

News comes from Kansas City of the drowning of Oran Stone. He is a nephew of S. Stone of Horton. Four boys had gone swimming just at the edge of the city limits in Kansas City, Kansas. Earl Bennefeld jumped in and went beyond his depth. He called for help and Oran Stone went to his rescue, but became entangled in a barb wire fence and both were drowned. Mr. S. Stone, of Horton went to Kansas City to attend the funeral.

Earl Bennefeld and Oran Stone both drowned in 1904. They were buried next to Bennefeld's twin brother who had passed away as a baby.

Earl Bennefeld

1893-July 11, 1904

Oran Stone

1887-July 11, 1904

**Boys Drowned in Wyandotte.**  
Wyandotte, Kan., July 11.—In a brave struggle to save 11-year-old Earl Bennefeld from drowning in a pond at Twenty-fifth street and Reynolds avenue, Oran Stone, 17 years old, was dragged beneath the water and both boys were drowned before help could be summoned.





Orrin Larrabee Miller

Born January 11th, 1856

Died September 11, 1926



Orrin Larrabee Miller moved to Kansas City, KS in 1880 and engaged in the practice of law. He was appointed and subsequently elected district judge for the 29th judicial district of Kansas in 1887-1891. On March 4, 1895 he was elected as a Representative from Kansas. He served until March 3rd, 1897. He declined to be a candidate in 1896. Orrin Larrabee Miller continued to practice law in Kansas City, Kansas until his death on September 11, 1926



The remains of the late Judge John B. Scroggs were removed yesterday from Oak Grove vault to the family vault at Woodlawn, which has just been completed.

John B. Scroggs

Died: June 28, 1899

Scroggs moved to Wyandott in 1866 and became one of the leading attorneys in the county.

He was the second husband of Margaret (Kersetter) Cruise-Scroggs. (The couple were original owners of what is today the Strawberry Hill Museum.)

At the time of his death he was placed in the Public Vault in Oak Grove Cemetery awaiting the completion of the Scroggs Family vault at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In the 1990s the Scroggs vault began to fall in. John and his family were then removed and buried in Memorial Park Cemetery. And the vault at Woodlawn was closed up.

The concrete name plates were removed from this vault and are now stored at the Strawberry Hill Museum.





- John Stockton came to Wyandotte County in 1858. He was a member of the KCKS Bar Association and served as Mayor four different times.
- He and his wife Cora donated the land where Woodlawn Cemetery now sits.
- Two weeks prior to his death he was seen taking care of the cemetery in preparation for Arbor Day. He planted numerous trees and shrubs.
- Local newspapers noted that he was laid to rest in the shade of the trees he planted with his own hands. When the funeral hearse reached the cemetery, the line of carriages was still forming at his residence at 6th and Oakland.



William Warren Rose

Died: May 23, 1931 at the age of 67

- Rose moved to KCK, in 1896.
- He served as Mayor from 1905-1906.
- He had an architecture practice with David B. Peterson, known for the Wyandotte High School, City Library, Bethany Hospital, the Scottish Rite Temple and Memorial Hall in KCK.





The Colored Defenders of Freedom Memorial. This memorial was dedicated on Memorial Day 1905, by the Sumner Relief Corps Post #22. The inscription reads...

*“Erected in Memory of the known and unknown Colored Soldiers and Sailors who fought in defense of the Union from 1861-1865.”*

**It is believed to be the only memorial in the entire United States with this type of specific inscription.**

On June 17, 1933, Kansas City Missouri Police Detective Frank E. Hermanson was sent to meet other officers arriving at Union Station with federal prison escapee, Frank Nash. It is believed that an informant had relayed the information regarding the arrival of Nash and his law enforcement escorts to gangsters throughout the metropolitan area. The officers were not prepared for the ambush at the Union Station. Detectives William J. Grooms and Frank E. Hermanson, F.B.I. agent Raymond J. Caffrey, Oklahoma Police Chief Otto Reed, and the prisoner, Frank Nash, were all killed by the mobsters. Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy Floyd", Adam Richetti and Vernon C. Miller are believed to be the responsible mobsters. Hermanson was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery.



Frank Hermanson was originally buried in grave six, the marker on the right are his parents John and Anna. The remains of Frank were removed from this grave on June 21, 1950, but the cemetery did not keep record of his new location. Years later his remains were found at Highland Park Cemetery.







# ETHEL JONES MOWBRAY

Founder ★ Educator ★ Servant Leader

Born 1888 in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, she was one of the Founders and Incorporators of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, the first Greek-lettered sorority for African American women founded at Howard University in 1908.

She served as the first Vice President of Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1909 and Alpha Chapter President in 1910. She was one of four Incorporators of Alpha Kappa Alpha and upon graduation from Howard University, moved to Kansas City, Kansas. She was a member of Beta Omega Chapter, Kansas City, Missouri and Mu Omega Chapter, Kansas City, Kansas. She was a Business Owner, an advocate of education and provided community service to the citizens of Kansas City, Kansas.

*"For if I've been an AKA, life owes me not, I've lived my day."*

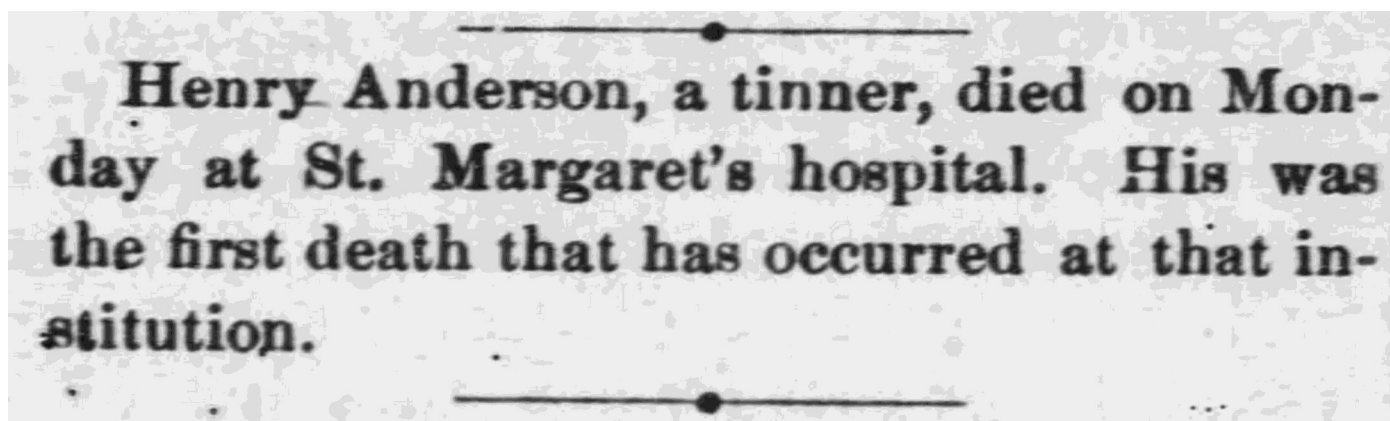
Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, International President 2014-2018

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May 19, 2018



St. Margaret's Hospital opened its doors on April 15th, 1887. It was officially dedicated in November of that same year.



Harry S. Anderson

Born 1842—Died May 7th, 1887

Age 45 years

Buried in an unmarked grave in Woodlawn Cemetery