents' section, above.

**1940 census, Dresden, Pettis, MO**

Louis Benz, 68, rents home, \$8, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935,

Sarah B. Benz\*, 60, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, housework,

Ernest L., 31, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 40 hrs/wk, presser, overall factory, 44 wks, \$616 income

Earl, 22, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 44 hrs/wk, farm laborer, farm, 52 wks, \$600 income

Marvin H., 19, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, private work, 40 hrs/wk, farm laborer, paper hanging, 44 wks, \$620 income



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Earl, Marvin Benz, WWII, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 1.29.1943

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SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Cpl. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of LaMonte, has graduated from an intensive course in aviation mechanics at North American Aviation Factory school, Inglewood, Calif., and now is prepared to blast the Axis. This is one of the many schools in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command which trains the specialist technicians who maintain our bomber and fighter planes in perfect combat condition. He is now eligible to become crew chief on a bomber and to win a higher rating.

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Marvin H. Benz, WWII, The Sedalia Democrat, 5.25.1943.1



Cpl. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, of Dresden Mo., has completed his schooling in the North American aviation school at Inglewood, Calif. Upon his graduation he was made a crew chief, and about June 1 his plane came to Kansas City, where he stopped for a few days' leave.

On Saturday, June 5, his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Benz, 207 East Seventh street, Sedalia, drove to Kansas City, taking his parents with them. On Sunday they were joined in the home of another son, Hillard Benz, and his family, by the following family members: Miss Dora Benz, of Warrensburg, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Benz, Ervin Eugene, and Shirley Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benz, Kenneth, Dan, and Marjorie Ann, and a cousin, Miss Marie Donnel, all of Kansas City.

Cpl. Benz departed by plane for Tennessee after his visit.

Another son, Earl L. Benz, who was drafted into the armed forces in August, 1942, is now overseas, after receiving his training at Seattle, Wash.

Marvin H. Benz, The Sedalia Democrat, 6.13.1943

**Missing in action, presumed dead**



## Sgt. M. H. Benz Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, Dresden, Mo., have received a message from the war department, notifying them their son Sergeant Marvin H. Benz, 27-year-old, is reported as missing in action.

The message stated that Sergeant Benz had been officially reported missing following a mission over Germany on March 20. He was in the United States Army Air Corps.

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## Sgt. M. H. Benz Reported Dead

Word that Staff Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, 23 years old, has been killed in action has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden through the Red Cross from Germany. The young man had been reported missing since March 20 on a mission over Germany. He was in the United States Army Air Corps.

Sergeant Benz was born on a farm south of LaMonte and had lived there and also in the Green Ridge and Dresden communities. He attended the Green Ridge high school, and previous to his enlistment was a filling station attend-

ant in Kansas City. He entered service on October 27, 1942 and has been stationed in England since January 1944.

Surviving are his parents, and the following brothers and sister. Pvt. Earnest Benz, Samp Blanding, Fla., Pvt. Earl Benz in the army in Alaska, Hillard Benz and Clyde Benz both of Kansas City, Clarence Benz of the state of California, Lynn Benz of the state of Arizona, and Miss Dora Benz of the home.

A letter was received by Sgt. Benz's mother after he was reported missing from the army chaplain in England.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, dead, The Sedalia Democrat, 5.8.1944

## *Killed In Action*



**Staff Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, 23 years old, who was killed in action on March 20 on a mission over Germany. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden, was in the United States Army Air Corps, entering services on October 27, 1942 and had been overseas in England since January of this year.**

Marvin H. Benz, obit, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 5.19.1944

### **Sgt. Earl Benz III**

Sgt. Earl Benz, who has been spending a 21-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden and other relatives, is confined to the army hospital in Leavenworth, Kas. He became ill with pneumonia while visiting relatives in Kansas City on Saturday.

Sgt. Benz has been stationed on the Aleutian islands and Alaska since February 1943 and recently returned to the States.

Earl Benz, WWII, The Sedalia Democrat, 4.17.1945

## **Body of Sgt. Benz Is Returned**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of Dresden, Mo., has been returned from Europe aboard the U. S. Army Transport Carroll Victory and will arrive here within the next two or three weeks and be taken to the Ewing Funeral home.

Sgt. Benz was inducted into service in 1943. He was later sent over seas and was killed in the spring of 1944 at Frankfurt, Germany.

Funeral arrangements have not been made.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.8.1948

### **Sgt. Marvin Benz**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, who was killed while on a mission over Frankfort, Germany, March 20, 1944, will arrive in Sedalia, Friday morning at 8:38 o'clock and will be taken to the Ewing funeral home.

Sgt. Benz was born near LaMonte, June 30, 1920, the son of Louis and Sarah Chewing Benz. He attended the Pettis county schools and was employed in Kansas City for a time prior to his entering the service.

He was inducted in the army at Jefferson Barracks, October 27, 1942 and was sent overseas with the Eighth Air Force, December, 24, 1943. He was on his fifth mission as a gunner and crew chief when his plane went down over Frankfort, March 20, 1944.

Sgt. Benz was awarded the purple heart, the president's unit citation and five battle stars.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, Dresden; seven brothers, Leon Benz and Earl Benz, Missoula, Montana, Clarence Benz, Santa Rosa, California, Clyde Benz, Kansas City, Ernest Benz, Sedalia, Warren Benz, Knob Noster, Hillard Benz, Montserrat, Mo.; one sister, Dora Benz, Dresden.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Dresden at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The American Legion Post No. 342 will be in charge of the services at the grave assisted by Post 520 of LaMonte.

Interment will be in the Dresden cemetery.

The body will remain at the Ewing funeral home until time to leave for the service.

Marvin H. Benz, WWII, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.28.1948

### **Sgt. Marvin H. Benz**

The body of Sgt. Marvin H. Benz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz, Dresden, arrived in Sedalia at 8:38 o'clock this morning, accompanied by Staff Sgt. G. Alexander, and was taken to the Ewing funeral home. Sgt. Benz was killed in action March 20, 1944, when his plane went down over Frankfort, Germanu. It was his fifth mission as a gunner and crew chief.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church at Dresden at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Rev. Carl Opp will officiate, assisted by Rev. Walter P. Arnold.

Mrs. Hazel Lazenby will be in charge of the music.

Friends who will serve as pallbearers will be Ralph Blair, Dick Whitfield, John Earl Farris, Clark Romig, Burton Hubert Russell and Earl Hunter.

American Legion, Post 342 of Sedalia, assisted by Post 520 of LaMonte, will be in charge of the services at the grave.

Interment will be in the Dresden cemetery.

The body will remain at the Ewing funeral home until the hour of the service.

Marvin H. Benz, WWI, body returned, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.29.1948





Bark Row 1988

Larry & Willard Chewing  
Sons of Charles Lewis/Louis  
Chewing who was a  
son of John W.

Front Row:

Ernest, Warren, & Hillard  
~~the~~ Beng (son of Bonnie Chewing  
Beng) who was daughter of  
John W.

Bonnie was nick name for  
Sarah Boonville Chewing.

Charles Louis/Lewis Chewning  
Son of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning  
Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning

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MARRIAGE LICENSE.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
 County of Morgan } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between Louis Chewning of Cole Camp in the County of Morgan and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Mattie Stone of Cole Camp in the County of Morgan and State of Missouri who is over the age of eighteen years.

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WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Osage this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1908  
 By J. M. Johannes Deputy. M. L. Thomas  
 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
 County of Benton } ss. This is to certify that the undersigned Minister of the Gospel did, at Cole Camp in said County, on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of March A. D. 1908, unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am a citizen of the United States, and legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.

J. A. Sartor, Minister

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1908.  
 By M. L. Thomas Deputy. M. L. Thomas  
 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

St. Louis Market Monday.  
 L. C. Chewning and Mattie Stone  
 were married last Sunday.

Charles Louis and Martha Mattie Stone Chewning, marr., Cole Camp Items, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.2.1908

**1910 census, White Twp., Benton County, MO**

Louis C. Chewning, 28, m. 1., m. 3 yrs, b. in MO, father b. in VA, mother b. in WI, job work, rents house  
 Mattie J. Chewning, 23, m. 1., m. 3 yrs, 3 children b., 3 living, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Opal M., 4, b., 3 living, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Lynn A., 2, b., 3 living, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Maggie M., 4/12, b., 3 living, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

**REGISTRATION CARD**

SERIAL NUMBER **1968** ORDNANCE NUMBER **2913**

**Charles Lewis Chewing**

PERMANENT ADDRESS: **1422 S. Grand Sedalia Pettis Mo.**

Age in Years **35** Date of Birth **April 9<sup>th</sup> 1883**

**RACE**

White	Negro	Oriental	Indian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**U. S. CITIZEN**

Native Born	Naturalized	Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Majority	Declarant	Non-declarant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

PRESENT OCCUPATION **not working** EMPLOYER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

18 PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS: \_\_\_\_\_

19 Name **Mattie Chewing**

NEAREST RELATIVE Address **1422 S. Grand Sedalia Pettis Mo.**

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

P. M. G. O. **Charles Lewis Chewing**

FORM No. 1 (Revised)

**REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

**DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT**

HEIGHT			BUILD			COLOR OF EYES	COLOR OF HAIR
Tall	Medium	Short	Slender	Medium	Stout		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Gray</b>	<b>Brown</b>

20 Have person lost nose, leg, hand, eye, or is he obviously physically disqualified? (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

21 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Frank J. Leaming**  
(Registrar)

Date of Registration **Sept. 12-1918**

(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.)

Charles Louis Chewing WWI reg

**1920 census, Blackwater Twp., Pettis County, MO**

Louis Chewing, 36, rents farm, b. in MO, parents b. in VA, laborer, on farm, wages  
 Mattie Chewing, 34, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Opal, 14, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Len, 12, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Maggie, 9, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Nina, 8, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Nona, 8, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Harry, 3, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Bailey, 0, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
 Lathe H. Stone, 55, hired man, b. in MO, parents b. in MO, on farm, wages  
 Joseph Mccoy, 22, hired man, b. in IL, parents b. in US, laborer, on farm, wages

ago.

**ACTION FOR DAMAGES  
DISMISSED BY PLAINTIFF**

The \$1200 damage suit filed by C. L. Chewning against Ross Swope, called for trial before a jury in circuit court Tuesday afternoon, was dismissed by the plaintiff, after the plaintiff's evidence had been heard. Chewning alleged damages, claiming he had received injuries when his team became frightened at a steam engine whistle, blown by defendant, causing the team to run away.

Lamm and Lamm represented the plaintiff and H. B. Shain and W. D. O'Bannon the defendant.

Charles Louis Chewning, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 3.6.1925

1927 Sedalia, Pettis, MO directory

CHASNOFF Norma Mrs h 515 72 S Kentucky av  
Chasnoff Norman clk Golden Eagle r 1401 W 3d  
Chewning Cora Mrs h 107 Jackson  
Chewning Grant W lab h 21st & Wagner av  
Chewning Len driver r 508 W 22d  
Chewning Lewis (Mattie) lab h 508 W 22d  
Chewning Margt picker Swift & Co r 508 W 22d  
Chewning Nina picker Swift & Co r 508 W 22d  
Chewning Nona picker Swift & Co r 508 W 22d  
Chief of Police Wm T Jackson 211 S Kentucky

Charles' daughter, Frances Louise Chewning, married Eldon E. Painter, and that guy is always in trouble.

<p><b>Chicken Supper</b></p> <p>Will be held at Hopewell church, Saturday, October 8th, at 6:30 p. m. Public invited.—Adv.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Car Being Held for Fine</b></p> <p>Eldon Painter, giving his home as near La Monte, who is the owner</p>	<p>of the "Spirit of Sedalia" who was arrested several days ago for driving the "wreck of a Ford" without a license and without lights, was fined \$5.</p> <p>As yet Eldon has not called at the police station for his car which is being held for the fine.</p>
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Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.6.1927

## **PAINTER NOT OWNER OF THE OLD FORD**

Eldon Painter, who was arrested several days ago by Motorcycle Officer Dick Emo on a charge of driving "The Spirit of Sedalia" without either lights or license, paid his fine at the police station this morning.

Painter however is not the owner of the car, and not sure who the owner of the "wreck of a Ford" is, but has sent out the call to the owner to please go to the police headquarters and drive it away.

If the owner does not call for the car it will probably be sold and what money received from its sale turned over to the charity fund.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.7.1927

## RIDE WITH MEN ENDS IN INJURY

Jim Whitney and Sam Jacobs who give their addresses as Glasgow and near (northwest of) Sweet Springs, are in jail, held for investigation, following an injury to Mrs. Mattie Chewning, 52, who fell, jumped, or was thrown from a motor car on South Barrett avenue Thursday night after a ride with the men. The woman's left arm was broken in two or three places. She was bruised about the body and her lip was lacerated. She was treated at the General hospital.

The police arrested Whitney and Jacobs after the accident but the woman denied having been with them. It was said following the accident that the woman's daughter, Miss Nona Chewning was with her mother.

Jacobs who appeared to be talkative is credited with the statement that the woman should have waited until the car stopped before attempting to leave it.

Following the accident Lewis Chewning, the husband and father, visited the police station and said he would produce his daughter for questioning. He and the girl arrived at the station at midnight. The daughter told the police that she and her mother had been with the men for several hours, having met them the first time between three and four o'clock Thursday afternoon and that they had driven to Dresden. She said she left the party after coming back to Sedalia and did not know what had happened until she was told of the accident that resulted in the injury to her mother.

The story told by Whitney and

Jacobs was about the same except as to the time they took the women for a ride. The time, however was but an hour's difference.

The Chewnings live at 1919 South Stewart.

Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning, Nona, The Sedalia Democrat, 3.22.1929.1

# FOUR INJURED ARE IN HOSPITAL AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

**Miss Nona Chewning The  
Most Seriously Hurt  
of Quartette**

**SISTER WAS ONLY  
SLIGHTLY BRUISED**

**Car Left Pavement When  
Driver, Ollie Richwine,  
Lost Control**

Four persons are in the Bothwell hospital injured and another escaped injury when a Ford roadster driven by Ollie Richwine, turned over and rolled down a twelve foot embankment on north Highway 65 on the curve between Missouri avenue and Osage avenue, about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

In the hospital besides Richwine are Miss Lucille Paxton, 18 year old daughter of Mrs. Alice Paxton, Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue, suffering from a severe laceration behind the right ear near the base of the brain, slight scratches on the left side of her face, wrenched left shoulder and bruises about her body.

Miss Nona Chewning, 19 years old, daughter of Lewis Chewning, Eighteenth street and Osage avenue, whose condition is considered very serious. She is suffering from a contusion on the left side of her head, possibly the loss of one eye, and cuts about her face. Her chest was also bruised.

Harold Calvin, 20 years old, 915 East Broadway, received lacerations

was also bruised.

Harold Calvin, 20 years old, 915 East Broadway, received lacerations on his face, and three small lacerations on the left arm near the elbow. He is also suffering from bruises.

Richwine's condition is not considered serious. He is suffering from shock.

Nina Chewning, twin sister of Nona, was thrown over a fence into a field about twenty feet off the highway receiving only slight bruises. She ran back to the highway and where she was met by persons rushing from a dance nearby. She was taken to her home.

Both the Gillespie and McLaughlin ambulances answered calls and rushed the injured to the hospital where medical attention was rendered by Dr. Snavelly, city physician.

According to the Calvin boy, Richwine was driving at a fairly fast rate of speed when he rounded a curve, the car started to swerve and the driver evidently lost control of the automobile and it turned turtle.

Outside of having the top smashed, the windshield broken and the body slightly damaged the car was not damaged to any great extent.

Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning, Nona, The Sedalia Democrat, 3.22.1929

1930 census, Sedalia, Pettis, MO 1803 Osage

Lewis C. Chewning, 46, rents, \$10, m. at 21, b. in MO, parents b. in US, laborer, odd jobs

Matty M. Chewning, 43, m. at 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Nina M., 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Nona M., 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Harry M., 14, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Baily, 12, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Willard W., 8, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Frances L., 6, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,  
Lawrence W., 4, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

## ARRESTED UPON A ROBBERY CHARGE

Eldon Painter, of LaMonte, was arrested at his home Sunday morning, by Tom Melton, deputy sheriff, charged with robbery of the Hughes and Shaw store of La Monte, several weeks ago.

He will be arraigned probably Tuesday before Justice John W. Menefee.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.5.1931

## GIVES BOND UPON BURGLARY CHARGE

Eldon Painter, charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with the robbing of the Hughes and Shaw general merchandise store at La Monte, furnished a \$2,000 bond this morning to J. W. Menefee, justice of the peace, for his appearance at a hearing to be held Saturday.

The bond was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Painter and T. E. Steele.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.6.1931.1



## CONTINUED CASE OF ELDON PAINTER

Eldon Painter of LaMonte, arrested in connection with the theft and burning of a Ford Coach, belonging to Reynolds Achauer, a druggist of Warrensburg, has been granted a continuance in the Johnson County circuit court until the February term.

The continuance was granted because Painter is enrolled in the University of Missouri.

A charge against Painter of robbing the Hughes and Shaw store at LaMonte, filed in Pettis County, was dismissed.

Eldon E Painter, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 10.16.1931

## ELDON PAINTER WAS GIVEN RELEASE

Eldon Painter, who was charged with burglary and larceny in connection with the robbing of the Hughes and Shaw general merchandise store in La Monte several weeks ago, was released following a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. W. Menefee Saturday afternoon, for lack of evidence.

Prosecuting Attorney Walter H. Bohling was in charge of the case on the state's side. Some of the state's witnesses were not called as it was evident the prosecutor felt there was not enough evidence to bind the boy over to the criminal court.

Eldon E Painter, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 10.16.1931

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### Arrested for Vagrancy

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Nona Chunning, arrested by the police for vagrancy, will be given a hearing before Judge H. L. Carlock in police court at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

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Nona Chewning Witthaus, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.24.1932

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### ELDON PAINTER DISCHARGED AT A HEARING HELD

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Eldon Painter, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace R. L. Thompson, and was discharged following a hearing. Insufficient evidence was presented for binding him over to the criminal court.

Eldon Painter was later arrested again by Constable John C. Whiteman, on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated on or about the Twenty-sixth of June. He will be given a hearing before Justice of the Peace W. H. Leslie on Wednesday, July 19.

He was released on a \$1,000 bond.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 7.14.1933

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## HELD ON CHARGE OF DRIVING CAR WHILE INTOXICATED

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Eldon Painter, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace W. H. Leslie this morning and after a preliminary hearing was bound over to the October term of criminal court.

He was released on a \$1,000 bond signed by his mother, Mrs. Ida L. Painter, and Thomas Steele.

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Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 7.19.1933

Eldon Painter, driving car while intoxicated.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.1.1933

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## FINED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

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Eldon Painter, charged with driving a car while intoxicated, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court today and was fined \$100.

Members of the jury were: Carl Walters, S. H. Leuenberger, J. A. Phillips, E. L. Edmondson, W. C. Geick, C. E. Turner, Louis Schlobohn, Frank Shernaman, John Grant, Robert R. Higgins, Henry McNutt and Howard Moser.

Sam Harlan and Earl Crawford represented the plaintiff and Henry C. Salveter the state.

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Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.19.1933

## PAROLE GRANTED TO ELDON PAINTER

The case involving the theft of a Ford coach belonging to Reynolds Achauer which was taken from where it as parked on West Pine street, Warrensburg, the night of August 25, 1931, was closed Monday when Eldon Painter of La-Monte pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny before Russell Garnett of Warrensburg, sitting as a special judge, and as given a 60-day sentence and then paroled to his grandfather, T. V. Steele.

A motion was presented to Judge Bruce in which it was stated he

### WANT TO LOOK YOUNG?

The secret of keeping young is to feel young—to do this you must watch your liver and bowels—there's no need of having a sallow complexion—dark rings under your eyes—pimples—a bilious look in your face—dull eyes with no spar-

was biased and prejudiced and upon agreement between Prosecuting Attorney Harry J. Salisbury of Johnson county and E. W. Coney, defense attorney, Garnett was called in as a special judge and sentence passed. Painter is to report each term of court and to pay the costs of the case before the first day of the June term.

Painter was the state's principal witness against Britt Bernard, who was with Painter the night the Achauer car was stolen. At that time Painter testified that he drove the car away from where it was parked and that Bernard rode with him to Sedalia. The machine was afterwards found burned. Bernard was acquitted by a jury of a charge of grand larceny. It was because Judge Bruce had presided in that trial and heard Painter testify that a change in judges was asked.

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 2.13.1934

### Miss Johnson Weds

Miss Faye Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of 318 North Randolph street, and Mr. Len Chewning son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chewning of Sedalia were married at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, February 28, at the brides home, with Rev. A. H. Burnett performing the ceremony. The bride's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rayle attended the couple. After the wedding a sumptuous dinner was served to the following; Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Burnett and daughters Edith and Cordelia; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Burnett and children Ralph and Verne Le, of Texarkana Tex; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Jenny, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rayle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and son Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Len Chewning.

The couple will make their home near Hughesville.

Len Chewning wedding, The Sedalia Democrat, 3.1.1934

### FLOYD AMOS RETURNED HERE ON FORGERY CHARGE

Floyd "Skinny" Amos who was declared implicated in a forgery of an \$8 check several days ago in which Hillard Brizendine and James Baker, have already been bound over to the criminal court, was returned to Sedalia, Saturday evening by Chief of Police W. L. Marlin and Officer Jack Tindle, from Jefferson City.

Hillard Brizendine, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 7.20.1934

## WOMAN HELD TO CRIMINAL COURT

Ida "Toots" Kelso, arrested at Warsaw by Sheriff Walter H. Walthall, of Benton County, early Friday morning when she with another woman, Nona Chewning, riding in a Ford coupe driven by a Negro, ran into a trap the officers had laid for the robbers of a Fristoe service station, was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated and with driving an automobile without the permission of its owner, in the court of Judge W. L. McCutcheon, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace, Saturday morning.

The Kelso woman pleaded not guilty to both of the charges and waived her preliminary hearing. She was then bound over to the action of the October term of criminal court under a \$1,000 bond, and unable to furnish it was committed to the county jail.

The Chewning woman was released after being questioned by the officers. She was picked up by the Kelso woman it was said and had nothing to do with driving the car.

The two women and the Ford coupe in which they were riding was returned to Sedalia by Chief of Police W. L. Marlin, who was called to Warsaw on the Fristoe robbery. The car belonged to N. K. Baker, of Kansas City, who said the woman took the car without his permission after she had told him he had left it unlocked and wanted to lock it up, whereupon he gave her the keys to the car.

Nina Marie Chewning Brizendine Brown Bennington, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 9.21.1934

Chestine Maggie 1100 W F  
Chewning Granville W h2100 Wagner av  
Chewning Mattie Mrs h1410 S Missouri av  
Chewning Nina r1002 S Grand av  
Chilcoat Emmett F (Ollie) blrmkr hlpr MoP

Granville Washington Chewning, 1935 Sedalia, Pettis, MO, directory

Hillard Brizendine was sentenced to a year in jail last Friday in the court of Justice Carpenter in Tipton. He was charged with passing a bad check. He recently was paroled from Algoa where he was serving for a forgery conviction in Pettis county. Since he started serving his sentence here, the local officers have received letters from Morgan and Cooper counties alleging that he has passed worthless checks in those counties.

Hillard Brizendine, The Sunday News and Tribune, 6.16.1935

For Constable, Flat Creek Township:  
ROBERT WELLIVER  
For Constable, Dresden Township:  
ELDON PAINTER  
For Constable, Green Ridge Township:

Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 7.19.1936

## PASSER OF BOGUS CHECKS PICKED UP

"I'm the newly elected sheriff's cousin, what's the chance to getting you to cash my check", newly-elected Sheriff Charles Benedict of Cross Timbers, said a check artist said to his friends Saturday and was able to "float" several in the vicinity of Cross Timbers.

Mr. Benedict who at present is a deputy sheriff, came to Sedalia Saturday and began a search for a man who he thought might have passed the checks. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning in company with Sheriff Claud Walthall of Warsaw and Patrolman J. H. Brooks, they went to a house in the 900 block on East Third street, and routed out Hillard Brizendine and took him in custody.

Brizendine at first contended he just didn't know what the officers were talking about, because he had been drunk for four days. However,

after a brief interview at the police station he began to recall just what had occurred during the day and according to the officers admitted he passed the checks. He was taken to Cross Timbers shortly after his arrest here.

Sheriff-elect Benedict was rather indignant at Brizendine because he had told merchants in Cross Timbers he was a cousin. None of the articles which Brizendine obtained when he cashed the checks were found.

Brizendine has served in jail for passing worthless checks before, and he had recently completed a year term in the county jail in Monticau county for passing a "bad" check, according to the officers.

Hillard Brizendine, arrested, The Sedalia Democrat, 11.23.1936.1

## JAIL SENTENCES TO THREE FOR IMPOPER CONDUCT

Roy Brockman, Fritz Johnson, colored, and Nina Phelps, alias Nina Chewning, arrested at 2:30 o'clock this morning by Police Officers Anderson and Emmett O'Brien, for improper conduct, appeared before Judge Charles W. Bente, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace, and were each sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

The three pleaded guilty.

Nina Marie Chewning Brizendine Brown Bennington arrested, The Sedalia Democrat, 2.8.1937



### Taken To Prison

Hillard Brizendine, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on each of two forgery charges, was taken to the state institution in Jefferson City today by Sheriff Marlin and Deputy Clyde Coppers.

Hillard Brizendine, prison, The Sedalia Democrat, 4.12.1937

Nina married Hillard Brizendine, 12/25/1938, in Sedalia, Pettis, MO.

### Two Granted 'Stay'

Hillard Brizendine and his wife Nina Brizendine, picked up by the police for investigation, were charged with vagrancy in police court this morning after which they were fined \$30 each by Magistrate C. W. Bente.

Chief John J. O'Brien gave the two a stay on the fine providing they left Sedalia and remained away.

Hillard and Nina Marie Chewning Brizendine, vagrancy, The Sedalia Democrat, 2.20.1939

### Charles Louis Chewning died

#### C. L. Chewning

C. L. Chewning, a former resident of the Hughesville neighborhood, died at the home of his son in Lee's Summit.

Ewing's hearse was taken to Lee's Summit this afternoon and the body will be brought back to Sedalia.

Charles Louis Chewning, death, The Sedalia Democrat, 3.6.1939

## • Obituaries

### **Funeral of C. L. Chewning**

Funeral services for C. L. Chewning, of Hughesville, who died Monday, will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Ewing Funeral Home the Rev. J. R. Sumners to officiate.

Interment will be in Memorial Park cemetery.

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Charles Lewis Chewning obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 3.7.1939

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Charles Louis Chewning obit, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 3.10.1939

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

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1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Jackson Registration District No. 400  
Township Prange Primary Registration District No. 55530  
City Prange No. Residence

File No. 11083  
Registered No. 461

2. FULL NAME

(a) Residence, No. 552 Chewing Summit Mo. P.O. Ward. (If nonresident, give city or town and State)  
(Usual place of abode)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U.S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX <u>male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>married</u>
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED HUSBAND OF (OR) WIFE OF <u>Mattie Chewing</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) <u>April 9, 1888</u>		
7. AGE YEARS <u>55</u>	MONTHS <u>10</u>	DAYS <u>27</u>
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Farmer</u>		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc.		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>Feb 1939</u>		11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>life</u>
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Cole Camp, Missouri</u>		
13. NAME <u>John Chewing</u>		
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Virginia</u>		
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Margaret Scott</u>		
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Virginia</u>		
17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS) <u>Sam Chewing</u>		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL <u>Memorial Park Cemetery</u> DATE <u>3-8-1939</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS) <u>Cyprian Funeral Home</u>		
20. FILED <u>3/16</u> 1939 <u>Sara G. Baul</u> Registrar		

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) Mar 6, 1939

22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Mar 5, 1939, to Mar 6, 1939  
I last saw him alive on Mar 5, 1939. Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at 7:40 a.m.  
The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows:  
Date of onset

Mitral insufficiency  
Dilated heart several years

Other contributory causes of importance:  
hypertension

Name of operation none Date of \_\_\_\_\_  
What test confirmed diagnosis? Physical Was there an autopsy? no

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

Manner of injury \_\_\_\_\_  
Nature of injury \_\_\_\_\_

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? no  
If so, specify \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signed) A. G. Lawrence, M. D.  
(Address) 1st Summit Mo.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. ACE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

Charles Louis Chewing death cert

# Several Hurt As Auto Runs Into A Ditch

## Injured Rushed To Hospital Here For Medical Attention

A 1934 Ford coach, driven by Oliver Lilly, 1812 South Quincy avenue, plunged into a ditch three miles south of Dresden about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, causing injury to several of the nine occupants.

Miss Mary Ruth Jeffries, 15-year old daughter of Ed Jefferies, Beaman, was the most severely hurt. The young lady received a laceration on her forehead from the left temple to the right temple of the skull, and several stitches had to be taken to close the wound. She also received a cut on the right elbow in which a stitch was taken, also body bruises.

Miss Frances Chewning, 16 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Chewning, 318 West Eleventh street, was bruised.

Frances L Chewning, The Sedalia Democrat, 7.17.1939

This branch of the Chewnings spent Thanksgiving Day with Charles' sister, Sarah Boonie Chewning Benz and family.

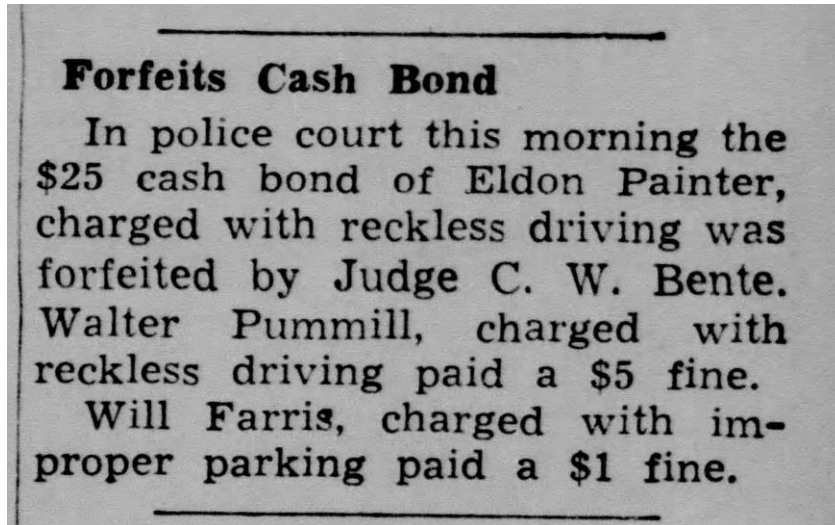
<p>Miss Jenetta Spooner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Spooner of Lee's Summit became the bride of William B. Chewning, son of Mrs. C. L. Chewning, 318 West Eleventh street, on January 27, in a double wedding ceremony with another couple, in Lee's Summit.</p> <p>The Rev. William Brewer performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends, at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon.</p> <p>The other couple was Miss Emmy Lou Cunningham and Clarence Spooner, both of Lee's Summit. She is the daughter of Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spooner.</p> <p>Mr. Chewning formerly lived</p>	<p>Chairman of the Art and Drama department of Sorosis.</p> <p>in Hughesville. The two couples are now residing in Lee's Summit.</p> <p>There were 19 guests entertained at the home of Miss Margaret Bennett, 1210 East Eleventh street, Thursday evening in honor of Miss Alma Hall who is leaving to make her home at Marshall.</p> <p>Those present were: Margaret Bennett, Mary Anne Rottler, Helen Burns, Virginia McBride, Trella Mae Suchsenheimer, Dorothy Mae Eirls, Carmen Aquire, Hazel Stansbery, Lois Bartlett, Alice Cauthen, Howard Hayes, Neill Hayes, Lyman Murray, Gregory Aquire, Therman Shaver, Wilbur Vanderlinden, William</p>
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William Bill Bailey Chewning, marr. ann., The Sedalia Democrat, 2.4.1940

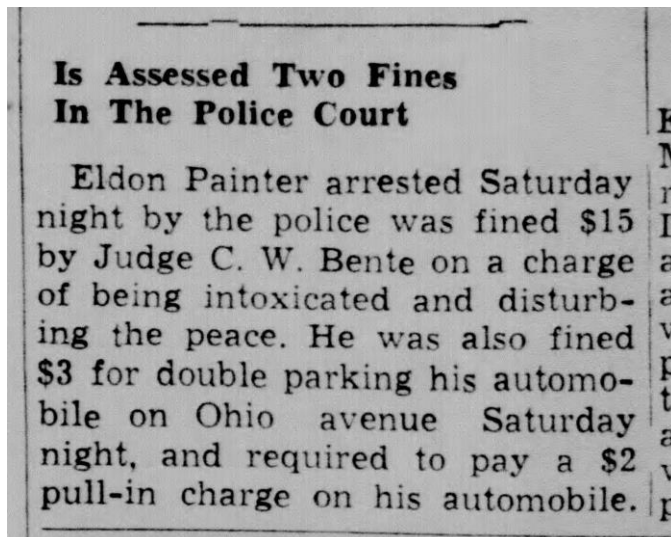
**1940 census, Sedalia, Pettis, MO W 11th**

Mattie Chewning\*, 52, rents home, \$6, 7 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935, employed, public work, folder, sewing project, worked 12 wks, in 1939, income \$1290

Frances, 17, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same place in 1935,



Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 10.14.1940



Eldon E Painter, The Sedalia Democrat, 11.11.1940

**Township Constables Elected Were**  
Blackwater, W. H. Jones, R.  
Bowling Green, J. R. Blaycock, R.  
Cedar, Ed. Miller, R.  
Dresden, Eldon Painter, R.  
Elk Fork, James Page, R.  
Flat Creek, Robert Welliver, R.

Eldon E Painter, constable, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 11.15.1940

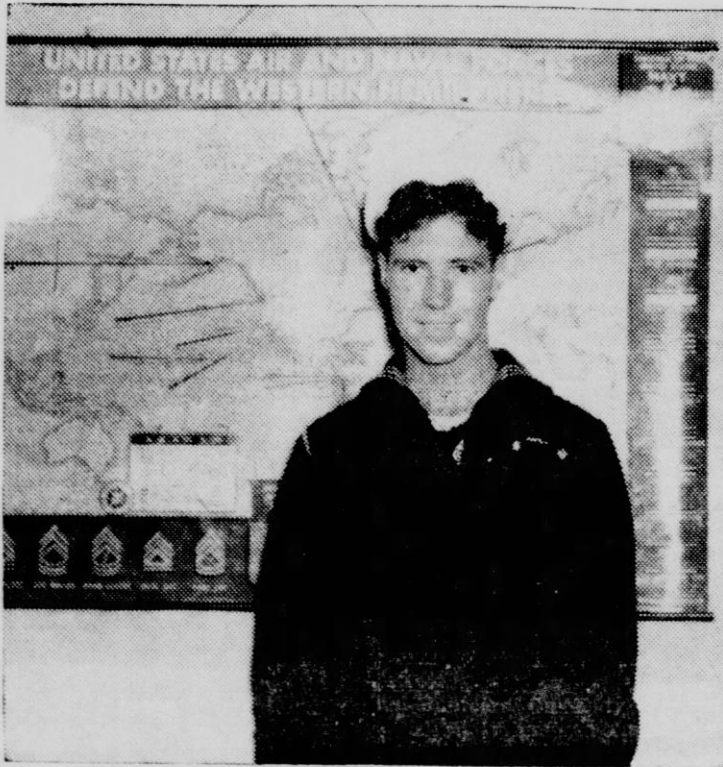
An article the next day (identical except for the last paragraph) said that her body had arrived, and that they were waiting to make funeral arrangements as the relatives from Chicago were driving down for the service.

**Resigns As Constable**  
Because he had moved out of the state of Missouri, Eldon E. Painter has resigned as constable of Dresden township. A successor will be appointed by the Pettis county court.

Eldon E Painter, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 2.13.1942

## Young Sedalian On Lexington From Flaming Ship To Rescue Destroyer

*Willard Wilson Chewing Smiles---  
Sorry He Was Not In Midway Battle*



Granted leave he arrives home to visit relatives but even after harrowing experience is ready and willing to return to active duty, and would like to be on new Lexington.

"There was a big blaze of fire and then she disappeared," Willard Wilson Chewing, 20, of Sedalia, related Saturday in describing the hero's death of his ship, the U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington, which went to its grave with colors flying after the great Coral Sea battle of May 8.

Chewing, seaman second class, is a son of Mrs. Mattie Chewing, 1706 East Fourth street. He enlisted in the navy the day after the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and took his oath in St. Louis December 16. From then on life has been full of excitement, and his only injuries have been two smashed fingers. However, three of his best friends, were killed in action in the spectacular naval episode of the Coral Sea, in which the U. S. scored an impressive victory.

One of Willard Chewing's regrets is that he didn't get in on the battle at Midway

### Internal Explosions

His last view of the Lexington was about 7:40 o'clock the evening of May 8 as he stood on the deck of a destroyer 20 miles away. When all hands were ordered off the aircraft carrier as internal explosions shook her, Chewing slid down a ladder onto the destroyer which had pulled alongside. But before he went off, he

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## Young Sedalian On Lexington From Flaming Ship To Rescue Destroyer

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attached a string to his beloved album of the Lexington and threw it onto the destroyer's deck. That and a pipe were all that he saved of his possessions.

"I didn't want to leave her," he said, "but we had to when we couldn't control the fires." The Lexington finally was sunk by American torpedoes to prevent her from falling into the hands of the Japs in case she stayed afloat, but for hours the big aircraft carrier, her complement was about 2,800—refused to go down, although she had suffered mortal blows by enemy torpedoes and bombs

The attack on the Lexington came about 11:30 in the morning during the Coral Sea battle, with 55 or 60 Jap planes in the attacking force.

### Standing By Gun

The Sedalia sailor, serving as second gunner, was standing by his anti-aircraft gun when he saw the first Jap aircraft coming in. It was a torpedo plane and was flying 20 or 30 feet above the water, Chewning recalled. The Americans let go with their fire.

### Downed 19 Jap Planes

"We got 19 Jap planes," he proudly explained. His own gun group accounted for two—a dive bomber and a torpedo plane. He saw two enemy ships crash—the heat of the battle was so furious it was hard to tell who had scored the hits—one of them piling up in a flaming heap on the deck of the Lexington.

Chewning reported that the enemy used three types of craft—torpedo planes, Zeros and dive bombers. As the Japanese airmen assaulted the Lexington, planes from the U. S. carrier were blasting at the enemy, inflicting a toll of two Jap aircraft carriers.

### Afloat Several Hours

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Even several hours after the battle the Lexington was on even keel and was doing 22 knots, when the explosions caused by damage in the fight occurred the men were still at their battle stations. Then came the orders to abandon ship, and the officers and sailors were rescued by U. S. warships hovering by. Navy communiques have estimated that 92 per cent of the men of the Lexington were saved.

The Coral Sea battle was not the first for the young Sedalian. He was in a big melee in February and in March there was the sea fight at the Samoa Isles off New Guinea.

After only a month's training at San Diego, following his enlistment in December, Chewning was sent to Pearl Harbor and later was assigned to the Lexington.

### Injured After Battle

His injuries—well, several days after the Coral Sea scrap he was carrying a five-inch projectile, lost his footing and it fell on his left hand, smashing a couple of fingers. He's glad the projectile didn't explode.

Chewning, a slight, alert fellow with brown eyes and brown hair

Chewning, a slight, alert fellow with brown eyes and brown hair that pops out from under his sailor's cap, landed on the west coast early in June and arrived in Sedalia Thursday on a 12-day furlough.

He hitch-hiked home. "Oh, you came by the thumb route?" he was asked during an interview Saturday. "No, the air route—'air ya going my way?'" he quipped.

It took him four days to make it here from California, and en route he encountered a number of fellow mates from the Lexington, all anxious to get to their homes after the exciting forays at sea.

Chewning is visiting in Sedalia with his mother, his sister, Mrs. Mina Brown, a brother Wheeler Chewning, all of the home address, and another sister Miss Nona Chewning who is here from Grain Valley, Mo.

#### **Brother In Army**

The young seaman has a brother, Harry Chewning, serving with the U S. army at Sitka, Alaska. There are two other brothers and two sisters away from home. Willard was born July 6, 1921 at LaMonte. His father was the late C. L. Chewning.

Asked if he has a sweetheart, he said "Sure I do." She works in a Sedalia drug store, and would be pleased to see the way he smiled when he spoke of her.

But that's the way Willard Chewning came up from his harrowing experience at sea—smiling. He's ready to go back to duty, as soon as he gets his visiting done at home—and he would like very much to be assigned to the new Lexington.

Willard Wilson Chewning, The Sedalia Democrat, 6.21.1942.1

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chewning, 1706 East Fourth street, whose son, W. W. Chewning, was on the Lexington, which was sunk in the Pacific ocean, have received from the son, one of those rescued, a hand-painted picture, showing the ocean, the location of the ship when it was sunk, and a membership card in the order of Shipwrecked Sailors of the South Seas, purported to have been signed by Rex Mars, the Supreme Ruler of War.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewning value the document very highly and have had it framed.

Their son is now in Bremer-ton, Wash., waiting to be assigned to a ship.

Willard Wilson Chewning, The Sedalia Democrat, 9.14.1942

Nina married – again – to Roy Brown, 1942:

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**Marriage Licenses Issued**

James W. Stephens, Beaman  
and Sarth Maxine Dump, Cole  
Camp.

Roy Brown and Nina Chewning,  
both of Sedalia.

Ulysses Williams, of Marshall,  
and Eva M. Thomas of Sedalia.

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**Married Saturday Evening**

Miss Nina Chewning and Roy  
Brown, both of this city, were  
married Saturday evening by Rev.  
Sidney K. Mabry at his home, 213  
East Second street.

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Nina Marie Chewning Brizendine Brown marr., The Sedalia Democrat, 5.11.1942

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**Marriage Licenses Issued**

George Hugo Witthaus, Chamois  
and Nona Chewning, Sedalia.

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Nona Chewning Witthaus, marr. ann., The Sedalia Democrat, 4.12.1943

## **2 SAY EVICTION COST \$5,000, SUE EX-LANDLORDS**

Eldon and Frances Painter, parents of four children, charged in a suit filed yesterday in Circuit court that their illegal eviction from a duplex at 2152 E. 97th pl. cost them \$5,000 and asked a judgment for that amount against their former landlords, Robert and Vera Crnek.

The suit states that the Crneks bought the duplex building in July, 1946, and immediately instituted eviction proceedings against the Painters on the ground they wanted to live in the apartment themselves. The Painters bought a bungalow at 9420 Eberhardt av., the suit states, for \$9,750, or \$4,000 more than it was worth, and moved in last June. The Crneks rented the apartment to friends, the suit states, and moved into the other half of the duplex.

The Painters ask that the Crneks be compelled to pay the \$4,000 as well as \$1,000 of moving costs.

Eldon E and Frances L Chewning Painter, Chicago Daily Tribune, 9.5.1947

1950 census, Sedalia, Pettis, MO. 706 E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Mattie M. Chewning, 64, widow, b. in MO, not seeking work,

George H. Witthaus, 42, m., b. in MO, worked 40 hrs, foreman, construction co., private work

Nona M. Whitthaus, 37, m., b. in MO, not seeking work,

Harry M. Chewning, 35, never married, b. in MO, worked, 40 hrs, laborer, construction co., private work

and costs.

According to the police report. Policeman Joseph Ciancanelli was slugged by Eldon E. Painter, 3225 Western avenue, at Seggebruch's tavern, 1722 Halsted street. Chicago Heights.

Eldon E Painter, The Chicago Heights Star, 9.9.1952

## Deny Shielding Report

# Controversy on Tavern Bares Dec. 3 Slugging

Controversy over a maneuver by which the Chicago Heights city council extended the municipality's "wet" territory to permit operation of a tavern on Western avenue resulted in circulation of a report — since substantiated — that a city policeman was slugged in a saloon last December 3.

Andrew Foley, commissioner of public health and safety, and Chief of Police Phillip Howard denied that a police report of the slugging had been suppressed at the time. Nevertheless, the incident was treated to an uncommon "thunder of silence" for an offense of its type.

No action was taken against the tavern, despite the fact that the operators had been warned previously that "one more disturbance" would result in revocation of the license. The matter was not brought before the city council at an open meeting.

### Pays \$25 Fine

The policeman's assailant, a Park Forest man, escaped with a disorderly conduct fine of \$25 and costs.

According to the police report, Policeman Joseph Ciancanelli was slugged by Eldon E. Painter, 3225 Western avenue, at Seggebruch's tavern, 1722 Halsted street, Chicago Heights.

Answering a call reporting a disturbance was being created in the tavern, Ciancanelli was allegedly floored by a haymaker swung by Painter as soon as the policeman opened the door and stepped inside.

Injuries suffered by Ciancanelli subsequently caused him to have a number of teeth removed by a dentist.

Foley and Howard maintain that the report of the incident was filed properly and no attempt was made to withhold full information from the public.

Referring to the police report, (Continued on page 8)

## Controversy Bares December Slugging

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which would normally have been available the day after the slugging, Howard said. "I don't think it was suppressed."

Foley added, "I know of no reason why the report might have been suppressed."

### Defends Tavern Owner

The commissioner also took the position that unless the tavern owner is directly involved in a disturbance, the tavern is absolved from blame.

"It wasn't the tavern owner," Foley declared in explaining why no disciplinary measures were taken. "The fellow started raising a disturbance. The tavern owner called the police. That is what he is supposed to do."

A hearing on the disorderly conduct charge filed by Ciancanelli against Painter was shifted from Police Magistrate Robert A. Meier III to Justice of the Peace David Shapiro. A change of venue was granted at the request of the defendant.

In addition to the fine, Foley said he "understood" Ciancanelli was reimbursed by Painter for medical treatment.

Eldon E Painter, The Chicago Heights Star, 9.9.1952.1

Nina is now married to Bennington, and living in Kansas City, in 1954.

**THE DIVISION OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI**  
**STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

State File No. **19870**

No. 300  
10.48

**FILED JUL 12 1954**

BIRTH NO. \_\_\_\_\_ REG. DIST. NO. **274** PRIMARY REG. DIST. NO. **3052** Registrar's No. **238**

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b> a. COUNTY <b>Pettis</b>		<b>2. USUAL RESIDENCE</b> (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before admission.) a. STATE <b>Missouri</b> b. COUNTY <b>Pettis</b>	
b. CITY (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) <b>Sedalia</b>	c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) <b>31 yrs.</b>	c. CITY OR TOWN <b>Sedalia</b>	d. Is Residence within limits of a city or incorporated town? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>1706 East 4th</b>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>1706 East 4th 0804</b>	
<b>3. NAME OF DECEASED</b> a. (First) <b>MATTIE</b> b. (Middle) <b>JANE</b> c. (Last) <b>CHEWNING</b>		<b>4. DATE OF DEATH</b> (Month) <b>June</b> (Day) <b>29</b> (Year) <b>1954</b>	
<b>5. SEX</b> <b>Female</b>	<b>6. COLOR OR RACE</b> <b>White</b>	<b>7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, WIDOWED, DIVORCED</b> (Specify) <b>Widowed</b>	<b>8. DATE OF BIRTH</b> <b>July 13, 1886</b>
<b>9. AGE</b> (In years) <b>67</b> (Months) _____ (Days) _____ (Hours) _____ (Min.)		<b>9. AGE</b> (In years) <b>67</b> (Months) _____ (Days) _____ (Hours) _____ (Min.)	
<b>10a. USUAL OCCUPATION</b> (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Housewife</b>	<b>10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY</b> <b>Home-making</b>	<b>11. BIRTHPLACE</b> (City and State or Foreign Country) <b>Benton County, Missouri</b>	<b>12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY?</b> <b>U.S.A.</b>
<b>13a. FATHER'S NAME</b> <b>James Stone</b>		<b>13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME</b> <b>Mary Fish</b>	<b>14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE</b> <b>Charles Chewning</b>
<b>15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES?</b> (Yes, name unknown) <input type="checkbox"/> (If yes, give date of discharge or service) <b>NO</b>		<b>16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER</b> <b>500-1--6287</b>	<b>17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE OR NAME</b> <b>W.W. Chewning, Riverdale, Ill.</b> ADDRESS _____
<b>18. CAUSE OF DEATH</b> Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c)  *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.		<b>MEDICAL CERTIFICATION</b>	
		<b>I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH*</b> (a) <b>Chronic Myocarditis &amp; Degeneration</b>	
		<b>ANTECEDENT CAUSES</b> Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. <b>DUE TO (b) _____</b> <b>DUE TO (c) _____</b>	
		<b>II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS</b> Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <b>Hypertension</b>	
<b>19a. DATE OF OPERATION</b>		<b>19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION</b> <b>443X</b>	
<b>20. AUTOPSY?</b> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>21a. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE</b> (Specify)	<b>21b. PLACE OF INJURY</b> (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	<b>21c. (CITY, TOWN, OR TOWNSHIP) (COUNTY) (STATE)</b>	
<b>21d. TIME OF INJURY</b> (Month) (Day) (Year) (Hour) (Min.)	<b>21e. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK</b> <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>21f. HOW DID INJURY OCCUR?</b>	
<b>22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Jan 2, 1952, to June 29, 1954, that I last saw the deceased alive on June 29, 1954, and that death occurred at 8:30 P.M., from the causes and on the date stated above.</b>			
<b>23a. SIGNATURE</b> (Degree or title) <b>F. A. Holden</b>		<b>23b. ADDRESS</b> <b>P.O. 2116 W. 3rd Sedalia Mo</b>	<b>23c. DATE SIGNED</b> <b>7/1/54</b>
<b>24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL</b> (Specify) <b>Burial</b>	<b>24b. DATE</b> <b>7/2/54</b>	<b>24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY</b> <b>Memorial Park Cemetery Sedalia, Missouri</b>	<b>24d. LOCATION</b> (City, town, or county) (State) <b>Sedalia, Mo.</b>
<b>DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG.</b> <b>7-7-54</b>		<b>REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE</b> <b>Lorraine Coontz</b>	<b>25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE</b> <b>Edward Turner</b>
		<b>ADDRESS</b> <b>Sedalia, Mo.</b>	

Licensed Embalmer's Statement on Reverse Side

Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning death cert



**Mrs. Mattie Chewing**

Mrs. Mattie Chewing, 68, died at her home 1706 East Fourth, at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday. She had been in failing health for several months, being bedfast the past few weeks.

She was born in Benton County July 13, 1885, daughter of the late James and Mary Tish Stone. Her early community life was spent in Benton County in the Cole Camp community.

She was married at Cole Camp March 26, 1905 to Charles L. Chewing. They were parents of ten children. One daughter, Mrs. Opal Lockhart, died at Chicago, Jan. 27, 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewing resided near Cole Camp the first part of their married life, later moving to the Hughesville community. They came to Sedalia to make their home in 1923. Mr. Chewing died March 6, 1939.

Mrs. Chewing is survived by: four daughters, Mrs. Margaret Dziennik, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Nine Bennington, Kansas City, Mrs. Nona Witthaus of the home, Mrs. Frances Painter, Park Forest, Ill.; five sons, Len Chewing, El Centro Calif., Harry Chewing of the home, Bill Chewing, Lee's Summit, Willard W. Chewing, Riverdale, Ill., Wheeler Chewing, San Francisco, Calif., and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at the Ewing Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Friday.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewing, obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 6.30.1954

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**Mrs. Mattie Chewning**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Chewning, 68, who died Tuesday afternoon at her home, 1706 East Fourth, will be at the Ewing Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Friday. The Rev. William Roberson, Cole Camp, will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Erwin Coulter, Leo Sullivan, Lee Biggs, Joe Latham, Nick Wasson and Carl Dedrick.

Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The body is at the Ewing Funeral Home.

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Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning funeral, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 7.2.1954

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THE DIVISION OF HEALTH OF MISSOURI  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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State File No. ....

BIRTH NO. _____		REG. DIST. NO. <u>274</u>	PRIMARY REG. DIST. NO. <u>3052</u>	Registrar's No. <u>238</u>
1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <u>Pettis</u>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution, residence before death.) a. STATE <u>Missouri</u> b. COUNTY <u>Pettis</u>		
b. CITY OR TOWN <u>Sedalia</u>	c. LENGTH OF STAY (In this place) <u>31 yrs.</u>	c. CITY OR TOWN <u>Sedalia</u>	d. Residence within limits of a city or incorporated town? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
d. FULL NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <u>1706 East 4th</u>		e. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <u>1706 East 4th</u> <u>0804</u>		
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or Print) a. (First) <u>MATTIE</u>		b. (Middle) <u>JANE</u>	c. (Last) <u>CHEWNING</u>	4. DATE OF DEATH (Month) <u>June</u> (Day) <u>29</u> (Year) <u>1954</u>
5. SEX <u>Female</u>	6. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	7. MARRIED, NEVER MARRIED, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WIDOWED, <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED (Specify) <u>Widowed</u>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <u>July 13, 1886</u>	9. AGE (In years last birthday) <u>67</u> Months _____ Days _____ If under 1 year: Hours _____ Min. _____
10a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <u>Housewife</u>		10b. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY <u>Home-making</u>		11. BIRTHPLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) <u>Benton County, Missouri</u>
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <u>U.S.A.</u>		13a. FATHER'S NAME <u>James Stone</u>		
13b. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <u>Mary Tish</u>		14. NAME OF HUSBAND OR WIFE <u>Charles Chewning</u>		
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, never unknown) (If yes, give date of discharge or service) <u>NO</u>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER <u>500-1--6287</u>		17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE OR NAME <u>W.W. Chewning, Riverdale, Ill.</u> ADDRESS _____
18. CAUSE OF DEATH Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c) <i>*This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asphyxia, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.</i>		MEDICAL CERTIFICATION I. DISEASE OR CONDITION DIRECTLY LEADING TO DEATH* (a) <u>Myocardial Infarction</u> <u>Chronic Myocarditis</u> <u>Degeneration</u> INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH <u>2 yrs</u> ANTECEDENT CAUSES Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) _____ DUE TO (c) _____ II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <u>Hypertension</u>		
19a. DATE OF OPERATION _____	19b. MAJOR FINDINGS OF OPERATION <u>443X</u>		20. AUTOPSY? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
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22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <u>Jan 2, 1954</u> , to <u>June 29, 1954</u> , that I last saw the deceased alive on <u>June 29, 1954</u> , and that death occurred at <u>7:20 P.M.</u> , from the causes and on the date stated above.				
23a. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) <u>F. W. Holden</u>		23b. ADDRESS <u>P.O. 2116 W. 3rd Sedalia Mo</u>		23c. DATE SIGNED <u>7/1/54</u>
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <u>Burial</u>	24b. DATE <u>7/2/54</u>	24c. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <u>Memorial Park Cemetery Sedalia, Missouri</u>		24d. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State)
DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. <u>7/2/54</u>	REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <u>Twinn Coontz</u>	25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <u>Edward Turner</u> ADDRESS <u>Sedalia, Mo.</u>		
LICENSED EMBALMER'S STATEMENT ON REVERSE SIDE				

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

**Children of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**  
**Grandchildren of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**  
**Great Grandchildren of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning**

- Opal Mae Chewning Lockhart, b. 8/8/1904 (year from tombstone), Cole Camp, Benton, MO; m. Wheeler Lockhart, 12/26/1923, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; divorced prior to 1940; d. 1/27/1942, Chicago, Cook, IL; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.
- Len Washington Chewning, b. 2/19/1908, Cole Camp, Benton, MO; m. Faye Alice Johnson, 2/28/1934, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 8/8/1959, Imperial County, MO; buried in Evergreen Cemetery, El Centro, Imperial, CA.
- Marjorie Margaret A. Maggie Chewning Dziennik, b. 12/24/1910, MO; m. Edward C. Dziennik, 9/20/1933, Chicago, Cook, IL; d. 11/15/2003, Hammond, Lake, IN; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.

4. Nona Chewning Witthaus, b. 2/23/1912, Lincoln, Benton, MO; m. George Hugo Witthaus, 4/10/1943, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; d. 12/1972, Kansas City, Jackson, MO; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.
5. Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington, b. 2/23/1912, Lincoln, Benton, MO; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Everett John Phelps, 9/28/1935, Versailles, Morgan, MO; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hillard Brizendine, 12/25/1938, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Roy Brown, 5/9/1942, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. 4<sup>th</sup> Cecil Jerold Bennington, before 1950 census; d. 12/17/1999, Windsor, Sonoma, CA; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.
6. Harry Mitchell Chewning, b. 5/24/1914, MO; d. 12/31/1984, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; buried in
7. Lorain Chewning, b. 5/11/1915, Georgetown, Pettis, County, MO; d. 6/2/1915, Cedar Twp., Pettis County, MO; buried in Mount Herman Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.
8. William Bailey Bill Chewning, b. 7/9/1918, LaMonte, Pettis, MO; m. Letta Jeanette Spooner, 1/27/1940, Lees Summit, Jackson, MO; d. 1/8/1973, Belmont, San Mateo, CA; buried in Cypress Lawn Memorial Garden, Colma, San Mateo, CA.
9. Willard Wilson Chewning, b. 7/6/1921, LaMonte, Pettis, MO; m. Helen V. Paxton Anderson, 2/2/1957, Chicago, Cook, IL; d. 3/13/2015, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.
10. Francis Louise Chewning Painter Krumwiede, b. 2/23/1924, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Eldon E. Painter, 7/8/1941 (from Nita Chewning); m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Alvin Krumwiede; d. 8/4/2009, Chicago, Cook, IL; buried in Skyline Memorial Park, Monee, Will, IL.
11. Lawrence Wheeler Chewning, b. 2/18/1926, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. Gwendolyn F. Moore Hunter, 6/26/1949, Santa Cruz County, CA; d. 2/2/2014, San Mateo County, CA; buried in

**Opal Mae Chewning Lockhart**

**Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**

**Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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



Opal Mae Chewning Lockhart stone, Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO

**Mrs. Opal Lockhart**

Mrs. Opal Lockhart, 36 years old, a former Sedalian, passed away at Chicago at 6:20 o'clock Tuesday evening. She had been ill for more than two years.

Mrs. Lockhart was born at Cole Camp, Missouri, August 2, 1905, the daughter of the late C. L. Chewning and Mrs. Mattie Chewning. The early part of her life was spent in and near Sedalia. She has resided in Chicago the past ten years.

She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mattie Chewning, Sedalia; four sisters, Mrs. Frances Painter, Chicago, Mrs. Marge Dziennick, Blue Island, Ill., Miss Nina Chewning, Sedalia, Miss Nona Chewning, Grain Valley, Mo.; five brothers, Lynn Chewning, Wheeler Chewning, Bill Chewning all of Lee's Summit, Harry Chewning, stationed with the army in Alaska, Willard Chewning, stationed with the army at San Diego, Calif.

The body will arrive in Sedalia Thursday and will be taken to the Ewing Funeral Home. Funeral arrangements have not been completed pending the arrival of relatives from Chicago.

Opal Mae Chewning Lockhart, obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.28.1942

Len Washington Chewning

Son of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning

Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning

Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning



Len Washington Chewning stone, Evergreen Cemetery, El Centro, Imperial, CA

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
 County of Pettis, } ss.

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any  
 Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United  
 States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between

Len Chewning of Hughesville, in the County of  
 Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years  
 and Faye Johnson, of Sedalia, in the County of  
 Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of eighteen years

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed at my office in Sedalia, Mo.  
 this 28th day of February 19 34.  
 John E. Bohon Recorder of Deeds. (SEAL)

By Naomi Tanksley Deputy

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STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
 County of Pettis } ss.

A Minister of the Gospel did at Sedalia, Mo in said County, on the  
 28th day of February A. D. 19 34. unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further  
 certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to Solemnize Marriages.

Rev A.M. Burnett,

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Filed for Record this 5th day of March 19 34.  
 John E. Bohon Recorder

Len Washington Chewning marr. cert

### Miss Johnson Weds

Miss Faye Johnson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson of 318 North Randolph street, and Mr. Len Chewning son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chewning of Sedalia were married at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, February 28, at the brides home, with Rev. A. H. Burnett performing the ceremony. The bride's sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rayle attended the couple. After the wedding a sumptuous dinner was served to the following; Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Burnett and daughters Edith and Cordelia; Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Burnett and children Ralph and Verne Le, of Texarkana Tex; Mr. and Mrs. Russel Jenny, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rayle, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Johnson and son Earl; Mr. and Mrs. Len Chewning.

The couple will make their home near Hughesville.

Len Washington Chewning wedding, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 3.1.1934



Jimmie Lee Chewning, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 12.6.1938

Lloyd, son of Len's sister Nina, was living with them on the 1940 census.

**1940 census, Prairie Twp., Jackson County, MO**

Len W. Chewning, 33, rents farm, \$10 value, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935, farmer, farm

Fay Alice Chewning, 24, 8 yrs school, b. in CO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935, housework

James L., 5, son, b. in MO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935,

Lawrence W. Chewning, 14, brother, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, MO, in 1935, school

Lloyd E. Chewning, 10, nephew, 5 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, MO, in 1935,

**Marjorie Margaret Chewning Dziennik**

**Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**

**Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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





Marjorie Margaret A Maggie Chewing Dziennick stone, Memorial Park Cem., Sedalia, Pettis, MO

\* ATTENTION ESTATE: The Social Security # is being requested by this state agency in order to pursue its statutory responsibility. Disclosure is voluntary and there will be no penalty for refusal.

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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Local No. 885

State No. ....

THE RECORDS IN THIS SERIES ARE CONFIDENTIAL PER IC 16-37-1-10

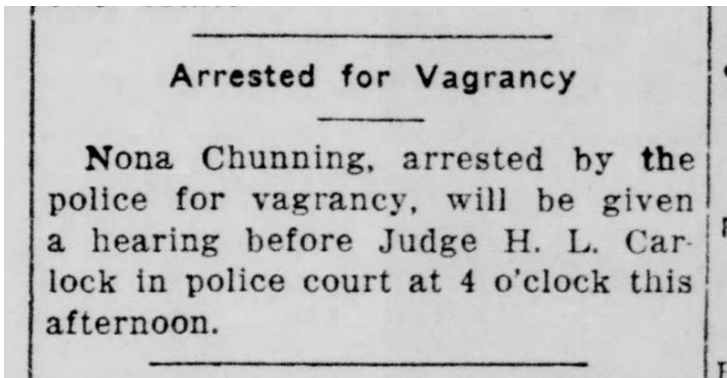
TYPE/PRINT IN PERMANENT BLACK INK	1 DECEASED—NAME (First Middle Last) Marjorie Margaret Dziennik		2 SEX Female	3a TIME OF DEATH 5:00am	3b DATE OF DEATH (Month Day Year) November 15, 2003
	4a AGE—Last Birthday (Years) 92	4b UNDER 1 YEAR Months Days	4c UNDER 1 DAY Hours Minutes	5 DATE OF BIRTH (Mo Day Year) Dec. 24, 1910	7 BIRTH-PLACE (City and State or Foreign Country) Missouri
DECEDENT	8a WAS DECEDENT A U.S. VETERAN? No	8b YEAR LAST SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? N/A	9a PLACE OF DEATH (Check only one. See instructions.) HOSPITAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient <input type="checkbox"/> ER/Outpatient <input type="checkbox"/> DOA OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Home <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> Residence		
	9b FACILITY NAME (If not institution give street and number) St. Margaret/Mercy Health Care Cntr.		9c CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION OF DEATH Hammond	9d COUNTY OF DEATH Lake	
PARENTS	10 MARITAL STATUS (Specify) Wid.	11 SURVIVING SPOUSE (If wife give maiden name) N/A	12a DECEASED'S USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life. Do not use retired) Homemaker	12b KIND OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY Domicile	
	13a RESIDENCE—STATE Ill.	13b COUNTY Cook	13c CITY/TOWN OR LOCATION Dolton	13d STREET AND NUMBER 1635-154th St.	
INFORMANT	13e ZIP CODE 60443	13f INSIDE CITY LIMITS <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	14 CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? USA	15 WAS DECEDENT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (If yes specify Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, etc.)	16 RACE—American Indian, Black, White, etc. (Specify) White
	13g ON A FARM? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	17 DECEASED'S EDUCATION (Specify only highest grade completed) Elementary, Secondary (0-12) College (1-4 or 5+) 12	18 FATHER'S NAME (First Middle Last) Charles I. Channing		
DISPOSITION	19 MOTHER'S NAME (First Middle Maiden Surname) Martha Jane Stone		20a MAILING ADDRESS (Street and Number or Rural Route Number, City or Town, State, Zip Code) 527 Old Hickory Rd., New Lenox, Ill. 60445		20c Relationship Sister
	21a METHOD OF DISPOSITION <input type="checkbox"/> Burial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cremation <input type="checkbox"/> Remove from State <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)		21b DATE AND PLACE OF DISPOSITION (Name of cemetery, crematory, or other place) Nov/16/2003 Hallinan F. Home		21c LOCATION—City or Town, State Blue Island, Ill.
CAUSE OF DEATH	22a EMBALMER'S NAME None		22b EMBALMER'S LICENSE NO. N/A	23 WAS DEATH REPORTED TO CDCORNER? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
	24a SIGNATURE OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR <i>L. McCoy</i>		24b LICENSE NUMBER (of License) 1013612	25 NAME, ADDRESS, AND LICENSE NUMBER OF FUNERAL HOME McCoy Funeral Chapel 5713 Hohman Ave., Hammond, In. 46320	
PART I	26 PART I Enter the disease, injuries, or complications that caused the death. Do not enter nonspecific terms such as cardiac or respiratory arrest, shock, or heart failure. List only one cause on each line. Approximate Interval Between Onset and Death				
	IMMEDIATE CAUSE (Final disease or condition resulting in death) a. Cardio. Respiratory Failure - DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) b. Congestive Heart Failure DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) c. Septicemia - DUE TO (OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF) d.				
CERTIFIER	PART II Other significant conditions - Conditions contributing to death but not previously stated in Part I				
	27 WAS DECEDENT PREGNANT OR 90 DAYS POSTPARTUM? (Yes or no) NO		28a WAS AN AUTOPSY PERFORMED? (Yes or no) NO	28b WERE AUTOPSY FINDINGS AVAILABLE PRIOR TO COMPLETION OF CAUSE OF DEATH? (Yes or no) NO	
HEALTH OFFICER	29a CERTIFIER (Check only one) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CERTIFYING PHYSICIAN To the best of my knowledge, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) as stated. <input type="checkbox"/> HEALTH OFFICER On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) as stated. <input type="checkbox"/> CORONER On the basis of examination and/or investigation, in my opinion, death occurred at the time, date, and place, and due to the cause(s) and manner as stated.		29b SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF CERTIFIER <i>Witthaus Mrs</i>		29c MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 0103 3282
	30 NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO COMPLETED CAUSE OF DEATH (Item 26) (Type/Print) Dr. Trivedi, 656 Wentworth Ave, Calumet, Ill 60649		31 HEALTH OFFICER'S SIGNATURE <i>Granville S. Witthaus M.D.</i>		32 DATE FILED (Month Day Year) November 18, 2003
MANNER OF DEATH	33 MANNER OF DEATH <input type="checkbox"/> Natural <input type="checkbox"/> Pending Investigation <input type="checkbox"/> Accident <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide <input type="checkbox"/> Could not be Determined <input type="checkbox"/> Homicide		34a DATE OF INJURY (Month Day Year)	34b TIME OF INJURY	34c INJURY AT WORK? (Yes or no)
	34d PLACE OF INJURY—At home, farm, street, factory, office, building, etc. (Specify)		34e DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED		
34g DATE PRONOUNCED DEAD (Month Day Year)		34h MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT? (Yes or no) If yes, specify driver, passenger, pedestrian, etc.			

Marjorie Margaret A Chewing Dziennik death cert

**Nona Chewing Witthaus**  
**Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewing**  
**Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewing**  
**Great Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewing**



Nona Chewning Witthaus stone, Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO



Nona Chewning Witthaus, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.24.1932

## WOMAN HELD TO CRIMINAL COURT

Ida "Toots" Kelso, arrested at Warsaw by Sheriff Walter H. Walthall, of Benton County, early Friday morning when she with another woman, Nona Chewning, riding in a Ford coupe driven by a Negro, ran into a trap the officers had laid for the robbers of a Fristoe service station, was charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated and with driving an automobile without the permission of its owner, in the court of Judge W. L. McCutcheon, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace, Saturday morning.

The Kelso woman pleaded not guilty to both of the charges and waived her preliminary hearing. She was then bound over to the action of the October term of criminal court under a \$1,000 bond, and unable to furnish it was committed to the county jail.

The Chewning woman was released after being questioned by the officers. She was picked up by the Kelso woman it was said and had nothing to do with driving the car.

The two women and the Ford coupe in which they were riding was returned to Sedalia by Chief of Police W. L. Marlin, who was called to Warsaw on the Fristoe robbery. The car belonged to N. K. Baker, of Kansas City, who said the woman took the car without his permission after she had told him he had left it unlocked and wanted to lock it up, whereupon he gave her the keys to the car.

Nona Chewning Witthaus, Sedalia Weekly Democrat, 9.21.1934

**Marriage Licenses Issued**  
George Hugo Witthaus, Chamois  
and Nona Chewning, Sedalia.

Nona Chewning Witthaus, marr. ann., The Sedalia Democrat, 4.12.1943

**Mrs. Nona Witthaus**

KANSAS CITY — Mrs. Nona Witthaus, 60, died at the General Hospital in Kansas City at 5 a.m. Tuesday.

She was born at Lincoln, Feb. 23, 1912, daughter of the late Charles Lewis and Martha Jane Stone Chewning.

She was married at Sedalia in 1945 to George Witthaus, who preceded her in death.

She is survived by four brothers, Harry Chewning, 1706 East Fourth, Sedalia; Bill Chewning, Belmont, Calif.; Willard Chewning, Chicago, Ill.; Lawrence Chewning, San Francisco, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Margaret Dzennick, Chicago; Mrs. Nina Bennington, 515 West 11th, Sedalia; and Mrs. Frances Painter, Chicago.

Funeral services will be held at the Ewing Funeral Home, Sedalia, at 1 p.m. Friday. The Rev. Orval F. Woolery will officiate.

Burial will be in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

The body is at the funeral home.

Nona Chewning Witthaus obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 12.19.1972

**Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington**

**Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**

**Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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

Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington, b. 2/23/1912, Lincoln, Benton, MO; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Everett John Phelps, 9/28/1935, Versailles, Morgan, MO; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Hillard Brizendine, 12/25/1938, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. 3<sup>rd</sup> Roy Brown, 5/9/1942, Sedalia, Pettis, MO; m. 4<sup>th</sup> Cecil Jerold Bennington, before 1950 census; d. 12/17/1999, Windsor, Sonoma, CA; buried in Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO.



Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington stone, Memorial Park Cem., Sedalia, Pettis, MO

Nina had a child – Lloyd Edward Chewning – in **1929**. He apparently wasn't raised by her; at least he isn't on her census records. His FAG memorial says his father was "Eoly Ward."

There was a Ulie Ward in Sedalia, b. 1911, d. 1951. Could that be Lloyd's father?

**1930 census, Sedalia, Pettis, MO 1803 Osage**

Lewis C. Chewning, 46, rents, \$10, m. at 21, b. in MO, parents b. in US, laborer, odd jobs

Matty M. Chewning, 43, m. at 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Nina M., 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Nona M., 18, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Harry M., 14, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Baily, 12, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Willard W., 8, attended school, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Frances L., 6, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

Lawrence W., 4, b. in MO, parents b. in MO,

# FOUR INJURED ARE IN HOSPITAL AFTER AUTO ACCIDENT

Miss Nona Chewning The  
Most Seriously Hurt  
of Quartette

SISTER WAS ONLY  
SLIGHTLY BRUISED

Car Left Pavement When  
Driver, Ollie Richwine,  
Lost Control

Four persons are in the Bothwell hospital injured and another escaped injury when a Ford roadster driven by Ollie Richwine, turned over and rolled down a twelve foot embankment on north Highway 65 on the curve between Missouri avenue and Osage avenue, about 10 o'clock Saturday night.

In the hospital besides Richwine are Miss Lucille Paxton, 18 year old daughter of Mrs. Alice Paxton, Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue, suffering from a severe laceration behind the right ear near the base of the brain, slight scratches on the left side of her face, wrenched left shoulder and bruises about her body.

Miss Nona Chewning, 19 years old, daughter of Lewis Chewning, Eighteenth street and Osage avenue, whose condition is considered very serious. She is suffering from a contusion on the left side of her head, possibly the loss of one eye, and cuts about her face. Her chest was also bruised.

Harold Calvin, 20 years old, 915 East Broadway, received lacerations

was also bruised.

Harold Calvin, 20 years old, 915 East Broadway, received lacerations on his face, and three small lacerations on the left arm near the elbow. He is also suffering from bruises.

Richwine's condition is not considered serious. He is suffering from shock.

Nina Chewning, twin sister of Nona, was thrown over a fence into a field about twenty feet off the highway receiving only slight bruises. She ran back to the highway and where she was met by persons rushing from a dance nearby. She was taken to her home.

Both the Gillespie and McLaughlin ambulances answered calls and rushed the injured to the hospital where medical attention was rendered by Dr. Snavelly, city physician.

According to the Calvin boy, Richwine was driving at a fairly fast rate of speed when he rounded a curve, the car started to swerve and the driver evidently lost control of the automobile and it turned turtle.

Outside of having the top smashed, the windshield broken and the body slightly damaged the car was not damaged to any great extent.

Nona and Nina Chewning, car acc., TheSedaliaDemocrat, 9.20.1931.2

**FLOYD AMOS RETURNED  
HERE ON FORGERY CHARGE**

Floyd "Skinny" Amos who was declared implicated in a forgery of an \$8 check several days ago in which Hillard Brizendine and James Baker, have already been bound over to the criminal court, was returned to Sedalia, Saturday evening by Chief of Police W. L. Marlin and Officer Jack Tindle, from Jefferson City.

Hillard Brizendine, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 7.20.1934

**Chestine Maggie r100 W P<sup>CO</sup>  
Chewing Granville W h2100 Wagner av  
Chewing Mattie Mrs h1410 S Missouri av  
Chewing Nina r1002 S Grand av  
Chilcoate Emmett F (Ollie) blrmkr hlpr MoP:**

Nina Marie Chewing Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington, 1935 Sedalia, Pettis, MO, directory

**Marriage to Edward John Phelps, 9/28/1935**

**E. J. Phelps and Nina Marie  
Chewing of Sedalia, Saturday,  
September 28th. Married same  
day by Judge S. J. Holloway.**

Nina Marie Chewing Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington, marr, TheSundayNewsTribune, 10.6.1935



Hillard Brizendine was sentenced to a year in jail last Friday in the court of Justice Carpenter in Tipton. He was charged with passing a bad check. He recently was paroled from Algoa where he was serving for a forgery conviction in Pettis county. Since he started serving his sentence here, the local officers have received letters from Morgan and Cooper counties alleging that he has passed worthless checks in those counties.

Hillard Brizendine, TheSundayNewsandTribune, 6.16.1935

1935- 6056

No.....

*Application for License to Marry*

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(AFFIDAVIT OF MALE)

STATE OF MISSOURI }  
 County of Morgan } ss. I, E. J. Phelps  
 of Sedalia County of Pettis and State of  
Missouri desiring to procure a license to marry Nina Marie Chewing  
 of Sedalia County of Morgan Pettis  
 and State of Missouri do solemnly swear that I am of the age of 35  
 years, and that the said Nina Marie Chewing is of the age of 24  
 years, and that we are both single and unmarried, and may lawfully contract and be joined in marriage.

*E. J. Phelps*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day  
 of September 19 35.

By Conrad A. [Signature] D. C. Edgar F. Carpenter Recorder.

Everett John and Nina Marie Chewing Phelps, marr lic

# MARRIAGE LICENSE

STATE OF MISSOURI  
COUNTY OF

MORGAN

*This License authorizes any Judge of a Court of Record, or any Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a Citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a Pastor of any Church in this State to solemnize Marriage between*

E. J. Phelps

of Sedalia in the County of Pettis  
and State of Missouri, who is over the age of  
twenty-one years, and Nina Marie Chewing  
of Sedalia in the County of Pettis  
and State of Missouri, who is over the age of  
TWENTY-ONE years.

*Witness my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the Seal of Office hereto affixed, at my Office in Versailles, Mo. this 28th day of September, 1935.*

By Comelius A. Styer Deputy  
Elder F. Carpenter.  
CIRCUIT CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF DEEDS.

NOTE: If the man is under twenty-one, or the woman under eighteen, add the following: The Father (giving his name, or Mother or Guardian as the case may be) of the said A.B. (or C.D. as the case may require) has given his (or her) assent to the said Marriage.

State of Missouri, }  
COUNTY OF Morgan } ss. *This is to Certify, that the undersigned*  
Probate Judge *did, at*  
Versailles, Mo. *in said County, on the 28th day of*  
September *A.D. 1935, unite in Marriage the above named persons,*  
*and I further Certify, that I am legally qualified under the Laws*  
*of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages.*

NO. 456-18

S. J. Harroway

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Everett John and Nina Marie Chewing Phelps, marr cert

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## MARRIAGE LICENSE

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 County of Morgan } THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any Licensed or Ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between E. J. Phelps of Sedalia in the County of Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years; and Nina Marie Chewing of Sedalia in the County of Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years.

WITNESS my hand as Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed, at my office in Versailles, Mo this 28th day of September 1935  
 By Comelius Hagen Deputy EJS Edgar W. Carpenter  
 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
 County of Morgan } This is to certify that the undersigned probate judge did, at Versailles Mo in said County, on the 28th day of September D. 1935. unite in Marriage the above named persons. And I further certify that I am legally qualified under the laws of the State of Missouri to solemnize Marriages. EJS S. J. Halloway

The foregoing Certificate of Marriage was filed for record in my office on the 30th day of September A. D. 1935  
 By Edgar W. Carpenter Deputy  
 Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Deeds.

Everett John and Nina Marie Chewing Phelps, marr cert.2

## PASSER OF BOGUS CHECKS PICKED UP

"I'm the newly elected sheriff's cousin, what's the chance to getting you to cash my check", newly-elected Sheriff Charles Benedict of Cross Timbers, said a check artist said to his friends Saturday and was able to "float" several in the vicinity of Cross Timbers.

Mr. Benedict who at present is a deputy sheriff, came to Sedalia Saturday and began a search for a man who he thought might have passed the checks. At 2 o'clock Sunday morning in company with Sheriff Claud Walthall of Warsaw and Patrolman J. H. Brooks, they went to a house in the 900 block on East Third street, and routed out Hillard Brizendine and took him in custody.

Brizendine at first contended he just didn't know what the officers were talking about, because he had been drunk for four days. However,

after a brief interview at the police station he began to recall just what had occurred during the day and according to the officers admitted he passed the checks. He was taken to Cross Timbers shortly after his arrest here.

Sheriff-elect Benedict was rather indignant at Brizendine because he had told merchants in Cross Timbers he was a cousin. None of the articles which Brizendine obtained when he cashed the checks were found.

Brizendine has served in jail for passing worthless checks before, and he had recently completed a year term in the county jail in Monticau county for passing a "bad" check, according to the officers.

Hillard Brizendine, arrested, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 11.23.1936.2

## JAIL SENTENCES TO THREE FOR IMPOPER CONDUCT

Roy Brockman, Fritz Johnson, colored, and Nina Phelps, alias Nina Chewning, arrested at 2:30 o'clock this morning by Police Officers Anderson and Emmett O'Brien, for improper conduct, appeared before Judge Charles W. Bente, sitting as ex-officio justice of the peace, and were each sentenced to sixty days in the county jail.

The three pleaded guilty.

Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown Bennington, arrested, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 2.8.1937

**Taken To Prison**

Hillard Brizendine, sentenced to three years in the penitentiary on each of two forgery charges, was taken to the state institution in Jefferson City today by Sheriff Marlin and Deputy Clyde Coppers.

Hillard Brizendine, prison, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 4.12.1937

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Hillard Brizendine of Sedalia, in the County of  
Pettis and State of Missouri who is over, the age of twenty-one years  
and Nina Chewning of Sedalia, in the County of  
Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of 21 years,

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed at my office in Sedalia, Mo.  
this 23rd day of December 1938

(SEAL) John E. Bohon Recorder of Deeds.

By Naomi T. Schien. Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }  
County of Pettis } ss. This is to certify that the undersigned  
Reverend C.W. Swanson did at Sedalia, in said County, on the  
25th day of December A. D. 19 38 unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further  
certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to Solemnize Marriages.

Rev. C.W. Swanson.

Filed for Record this 30th day of December 19 38

John E. Bohon Recorder.

Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine, marr license - 1938

### **Two Granted 'Stay'**

Hillard Brizendine and his wife Nina Brizendine, picked up by the police for investigation, were charged with vagrancy in police court this morning after which they were fined \$30 each by Magistrate C. W. Bente.

Chief John J. O'Brien gave the two a stay on the fine providing they left Sedalia and remained away.

Hillard and Nina M Chewning Phelps Brizendine, vagrancy, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 2.20.1939

### **Nina's son Lloyd was included in this family gathering**

Lloyd is listed with Len Washington Chewning's family.

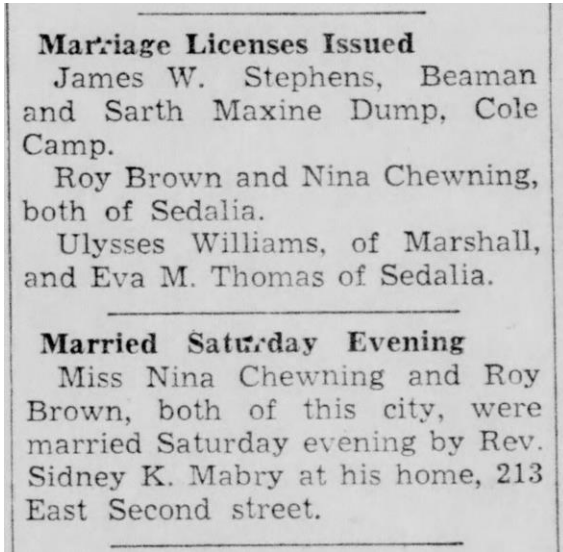
### **Thanksgiving Dinner At Louis Benz Home**

Several neighbors and relatives gathered at the Louis Benz' home for Thanksgiving dinner Thursday they being: Miss Dora Benz, Lees Summit, Mr. and Mrs. Len Chewning and sons, Jimmy Lon, Bailey, Wheeler and Lloyd Chewning, of near Lees Summit, William Chewning, Marshall; Mrs. C. L. Chewning and daughter, Frances, Sedalia, Mr. and Mrs. James Johnson and granddaughter, Mrs. Myrtle Morganstern, Sedalia, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Benz and son, Ervin Eugene and daughter, Shirley Maxine, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Benz and son, Kenneth Clayton, Mrs. G. R. Blair and son, Ralph, Janet Spooner, of Lees Summit, Ernest, Earl and Marvin and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Benz of the home.

Chewning gathering, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 11.26.1939

**1940 census, Lexington, Lafayette, MO**

Edna Gilmore, 48, divorced, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, same house in 1935, private work, 52 hrs/wk, operator, tavern, owner, 52 wks,  
 Nina M. Chewning, 26, married, hired girl, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, Pettis, MO, in 1935, private work, 52 hrs/wk, waitress, tavern, 52 wks, \$165 income  
 Nona M. Chewning, 26, single, hired girl, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, Pettis, MO, in 1935, private work, 52 hrs/wk, waitress, tavern, 52 wks, \$165 income



Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown marr., The Sedalia Democrat, 5.11.1942

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 Judge of a Court of Record or Justice of the Peace, or any licensed or ordained Preacher of the Gospel, who is a citizen of the United States, or who is a resident of and a pastor of any church in this State, to SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE between

THIS LICENSE AUTHORIZES any

Pettis Roy Brown of Sedalia in the County of  
 and State of Missouri who is over the age of twenty-one years  
 and Nina Chevening of Sedalia in the County of  
 Pettis and State of Missouri who is over the age of eighteen years.

WITNESS my hand as Recorder of Deeds, with the seal of office hereto affixed at my office in Sedalia, Mo.,  
 this 9th day of May 19 42. E. C. Martin, Recorder of Deeds.

By \_\_\_\_\_ (SEAL) Deputy.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.  
 County of Pettis }  
 Rev. Sidney K. Mabry }  
 9th day of May A. D. 19 42 did at Sedalia in said County, on the  
 certify that I am legally qualified under the Laws of the State of Missouri to Solemnize Marriages. unite in Marriage the above named persons, and I further

Rev. Sidney K. Mabry

Filed for Record this 11th day of May 19 42.  
 E. C. Martin, Recorder.

Nina Marie Chewning Phelps Brizendine Brown, marr cert - 1942

## Car Overturns And Takes Fire

Cecil J. Bennington and Barney Curry, of Stover, narrowly escaped being seriously injured about 7:45 o'clock Wednesday night, when a tire on their car blew out and the Plymouth coupe they were driving overturned on highway 50 near Emmett avenue. As the car rolled over it caught fire, but the flames were quickly extinguished.

The car, driven by Curry, was headed into Sedalia and was a short distance from making a turn on Broadway off Crescent Drive, when the right rear tire blew out. The car swerved to the west side of the highway, struck the edge of a concrete culvert and rolled down the side of the highway into a vacant lot. The car rolled over three times.

The fire companies were called to the scene and put the fire out. The firemen then assisted Bennington and Curry in pushing the vehicle back onto the highway.

Curry received a bruised right shoulder while Bennington had a slight scratch on the left side of his head.

Cecil Jewell Bennington, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 6.24.1943



**Case Dismissed**  
Cecil Bennington, 1315 West Main street, charged with disturbing the peace, was dismissed by Judge W. E. Scotten, this morning when the complaining witness failed to appear to prosecute.

Cecil Jewell Bennington, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 11.20.1946

Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Bennington of Sedalia are named in an article in the Sedalia newspaper, attending a birthday party in 1947.

**1950 census, Kansas City, Jackson, MO**

Cecil J. Bennington, 46, m., b. in MO, didn't work last week, seeking work,  
Nina Bennington, 39, m., b. in MO, not working, not seeking work

Cecil's mother died in 1951, and Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Bennington of Kansas City attended her services.

**TWO ARE STABBING VICTIMS.**  
**After One of Separate Incidents,**  
**Man Admitted to Hospital.**  
Two persons were stabbed with knives last night, one dangerously enough for the victim to be admitted to the hospital, police reported today.  
At the General hospital, with a wound of the left arm, Cecil Bennington, 46 years old, 1004 Lydia avenue, was reported in a fair condition. He was injured during an altercation outside a tavern at Twelfth and Harrison streets. John C. Martin, 60, of 331 Olive street, is being held by police in connection with the stabbing.  
The other incident involved

Cecil Jewell Bennington, TheKansasCityStar, 11.2.1954

**C. J. Bennington**  
 C. J. Bennington, 51, died at his home in Massena, N. Y., Oct. 6. He was born in Florence in 1905, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Bennington.  
 He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Fontaine, Sedalia, Mrs. Ethel Keir, Overland Park, Kan., Mrs. Nellie Holbrook, Ames, Ia.; two brothers, Lesley Bennington, Wheatland, and G. A. Bennington, Houston, Tex.  
 The two surviving brothers are going for the body. Funeral services will be held at the Hathay Funeral Home, Wheatland, Sunday, Oct. 14, with burial in Wheatland.

Cecil Jewell Bennington, obit, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.8.1956

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| <p><b>DEATHS OVER MISSOURI.</b><br/>         Springfield — L. E. Rosenbeauer, 84, president of the Southwestern Engineering company, a school board member 29 years, World War II rationing board member and member of the board of the Southern Missouri Trust company.<br/>         Emanuel P. Dickerson, 90, who observed his 66th wedding anniversary less than a year ago. . . . Lee Wilson, son of the late Lee J. Wilson, who was vice-president of the Union National bank.<br/>         St. Louis—John J. O'Toole, 66, insur-</p> | <p><b>BER 23, 1956.</b><br/>         ance man and member of St. Louis County citizens' bond advisory committee.<br/>         Lawson—Funeral here for Mrs. Sarah Isabelle Weymouth, 96, who died at Elmira, Mo.<br/>         Bolivar—Mrs. Irene P. Delarue, wife of William P. Delarue, a Bolivar merchant; active in women's Masonic and sorority groups and the Daughters of the American Revolution.<br/>         Avery—Cecil Jewel Bennington.<br/>         Appleton City—Oran Mount</p> |
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Cecil Jewell Bennington, death, TheKansasCityTimes, 10.23.1956.1

Nina, as Nina Bennington, is living in Sedalia in 1972, per her sister, Nona's, obit.

**Nina d. in 1999**

|             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| Name        | Nina Marie Bennington |
| Gender      | Female                |
| Race        | White                 |
| Birth Date  | 23 Feb 1912           |
| Birth Place | Lincoln, Missouri     |
| Death Date  | 17 Dec 1999           |
| Father      | Charles L Chewning    |
| Mother      | Martha J Stone        |

SSN 622687734  
Type of Claim Birth record established before age of 5.  
Notes 02 Dec 1993: Name listed as NINA MARIE BENNINGTON; 16 Feb 2000: Name listed as NINA M BENNINGTON

**Son Lloyd Edward Chewning**

Per his FAG memorial – his father was Eoley Ward. There was a Ulie Ward in Sedalia at the time.

**1940 census, Prairie Twp., Jackson County, MO**

Len W. Chewning, 33, rents farm, \$10 value, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935, farmer, farm

Fay Alice Chewning, 24, 8 yrs school, b. in CO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935, housework

James L., 5, son, b. in MO, rural Pettis County, MO, in 1935,

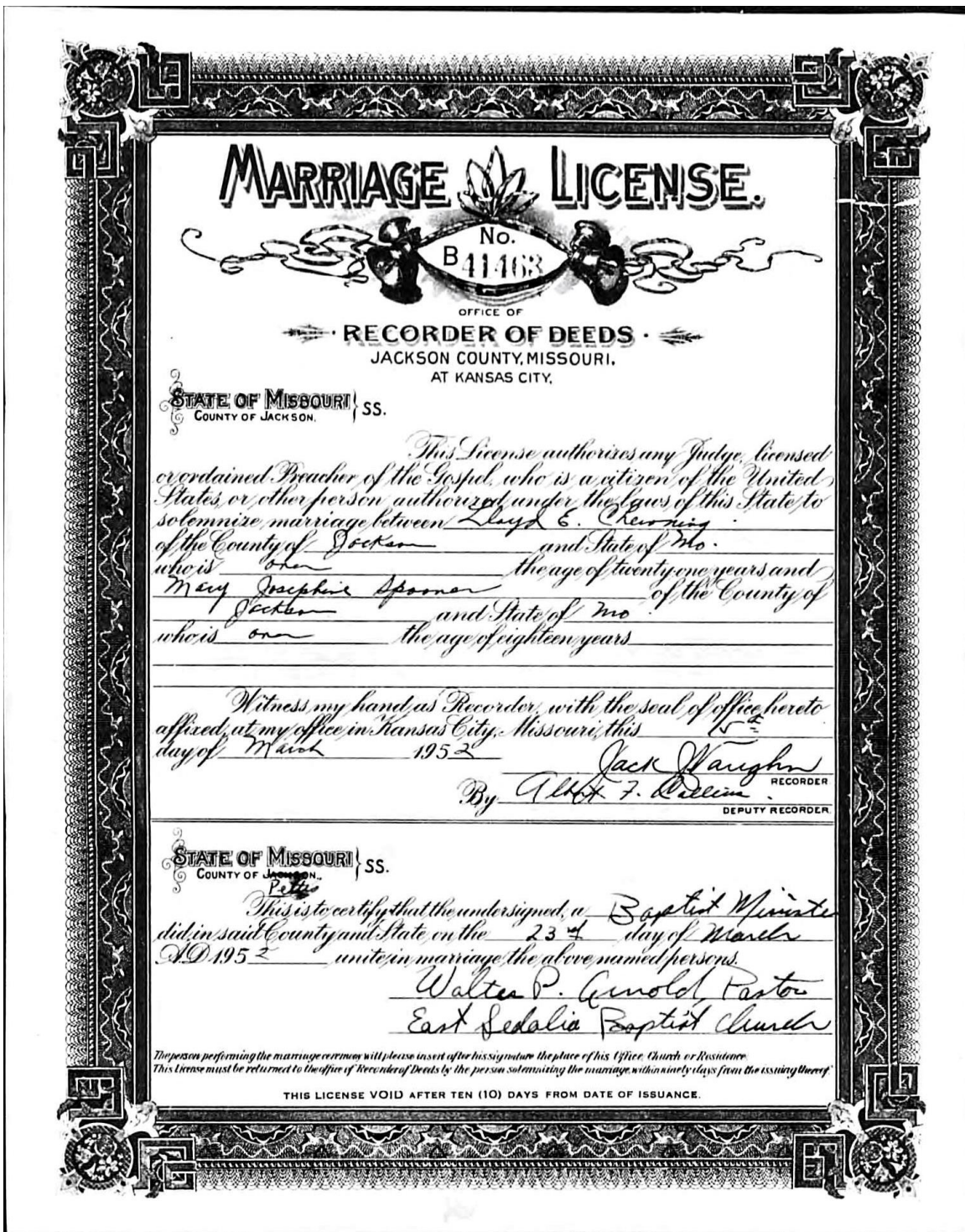
Lawrence W. Chewning, 14, brother, 8 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, MO, in 1935, school

Lloyd E. Chewning, 10, nephew, 5 yrs school, b. in MO, Sedalia, MO, in 1935,



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| Lloyd E. Chewning, Lee's Summit..... | 22 |
| Mary Josephine Spooner, Lee's Summit | 23 |

Lloyd Everett Chewning, marr lic., TheKansasCityStar, 3.16.1952

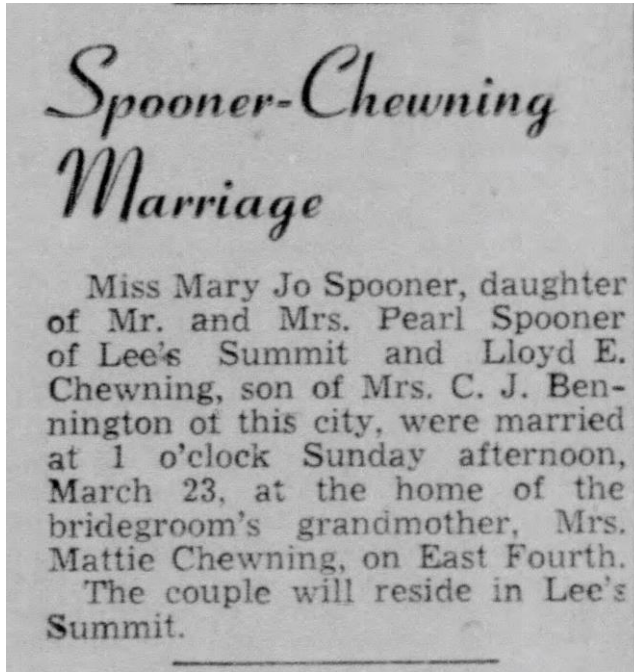


Lloyd Edward Chewning, marr cert

Military service:

Name Lloyd E Chewning  
Gender Male  
Birth Date 23 Oct 1929  
Death Date 17 Aug 1993

SSN 490306938  
Enlistment Branch ARMY  
Enlistment Date 6 Dec 1946  
Discharge Date 10 Apr 1950



Lloyd Edward Chewning, marr, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 3.25.1952

The article from 1958, shows they were in California by then. Mary Jo's family was, also. Was that why they moved to California? Jeannette Chewning was married to William Billy Chewning, Nina's brother. Billy and Jeannette were living in San Mateo County, CA, at least from 1973.

odist Church.

SPOONER, Pearl Emmitt, 66, a native of Missouri who came to Anaheim two years ago and residing at 305 E. Adele St., died early yesterday morning at St. Jude Hospital, after an extended illness. He is survived by his wife, Grace B. Spooner; three daughters, Mrs. Jeanette L. Chewning of South San Francisco, Mrs. Betty Anne Stober and Mrs. Mary Jo Chewning both of Anaheim; one son, William R. Spooner with the armed forces in France at present; two brothers, William and Donald Spooner and one sister, Mrs. Clara Taylor all of Missouri and five grandchildren. He was an attendant of The Bethany Gospel Church located at 121 W. Cypress St. Funeral services will be announced by the Hilgenfeld Mortuary.

McFELHINNY, John Carl, son of

Mary Jo Spooner Chewning, AnaheimDailyBulletin 2.28.1958

**Lloyd d. in 1993**

*Lloyd E. Chewning , 63, of Orange, a retired guitar maker, died Tuesday. He served in the Army during the Korean War. Visitation from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Hilgenfeld Mortuary, Anaheim. Graveside services at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Fairhaven Memorial Park, Santa Ana. Survived by his wife, Jo, and mother, Nina, of Orange.*

*Orange County Register, The August 18, 1993*

*Father: Eoley Ward*

*Mother: Nina M Chewning*

*US ARMY: 6 Dec 1946 to 10 Apr 1950*

|                                 |                                                                                                           |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Name                            | Lloyd Edward Chewning                                                                                     |
| Name Note                       | Name and form dates: Application: LLOYD EDWARD CHEWNING (Apr 1945), Death: LLOYD E CHEWNING (17 Aug 1993) |
| Social Program Application Date | Apr 1945                                                                                                  |
| Death Date                      | 17 Aug 1993                                                                                               |
| Birth Date                      | 23 Oct 1929                                                                                               |
| Birthplace                      | Sedalia Pett*, Missouri, United States                                                                    |
| Race                            | White                                                                                                     |
| Father's Name                   | Eoley Ward                                                                                                |
| Father's Sex                    | Male                                                                                                      |
| Mother's Name                   | Nina M Chewning                                                                                           |
| Mother's Sex                    | Female                                                                                                    |

**Harry Mitchell Chewning**

**Son of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**

**Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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

## Sedalia Man Is Pinned When Ditch Caves In

Harry Chewning, 1700 East Fourth, had some uneasy moments about 9:40 a.m. Friday while digging a ditch in the alley between Lamine and Massachusetts, Fifth and Sixth, when one wall caved in on him.

Chewning felt dirt trickling on his back and before he could get out a portion of the wall caved in and trapped him for several minutes. Percy Wells, 408 East Second, a helper began digging dirt away from him and freed Chewning.

Bill Wear, 715 North Quincy, who is supervising the work, arrived within a few minutes and also helped to dig Chewning loose from his trap.

Chewning after his experience reported he was not hurt but at one time felt sure his legs were going to be broken.

After checking the 12-foot hole, Chewning surveyed the hole and went back to work digging it out deeper.

The work is being done by the James T. Watkins Plumbing Co., which is checking the sewer line for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. as part of a survey before construction is started on the new telephone building in that area.

Harry Mitchell Chewning, The Sedalia Democrat, 2.24.1956



Loraine Chewning

Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning

Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning

Great Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD

V. S. No. 2.

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

| PLACE OF DEATH                                                                                                                                  |                                                        |                                                     | MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH<br>BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS<br>CERTIFICATE OF DEATH                                                                                                                            |                |              |
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| County                                                                                                                                          | <i>Pettis</i>                                          | Registration District No.                           | <i>671</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                      | File No.       | <i>19697</i> |
| Township                                                                                                                                        | <i>Cedar</i>                                           | Primary Registration District No.                   | <i>5894</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Registered No. | <i>4</i>     |
| or<br>Village                                                                                                                                   |                                                        | (NO. _____) St. _____ Ward _____                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |              |
| or<br>City                                                                                                                                      |                                                        |                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |              |
| FULL NAME                                                                                                                                       |                                                        |                                                     | <i>Lorain Chewning</i>                                                                                                                                                                                          |                |              |
| PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS                                                                                                            |                                                        |                                                     | MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |              |
| SEX                                                                                                                                             | COLOR OR RACE                                          | SINGLE MARRIED WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (Write the word) | DATE OF DEATH                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |              |
| <i>Female</i>                                                                                                                                   | <i>White</i>                                           | <i>single</i>                                       | <i>June 2</i> , 1915                                                                                                                                                                                            |                |              |
| DATE OF BIRTH                                                                                                                                   | AGE                                                    |                                                     | I HEREBY CERTIFY, that I attended deceased from <i>6/1</i> , 1915, to <i>6/2</i> , 1915, that I last saw her alive on <i>6/1</i> , 1915, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at <i>11 1/2</i> m. |                |              |
| <i>May 11</i> , 1910                                                                                                                            | <i>21</i> yrs. <i>21</i> mos. <i>21</i> ds.            |                                                     | The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:<br><i>Whooping cough was in convulsions when I was called + died in some part of night</i>                                                                                  |                |              |
| OCCUPATION                                                                                                                                      | BIRTHPLACE                                             |                                                     | Contributory                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |              |
| (a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work<br>(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer) | <i>none</i><br><i>Georgetown Mo</i>                    |                                                     | <i>convulsions</i>                                                                                                                                                                                              |                |              |
| PARENTS                                                                                                                                         | NAME OF FATHER                                         |                                                     | (Signed) <i>B. W. Harris</i> M. D.                                                                                                                                                                              |                |              |
| BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER                                                                                                                            | <i>Chas. Lewis Chewning</i>                            |                                                     | <i>6/2</i> , 1915 (Address) <i>Georgetown Mo</i>                                                                                                                                                                |                |              |
| MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER                                                                                                                           | <i>Linsela Mo</i>                                      |                                                     | *State the Disease Causing Death, or, in deaths from Violent Causes, state (1) Means of Injury; and (2) whether Accidental, Suicidal, or Homicidal.                                                             |                |              |
| BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER                                                                                                                            | <i>Mattie Stone</i>                                    |                                                     | LENGTH OF RESIDENCE (For HOSPITALS, INSTITUTIONS, TRANSIENTS, OR RECENT RESIDENTS)                                                                                                                              |                |              |
| <i>Edmondson Mo</i>                                                                                                                             | THE ABOVE IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE          |                                                     | At place of death _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. In the State _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.                                                                                                                  |                |              |
| (Informant) <i>Mr. J. O. Gray</i>                                                                                                               | Where was disease contracted if not at place of death? |                                                     | Former or usual residence <i>4 miles North of Sedalia Mo</i>                                                                                                                                                    |                |              |
| (ADDRESS) <i>Georgetown Mo</i>                                                                                                                  | PLACE OF BURIAL OR REMOVAL                             |                                                     | DATE OF BURIAL                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                |              |
| Filed <i>6/4</i> 1915 <i>B. W. Harris</i> REGISTRAR                                                                                             | <i>Mr. Herremann</i>                                   |                                                     | <i>6/3</i> 1915                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                |              |
|                                                                                                                                                 | UNDERTAKER                                             |                                                     | ADDRESS                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                |              |
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Lorain Chewning death cert

William Bill Bailey Chewning

Son of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning

Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning

Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Harvey Chewning

**NOTICE OF SEPARATION FROM U. S. NAVAL SERVICE**

NAVPERS-853 (REV. 8-45)

*Independent #1*

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| 1. SERIAL OR FILE NO.<br>958-33-04 <i>Chewing</i> 2634 |  | 2. NAME (LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)<br>CHEWING, WILL BAILEY                       |  | 3. RATE AND CLASS/OR<br>SEAMAN, FIRST CLASS USN -1 |  | 5. PLACE OF SEPARATION<br>CAMP, T. LOUIS, MO.                |  |
| RANK AND CLASSIFICATION                                |  | 4. PERMANENT ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES<br>400 S. GREEN ST. LEE SUMMIT, MO. |  |                                                    |  | 6. CHARACTER OF SEPARATION<br>HONORABLE                      |  |
|                                                        |  |                                                                               |  |                                                    |  | 7. ADDRESS FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT<br>ITEM FOUR |  |

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| 8. RACE<br>WHITE                                                                      | 9. SEX<br>MALE | 10. MARITAL STATUS<br>MARRIED | 11. U.S. CITIZEN (YES OR NO)<br>YES                                   | 12. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH<br>7-9-18 Lamont, Mo. Pettis County |
| 13. REGISTERED<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO |                |                               | 14. SELECTIVE SERVICE BOARD OF REGISTRATION<br># 1, Independence, Mo. |                                                                 |
| 15. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE<br>ITEM FOUR                           |                |                               |                                                                       |                                                                 |

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| 16. MEANS OF ENTRY (INDICATE BY CHECK IN APPROPRIATE BOX)<br><input type="checkbox"/> ENLISTED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUCTED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMISSIONED |  | 17. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE<br>5-17-45                                                                                                                            | 18. NET SERVICE (FOR PAY PURPOSES)<br>(MRS., MGS., DAYS)<br>0 10 16 |
| DATE<br>DATE 5-17-45 DATE                                                                                                                                                         |  | 19. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE<br>MRS KANSAS CITY, MO.                                                                                                              | 20. QUALIFICATIONS, CERTIFICATES HELD, ETC.<br>NONE OF RATE         |
| 21. RATINGS HELD<br>AS 02/C 01/C                                                                                                                                                  |  | 22. FOREIGN AND/OR SEA SERVICE WORLD WAR II<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO                                                          |                                                                     |
| 23. SERVICE SCHOOLS COMPLETED<br>NONE                                                                                                                                             |  | 24. SERVICE (VESSELS AND STATIONS SERVED ON)<br>MRS KANSAS CITY, MO.; USNTO GREAT LAKES ILL.;<br>USNTO DAVISVILLE B.I.; CORP CAMP PARKS CAL;<br>CONST. BATT MAINT. UNIT 619 |                                                                     |

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| IMPORTANT: IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTOR'S SUBDIVISION, VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D. C. |                                                                       |                                      |                                                   |                                                           |
| 25. KIND OF INSURANCE<br>FBI                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 26. EFFECTIVE MONTH OF ALLOTMENT DISCONTINUANCE<br>4-46               | 27. MO. NEXT PREMIUM DUE<br>5-46     | 28. AMOUNT OF PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH<br>6.50      | 29. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO CONTINUE INS.<br>Yes \$10,000 |
| 30. TOTAL PAYMENT UPON DISCHARGE<br>\$ 55.79                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 31. TRAVEL OR MILEAGE ALLOWANCE INCLUDED IN TOTAL PAYMENT<br>\$ 04.70 | 32. INITIAL MUSTERING OUT PAY<br>YES | 33. NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER<br>A.B. COUVILLAGE |                                                           |

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| 34. REMARKS<br>VICTORY MEDAL<br>ASIATIC PACIFIC<br>POINT SYSTEM DISCHARGE |  | 35. SIGNATURE (BY DIRECTION OF COMMANDING OFFICER)<br><i>[Signature]</i><br>LT. COMDR. USNR |
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| 36. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LAST EMPLOYER<br>C.J. HANRY<br>KANSAS CITY, MO. |                                                    | 37. DATES OF LAST EMP'LMT.<br>FROM 3-40<br>TO 5-45                | 38. MAIN CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D. O. T. NO.<br>MGR. FARM<br>3-37.10 |
| 39. JOB PREFERENCE (LIST TYPE, LOCALITY, AND GENERAL AREA)<br>UNDECIDED |                                                    | 40. PREFERENCE FOR ADDITIONAL TRAINING (TYPE OF TRAINING)<br>NONE |                                                                       |
| 41. NON-SERVICE EDU. (YRS. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED)                      | 42. DEGREES                                        | 43. MAJOR COURSE OR FIELD                                         | 44. VOCATIONAL OR TRADE COURSES (NATURE AND LENGTH OF COURSE)<br>NONE |
| 45. RIGHT INDEX FINGERPRINT                                             | 46. OFF DUTY EDUCATIONAL COURSES COMPLETED<br>NONE |                                                                   |                                                                       |
| 47. DATE OF SEPARATION<br>4-2-46                                        |                                                    | 48. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED<br><i>[Signature]</i>     |                                                                       |

TO: SELECTIVE SERVICE

William Bill Bailey Chewing, military

Miss Jenetta Spooner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Spooner of Lee's Summit became the bride of William B. Chewning, son of Mrs. C. L. Chewning, 318 West Eleventh street, on January 27, in a double wedding ceremony with another couple, in Lee's Summit.

The Rev. William Brewer performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families and a few close friends, at 2:30 o'clock that afternoon.

The other couple was Miss Emmy Lou Cunningham and Clarence Spooner, both of Lee's Summit. She is the daughter of Mrs. E. L. Cunningham and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Spooner.

Mr. Chewning formerly lived

Chairman of the Art and Drama department of Sorosis.

in Hughesville. The two couples are now residing in Lee's Summit.

There were 19 guests entertained at the home of Miss Margaret Bennett, 1210 East Eleventh street, Thursday evening in honor of Miss Alma Hall who is leaving to make her home at Marshall.

Those present were: Margaret Bennett, Mary Anne Rottler, Helen Burns, Virginia McBride, Trella Mae Suchsenheimer, Dorothy Mae Eirls, Carmen Aquire, Hazel Stansbery, Lois Bartlett, Alice Cauthen, Howard Hayes, Neill Hayes, Lyman Murray, Gregory Aquire, Therman Shaver, Wilbur Vanderlinden, William

William Bailey Chewning, marr. ann., TheSedaliaDemocrat, 2.4.1940

**1950 census, Prairie Twp., Jackson County, MO**

Bill B. Chewning, 32,  
Jennett L. Chewning, 29,  
Judith Kay, 8,  
Larry Emmet, 6,

## **Bill Bailey Chewning**

BELMONT, Calif. — Bill Bailey Chewning, 54, died here Monday.

He was born in LaMonte, July 9, 1919, son of the late Charles Lewis and Martha J. Chewning. He married Jeannette Spooner at Lee's Summit and she survives, of the home.

He was raised in the Sedalia, Hughesville and Lee's Summit areas.

Also surviving are three brothers, Harry Chewning, 1706 East Fourth, Sedalia; Willard Chewning, Oak Forest, Ill.; Lawrence W. Chewning, San Francisco, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Nina Bennington, Kansas City; Mrs. Eldon Painter, Park Forest, Ill.; one son, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in Belmont. Arrangements are incomplete.

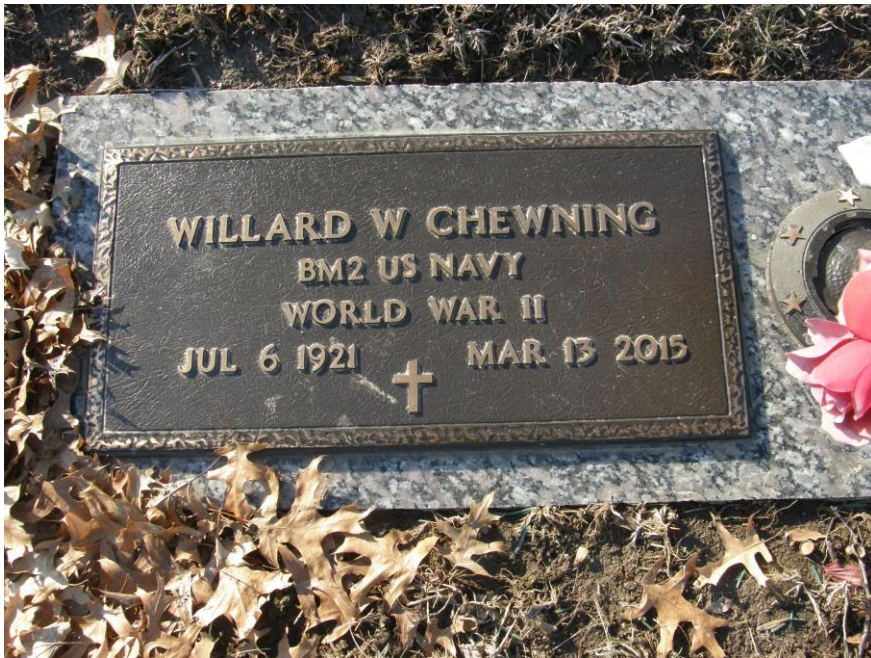
William Bill Bailey Chewning, obit, The Sedalia Democrat, 1.10.1973

### Willard Wilson Chewning

Son of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning

Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning

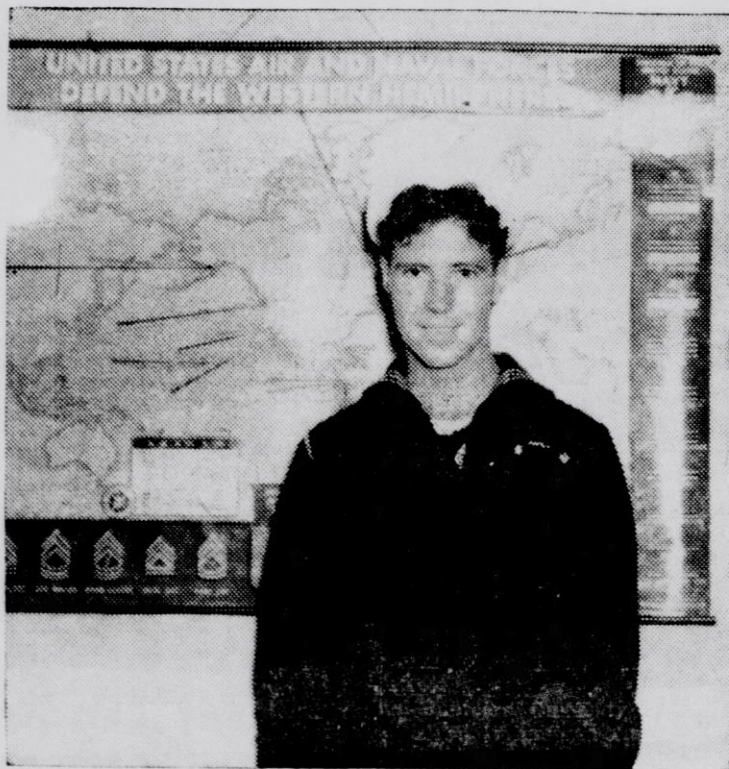
Great Grandson of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning



Willard Wilson Chewning stone, Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia, Pettis, MO

## Young Sedalian On Lexington From Flaming Ship To Rescue Destroyer

*Willard Wilson Chewing Smiles---  
Sorry He Was Not In Midway Battle*



Granted leave he arrives home to visit relatives but even after harrowing experience is ready and willing to return to active duty, and would like to be on new Lexington.

"There was a big blaze of fire and then she disappeared," Willard Wilson Chewing, 20, of Sedalia, related Saturday in describing the hero's death of his ship, the U. S. aircraft carrier Lexington, which went to its grave with colors flying after the great Coral Sea battle of May 8.

Chewing, seaman second class, is a son of Mrs. Mattie Chewing, 1706 East Fourth street. He enlisted in the navy the day after the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor and took his oath in St. Louis December 16. From then on life has been full of excitement, and his only injuries have been two smashed fingers. However, three of his best friends, were killed in action in the spectacular naval episode of the Coral Sea, in which the U. S. scored an impressive victory.

One of Willard Chewing's regrets is that he didn't get in on the battle at Midway

### Internal Explosions

His last view of the Lexington was about 7:40 o'clock the evening of May 8 as he stood on the deck of a destroyer 20 miles away. When all hands were ordered off the aircraft carrier as internal explosions shook her, Chewing slid down a ladder onto the destroyer which had pulled alongside. But before he went off, he

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Willard Wilson Chewing, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 6.21.1942.1

## Young Sedalian On Lexington From Flaming Ship To Rescue Destroyer

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attached a string to his beloved album of the Lexington and threw it onto the destroyer's deck. That and a pipe were all that he saved of his possessions.

"I didn't want to leave her," he said, "but we had to when we couldn't control the fires." The Lexington finally was sunk by American torpedoes to prevent her from falling into the hands of the Japs in case she stayed afloat, but for hours the big aircraft carrier, her complement was about 2,800—refused to go down, although she had suffered mortal blows by enemy torpedoes and bombs

The attack on the Lexington came about 11:30 in the morning during the Coral Sea battle, with 55 or 60 Jap planes in the attacking force.

### Standing By Gun

The Sedalia sailor, serving as second gunner, was standing by his anti-aircraft gun when he saw the first Jap aircraft coming in. It was a torpedo plane and was flying 20 or 30 feet above the water, Chewning recalled. The Americans let go with their fire.

### Downed 19 Jap Planes

"We got 19 Jap planes," he proudly explained. His own gun group accounted for two—a dive bomber and a torpedo plane. He saw two enemy ships crash—the heat of the battle was so furious it was hard to tell who had scored the hits—one of them piling up in a flaming heap on the deck of the Lexington.

Chewning reported that the enemy used three types of craft—torpedo planes, Zeros and dive bombers. As the Japanese airmen assaulted the Lexington, planes from the U. S. carrier were blasting at the enemy, inflicting a toll of two Jap aircraft carriers.

### Afloat Several Hours

Even several hours after the

of two Jap aircraft carriers.

### Afloat Several Hours

Even several hours after the battle the Lexington was on even keel and was doing 22 knots, when the explosions caused by damage in the fight occurred the men were still at their battle stations. Then came the orders to abandon ship, and the officers and sailors were rescued by U. S. warships hovering by. Navy communiques have estimated that 92 per cent of the men of the Lexington were saved.

The Coral Sea battle was not the first for the young Sedalian. He was in a big melee in February and in March there was the sea fight at the Samoa Isles off New Guinea.

After only a month's training at San Diego, following his enlistment in December, Chewning was sent to Pearl Harbor and later was assigned to the Lexington.

### Injured After Battle

His injuries—well, several days after the Coral Sea scrap he was carrying a five-inch projectile, lost his footing and it fell on his left hand, smashing a couple of fingers. He's glad the projectile didn't explode.

Chewning, a slight, alert fellow with brown eyes and brown hair

Chewning, a slight, alert fellow with brown eyes and brown hair that pops out from under his sailor's cap, landed on the west coast early in June and arrived in Sedalia Thursday on a 12-day furlough.

He hitch-hiked home. "Oh, you came by the thumb route?" he was asked during an interview Saturday. "No, the air route—'air ya going my way?" he quipped.

It took him four days to make it here from California, and en route he encountered a number of fellow mates from the Lexington, all anxious to get to their homes after the exciting forays at sea.

Chewning is visiting in Sedalia with his mother, his sister, Mrs. Mina Brown, a brother Wheeler Chewning, all of the home address, and another sister Miss Nona Chewning who is here from Grain Valley, Mo.

#### **Brother In Army**

The young seaman has a brother, Harry Chewning, serving with the U S. army at Sitka, Alaska. There are two other brothers and two sisters away from home. Willard was born July 6, 1921 at LaMonte. His father was the late C. L. Chewning.

Asked if he has a sweetheart, he said "Sure I do." She works in a Sedalia drug store, and would be pleased to see the way he smiled when he spoke of her.

But that's the way Willard Chewning came up from his harrowing experience at sea—smiling. He's ready to go back to duty, as soon as he gets his visiting done at home—and he would like very much to be assigned to the new Lexington.

Willard Wilson Chewning, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 6.21.1942.2



Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Chewning, 1706 East Fourth street, whose son, W. W. Chewning, was on the Lexington, which was sunk in the Pacific ocean, have received from the son, one of those rescued, a hand-painted picture, showing the ocean, the location of the ship when it was sunk, and a membership card in the order of Shipwrecked Sailors of the South Seas, purported to have been signed by Rex Mars, the Supreme Ruler of War.

Mr. and Mrs. Chewning value the document very highly and have had it framed.

Their son is now in Bremerton, Wash., waiting to be assigned to a ship.

Willard Wilson Chewning, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 9.14.1942

The following story was given to me by Nita Chewning:

*World War II, Willard W. Chewning*  
*August 06, 2007 12:49 PM*  
*By Williard W. Chewning*  
*Sedalia*

*On Dec. 7, 1941, I was at the Uptown Theater when a news flash came across the movie screen. Pearl Harbor had been attacked by the Japanese. My thoughts were, who was Pearl Harbor and why would they want to hurt a woman? I soon found out.*

*On Dec. 8, 1941, at the age of 20, with Mom's permission, I enlisted in the Navy. On Dec. 16, a group of young men boarded the train for St. Louis, where we were inducted and took the Navy oath.*

*I went through boot camp with three other boys who left Sedalia with me. I served with Amos Karr, John Stansbury Jr., who was killed aboard the USS Enterprise, and Floyd Hall, who became a Navy pilot. He was shot down over the island of Chi Chi Jima. He was captured by the Japanese and eventually beheaded, as described in the book "Flyboys."*

*At my last evening meal at the San Diego naval station, I spotted Freeman Paxton, of Sedalia, who enlisted a week after I did.*

*My company, 41-195, went aboard the USS Crescent City and arrived at Pearl Harbor eight days later. At Pearl Harbor, I wound up on working parties. We removed ammunition through the side of the battleship Utah, which was on her side in the mud after the Japanese blasted her.*

*On Jan. 30, 1942, I was assigned to the USS Lexington CV-2 to the 7th Division. The next day we left Pearl Harbor for the first war patrol. On Feb. 20, we were attacked by Japanese planes. Lt. Cmdr. Butch O'Hare, the first Navy ace, shot down five of the planes. He was awarded the Medal of Honor.*

*Also O'Hare Airport in Chicago was named in his honor. Lt. Cmdr. O'Hare was killed in an air battle in 1943.*

*We took the Lexington back to Pearl Harbor in April 1942 to get new guns and planes. We went back to sea in May 1942. Japanese planes flew over our ship just about dark. Some of our ships opened fire, but didn't hit anything. The Japanese fleet was reported to be 30 miles from us.*

*On May 8, 1942, while our planes were attacking the Japanese, they, in turn, were getting in their licks on us. Our ship was severely damaged. There were several explosions through out the ship, due to gasoline warheads exploding. Finally, the order was given to abandon ship.*

*The USS Morris DD-417 was along our starboard side. After the wounded were taken off, I retrieved my prized Lexington log album. I then went down the monkey line to the deck of the USS Morris DD-417. The next day we went to general quarters. Bogies, unidentified objects, had been picked up by radar. I was volunteered to carry five-inch projectiles to the guns.*

*The ship made a violent turn and I was thrown off my feet. My left hand was severely damaged.*

*I was taken to sick bay and placed in a bunk that belonged to Oscar Lee Boyer, of Sedalia. I met Oscar on the day he enlisted in the Navy, in November 1941.*

*We went to Tongatabu in the Tonga Islands, escorted by the USS Chester, and boarded the USS Barnett. We arrived in the United States 14 days later. After a short furlough, we were transferred to Bremerton, Wash., naval yards.*

*In July 1942, I was on several working parties chipping paint in the bilges of battleships brought in from Pearl Harbor for repairs.*

*One day we were lined up along the roadway while a motorcade passed. In one of the cars, I spotted President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. My shipmates told me I was seeing things. The next day we learned it had indeed been our president.*

*While we waited for a new ship, I met Red Sullivan, whom I had known in Sedalia. I also visited the Army hospital at Fort Lewis, Wash., to visit my older brother, Harry, who had returned from Dutch Harbor, Alaska. All of my brothers, except for one, served in World War II.*

*On Nov. 8, 1942, we commissioned the USS Card CVE-11, nicknamed the Lucky Card. After the shakedown cruise and qualifying pilots for carrier landings, we headed for the Panama Canal. I went ashore in Cologne, Panama.*

*Then we went to Norfolk, Va., for supplies and on to the Navy yard in Brooklyn, N.Y.*

*We then escorted a convoy of ships to the Mediterranean Sea. At the time, it was the largest convey ever assembled — 129 ships over 70 square miles.*

*Our planes provided submarine patrol, as well as our three old four-stacker destroyers that were our escort. This was Task Force 21.14. This convoy never lost a ship. It went through the Strait of Gibraltar and to Casablanca. After this first convoy, we operated as a hunter-killer task force to sink German submarines.*

*At night on Oct. 30, 1943, one of our escort destroyers, the USS Borie, rammed a German U-boat. Hand-to-hand combat ensued with guns, knives and whatever was available. The U-boat sank. The Borie was heavily damaged and had to be abandoned the following evening.*

*The next morning, she was still afloat. We found 30 of the crew afloat in their life jackets in frigid seas with 15- to 20-foot waves. We could not stop to pick them up for fear of the U-boats lurking about. I believe it was in July 1943 that we were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. This was the first baby flat-top to earn this award.*

*On Dec. 24, near the Bay of Biscayne, we were spotted by a German four-motor plane. It shadowed us all day long. We could not launch planes because the seas were too rough. That night found us in the midst of a U-boat wolf pack on the surface. The destroyer USS Shenk was ordered to attack the U-boats. She was damaged, so the USS Leary was sent back to help. She was promptly sunk by the U-boats.*

*Come daylight, we could see the submarines on the surface trying to catch up to us. Needless to say, no time was wasted trying to get out of there. Our task group was ultimately credited with sinking 11*

*U-boats.*

*In 1943, we were tied up to a pier in the Brooklyn Navy yard across from a battleship. I received a letter from home that told me my younger brother, Wheeler Chewning, was serving on the USS Iowa, the ship next to ours. They would not let me come aboard because she had not been commissioned. My brother knew that I was aboard the USS Card and came looking for me. I had gone on liberty. The next day, I found him in the chow line aboard the USS Iowa. We bumped into each other twice more during the war. Wheeler was only 16 when he joined the Navy.*

*In 1943, my ship ended up in the middle of a hurricane. For three days, green water came over the bow of the ship. Our propeller was out of the water as much as it was under.*

*On the night it reached its peak, I was helmsman on the wheel watch. I was using left full rudder and the ship was going in the other direction. I was finally able to bring her back on course. I sure thought we were going to founder.*

*In April 1944, I and four other sailors were transferred to the naval air technical training center in Norman, Okla. At Norman, I was a brig guard, a petty officer of the guards and finally made boatswain mate, second class. I was in charge of four ship services, master-at-arms force, and oversaw 33 men.*

*I was discharged at Lambert Field in St. Louis on Nov. 24, 1945. This ended the greatest adventure of my life.*

*Allen and I met Willards brother. This a great story*

*Nita*

*Willard Wilson Chewning, 93, of Sedalia, passed away on Friday, March 13, 2015 at his home. He was born on July 6, 1921 in La Monte, Mo., a son of Charles and Martha Jane (Stone) Chewning. On Feb. 9, 1957 in Riverdale, Ill., he was united in marriage to Helen Paxton, who survives of the home. Willard retired from railroad engineering with the B & O Railroad after 37 years. In Sedalia, he worked as a security guard for Hayes Wheels and on the Missouri State Fairgrounds.*

*He loved to go fishing and gardening and to can vegetables and pickles. He enjoyed working in his yard and helping his neighbors with theirs. Willard played the harmonica, ballroom and square danced, and loved to sing. He was a member of The Moose Lodge BPOE 1425 and the VFW Post 2591. He served his country honorably in the US Navy during WWII.*

*Besides his wife, he is survived by three children, Melva Jean Monteer of La Monte, Mo., Mary Elizabeth Neal-Jerrell and her husband Rhea of Abilene and Darryl Chewning and his wife Cathy of Ionia; 21 grandchildren; several great- grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.*

*Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Helen Patricia Ellis; five sisters and five brothers.*

*Funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at Rea Funeral Chapel, Sedalia with Rev. Dan Hankins officiating. Family will receive friends from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, 2015 also at the funeral chapel.*

*Full military honors will be conducted by the VFW Post 2591 at Memorial Park Cemetery, Sedalia.*

*Pallbearers will be Dakota Chewning, Dustin Cook, Jon Wirtz, Willard Wirtz, Duane Hansen and Christopher Hansen. Honorary bearers will be Scott Campbell, Austin Chewning, Tracy Neal, Jamie Neal, Sequoia Newland, Devin Neal and Matthew Wirtz.*

*Memorial contributions are suggested to The American Heart Association or The American Cancer Society in care of the funeral chapel.*

Francis Louise Chewning Painter Krumwiede  
Daughter of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning  
Granddaughter of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning  
Great Granddaughter of Granville Washington and Mary Ann Hanvey Chewning



Eldon E Painter stone, Skyline Memorial Park, Monee, Will, IL



Frances Louise Chewning Painter Krumwiede stone, Skyline Memorial Park Cem., Monee, Will, IL

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| <p><b>Chicken Supper</b><br/> Will be held at Hopewell church, Saturday, October 8th, at 6:30 p. m. Public invited.--Adv.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Car Being Held for Fine</b></p> <p>Eldon Painter, giving his home as near La Monte, who is the owner</p> | <p>of the "Spirit of Sedalia" who was arrested several days ago for driving the "wreck of a Ford" without a license and without lights, was fined \$5.</p> <p>As yet Eldon has not called at the police station for his car which is being held for the fine.</p> |
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Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.6.1927

## **PAINTER NOT OWNER OF THE OLD FORD**

Eldon Painter, who was arrested several days ago by Motorcycle Officer Dick Emo on a charge of driving "The Spirit of Sedalia" without either lights or license, paid his fine at the police station this morning.

Painter however is not the owner of the car, and not sure who the owner of the "wreck of a Ford" is, but has sent out the call to the owner to please go to the police headquarters and drive it away.

If the owner does not call for the car it will probably be sold and what money received from its sale turned over to the charity fund.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.7.1927

## **ARRESTED UPON A ROBBERY CHARGE**

Eldon Painter, of LaMonte, was arrested at his home Sunday morning, by Tom Melton, deputy sheriff, charged with robbery of the Hughes and Shaw store of La Monte, several weeks ago.

He will be arraigned probably Tuesday before Justice John W. Menefee.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.5.1931

## GIVES BOND UPON BURGLARY CHARGE

Eldon Painter, charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection with the robbing of the Hughes and Shaw general merchandise store at La Monte, furnished a \$2,000 bond this morning to J. W. Menefee, justice of the peace, for his appearance at a hearing to be held Saturday.

The bond was signed by Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Painter and T. E. Steele.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.6.1931.1

## CONTINUED CASE OF ELDON PAINTER

Eldon Painter of LaMonte, arrested in connection with the theft and burning of a Ford Coach, belonging to Reynolds Achauer, a druggist of Warrensburg, has been granted a continuance in the Johnson County circuit court until the February term.

The continuance was granted because Painter is enrolled in the University of Missouri.

A charge against Painter of robbing the Hughes and Shaw store at LaMonte, filed in Pettis County, was dismissed.

Eldon E Painter, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 10.16.1931

## ELDON PAINTER WAS GIVEN RELEASE

Eldon Painter, who was charged with burglary and larceny in connection with the robbing of the Hughes and Shaw general merchandise store in La Monte several weeks ago, was released following a preliminary hearing held before Justice of the Peace J. W. Menefee Saturday afternoon, for lack of evidence.

Prosecuting Attorney Walter H. Bohling was in charge of the case on the state's side. Some of the state's witnesses were not called as it was evident the prosecutor felt there was not enough evidence to bind the boy over to the criminal court.

Eldon E Painter, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 10.16.1931.1

## PAROLE GRANTED TO ELDON PAINTER

The case involving the theft of a Ford coach belonging to Reynolds Achauer which was taken from where it was parked on West Pine street, Warrensburg, the night of August 25, 1931, was closed Monday when Eldon Painter of La-Monte pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny before Russell Garnett of Warrensburg, sitting as a special judge, and as given a 60-day sentence and then paroled to his grandfather, T. V. Steele.

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Painter was the state's principal witness against Britt Bernard, who was with Painter the night the Achauer car was stolen. At that time Painter testified that he drove the car away from where it was parked and that Bernard rode with him to Sedalia. The machine was afterwards found burned. Bernard was acquitted by a jury of a charge of grand larceny. It was because Judge Bruce had presided in that trial and heard Painter testify that a change in judges was asked.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 7.14.1933

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## HELD ON CHARGE OF DRIVING CAR WHILE INTOXICATED

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Eldon Painter, charged with driving an automobile while intoxicated, pleaded not guilty before Justice of the Peace W. H. Leslie this morning and after a preliminary hearing was bound over to the October term of criminal court.

He was released on a \$1,000 bond signed by his mother, Mrs. Ida L. Painter, and Thomas Steele.

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Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 7.19.1933

Eldon Painter, driving car while intoxicated.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.1.1933

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## FINED FOR DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

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Eldon Painter, charged with driving a car while intoxicated, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court today and was fined \$100.

Members of the jury were: Carl Walters, S. H. Leuenberger, J. A. Phillips, E. L. Edmondson, W. C. Geick, C. E. Turner, Louis Schlobohn, Frank Shernaman, John Grant, Robert R. Higgins, Henry McNutt and Howard Moser.

Sam Harlan and Earl Crawford represented the plaintiff and Henry C. Salveter the state.

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Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 2.13.1934

For Constable, Flat Creek Township:  
ROBERT WELIVER  
For Constable, Dresden Township:  
ELDON PAINTER  
For Constable, Green Ridge Township:

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 7.19.1936

# Several Hurt As Auto Runs Into A Ditch

## Injured Rushed To Hospital Here For Medical Attention

A 1934 Ford coach, driven by Oliver Lilly, 1812 South Quincy avenue, plunged into a ditch three miles south of Dresden about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, causing injury to several of the nine occupants.

Miss Mary Ruth Jeffries, 15-year old daughter of Ed Jefferies, Beaman, was the most severely hurt. The young lady received a laceration on her forehead from the left temple to the right temple of the skull, and several stitches had to be taken to close the wound. She also received a cut on the right elbow in which a stitch was taken, also body bruises.

Miss Frances Chewning, 16 years old, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Chewning, 318 West Eleventh street, was bruised.

Frances Louise Chewning, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 7.17.1939

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### **Forfeits Cash Bond**

In police court this morning the \$25 cash bond of Eldon Painter, charged with reckless driving was forfeited by Judge C. W. Bente. Walter Pummill, charged with reckless driving paid a \$5 fine.

Will Farris, charged with improper parking paid a \$1 fine.

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Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 10.14.1940

### **Is Assessed Two Fines In The Police Court**

Eldon Painter arrested Saturday night by the police was fined \$15 by Judge C. W. Bente on a charge of being intoxicated and disturbing the peace. He was also fined \$3 for double parking his automobile on Ohio avenue Saturday night, and required to pay a \$2 pull-in charge on his automobile.

Eldon E Painter, TheSedaliaDemocrat, 11.11.1940

### **Township Constables Elected Were**

Blackwater, W. H. Jones, R.  
Bowling Green, J. R. Blaycock, R  
Cedar, Ed. Miller, R.  
Dresden, Eldon Painter, R.  
Elk Fork, James Page, R.  
Flat Creek, Robert Welliver, R.

Eldon E Painter, constable, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 11.15.1940

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**Resigns As Constable**

Because he had moved out of the state of Missouri, Eldon E. Painter has resigned as constable of Dresden township. A successor will be appointed by the Pettis county court.

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Eldon E Painter, SedaliaWeeklyDemocrat, 2.13.1942

## Deny Shielding Report

# Controversy on Tavern Bares Dec. 3 Slugging

Controversy over a maneuver by which the Chicago Heights city council extended the municipality's "wet" territory to permit operation of a tavern on Western avenue resulted in circulation of a report — since substantiated — that a city policeman was slugged in a saloon last December 3.

Andrew Foley, commissioner of public health and safety, and Chief of Police Phillip Howard denied that a police report of the slugging had been suppressed at the time. Nevertheless, the incident was treated to an uncommon "thunder of silence" for an offense of its type.

No action was taken against the tavern, despite the fact that the operators had been warned previously that "one more disturbance" would result in revocation of the license. The matter was not brought before the city council at an open meeting.

### Pays \$25 Fine

The policeman's assailant, a Park Forest man, escaped with a disorderly conduct fine of \$25 and costs.

According to the police report, Policeman Joseph Ciancanelli was slugged by Eldon E. Painter, 3225 Western avenue, at Seggebruch's tavern, 1722 Halsted street, Chicago Heights.

Answering a call reporting a disturbance was being created in the tavern, Ciancanelli was allegedly floored by a haymaker swung by Painter as soon as the policeman opened the door and stepped inside.

Injuries suffered by Ciancanelli subsequently caused him to have a number of teeth removed by a dentist.

Foley and Howard maintain that the report of the incident was filed properly and no attempt was made to withhold full information from the public.

Referring to the police report,  
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# Controversy Bares December Slugging

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which would normally have been available the day after the slugging, Howard said. "I don't think it was suppressed."

Foley added, "I know of no reason why the report might have been suppressed."

### Defends Tavern Owner

The commissioner also took the position that unless the tavern owner is directly involved in a disturbance, the tavern is absolved from blame.

"It wasn't the tavern owner," Foley declared in explaining why no disciplinary measures were taken. "The fellow started raising a disturbance. The tavern owner called the police. That is what he is supposed to do."

A hearing on the disorderly conduct charge filed by Ciancanelli against Painter was shifted from Police Magistrate Robert A. Meier III to Justice of the Peace David Shapiro. A change of venue was granted at the request of the defendant.

In addition to the fine, Foley said he "understood" Ciancanelli was reimbursed by Painter for medical treatment.

Eldon E Painter, TheChicagoHeightsStar, 9.9.1952.2

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Eldon E Painter, TheChicagoHeightsStar, 9.9.1952

### **ALVIN F. KRUMWIEDE**

Alvin F. Krumwiede, a resident of New Lenox, formerly of Blue Island, died Friday, Oct. 3, at Sunny Hill Nursing Home, Joliet.

A service was Tuesday at Hal-linan Funeral Home, Blue Is-land, with the Rev. William Johnson officiating. Interment was in First Evangelical Lu-theran Cemetery, Alsip.

Mr. Krumwiede was retired as a hammersmith for Wyman-Gordon in Harvey, with 30 years of service; and was a member of United Methodist Church of New Lenox.

He is survived by his wife, Frances (nee Chewning); a daughter, Ellen Gallina of New Lenox; four stepdaughters, Dorothy Sevilla of New Lenox, Beverly Stackhouse of Country Club Hills, Kathryn Jenkins of Park Forest and Veronica Garcia of California; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Alvin F Krumweide, obit, SouthtownStar, 10.9.1997

#### **Frances L. Chewning Painter Krumwiede obit:**

*KRUMWIEDE Frances L. Krumwiede, age 85, of So. Chicago Heights, IL, passed away August 4, 2009. Beloved wife of late Alvin Krumwiede; loving mother of Dorothy (Joe) Sevilla, Beverly Stackhouse, Kathryn (Terry) Soliday, and Veronica Garcia; cherished grandmother of Susan Mosher, Barbara (Dave) Schroeder,*

Late Russell Phillips, Michael (Moby) Sevilla, Kimberly (Dominic) Rossi, and Nicole Garcia; great-grandmother of Samantha, Brittany, Alyssa, Justin, Jesse, Joe, and Mary Madilyn. Visitation Friday, August 7th from 2:00 - 8:00 p.m at Smits Funeral Homes-Steger Memorial Chapel (3045 Chicago Rd. Steger, IL). Funeral Service Saturday, 10:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment at Skyline Memorial Park, Monee, IL. Information at 708-755-6100 or [www.smitsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.smitsfuneralhomes.com).

**Lawrence Wheeler Chewning**

**Son of Charles Louis and Martha Jane Mattie Stone Chewning**

**Grandson of John Washington and Margaret Missouri Jane Hand Chewning**

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

*Lawrence W. Chewning*

*February 18, 1926 -*

*February 2, 2014*

*At rest, with his wife by his side Lawrence Chewning passed away during the night on February 2, 2014 at the age of 87 years old. Lawrence was born in Sedalia Missouri the son of Charles Chewning and Martha Jane (Stone) Chewning. Larry, as he was known by his friends and family was proud to serve his country in the Navy during WWII on the USS Iowa on its maiden voyage, the USS West Point and the USS Wilkes-Barre. Larry came out to San Francisco, California after the war where he married his true love Gwendolyn and raised his three children. He was self-employed in the trucking industry and was family oriented.*

*Larry is survived by his wife Gwendolyn and his devoted children Jeannette Sacco (Robert), Faye Lynch, Louis (Debbie) Chewning, and his beloved 15 grandchildren and his 10 Great Grandchildren.*

*A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday February 8th at 12:30 p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church, 1095 Cloud Ave., Menlo Park, CA 94025. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the USS Iowa 250 S. Harbor Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90731.*

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*- See more at:*

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/sfgate/obituary.aspx?pid=169518854#sthash.CThKYDb5.dpuf>