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Jeffery Skoblow plays the part of Lt. Col Dietrich Tiedemann, a Union Civil War officer buried in O'Fallon. During the war, Tiedemann led a regiment of African-American soldiers. (Photos by Brian Keller)

## Cemetery walk draws standing room only crowd

The O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission hosted a cemetery walk Oct. 15, featuring actors who spoke from information provided from the O'Fallon Historical Society Museum archives.

In addition to the walk, the commission designated St. Clare Catholic, Tiedemann and Mace Cemeteries as historic landmarks. All three are located next to the O'Fallon City Cemetery.

The actors dressed appropriate to their character and presented their stories in front of the tombstones of the individuals they portrayed. Bridget Ray portrayed Drusilla Andrews Mace (1783-1863), the sole survivor of an Indian Massacre in Monroe County. She and her husband were among O'Fallon's earliest pioneers.

Len Adams portrayed blacksmith August Behrns (1848-1922). He was buried with his anvil at the foot of his grave.

Civil War officer Lt. Col. Dietrich Teidemann (1819-1902) was played by Jeffery Skoblow. Tiedemann was the highest ranking Civil War Union officer buried in O'Fallon. At one point in his career, he led a regiment of African-American soldiers. The officer's coat Skoblow wore was provided by the museum.

Dennis Vander Venn portrayed Father William Drube (1839-1915) of St. Clare Catholic Church. He presided over the building of the old St. Clare Church standing at 3rd and Oak.

Lleyna Hinton took on the role of Estelle Kampmeyer (1911-

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## Family tree database and folder additions welcomed

Linda Potter keeps a family tree program of O'Fallon families. She has more than people in the database, some families date back to the 1600's.

If you have worked on your tree and would like to include it in this compilation for other researchers who come into the museum looking for family tree information, please give us a copy of your work. It can be a computer file, a printout, a booklet, or hand-written information. Or give us a link to where it is on the internet.

### *Family Folders*

In addition to the computerized family tree program, Diane Zelinske is updating the Family Folders into a more useable format. These are by family and visiting researchers are happily surprised when they find a folder for their family.

The folders include articles about obituaries, anniversaries, weddings, trains, mine accidents, older published family trees, pictures, and other items that have been donated by people.

If you have something about your O'Fallon relatives or friends, please give us a copy or bring the article in and we'll make a copy for your Family Folder.

Cemetery Walk continued



1959), an O'Fallon teacher and daughter of O'Fallon Mayor Ralph Kampmeyer. Estelle Kampmeyer Elementary School was the first school named after a teacher in O'Fallon..

Kyle Maloney portrayed H. Edward Fischer (1897-1918), the first O'Fallon serviceman killed in action during World War I. The museum provided his hat.

Joel Catlin played the part of City Marshall Benjamin B. Schmitt (1874-1916), complete with a marshall's star provided by the museum. He was killed in the line of duty in a shootout at the B&O train depot. His son Joe Schmitt, an infant when his father was killed, went on to become a NASA pioneer, responsible for suiting up the first astronauts, including John Glenn.

St. Clare Cemetery was established in 1870 with burials going back to 1869. Tiedemann Cemetery was platted in 1877, although burials go back to 1867. Mace Cemetery was established by the will of Henry Mace in 1866, with burials going back to 1858.



Actors went the whole way for the cemetery walk. From upper left is Kyle Maloney as H. Edward Fischer; Lleyna Hinton as Estelle Kampmeyer; Joel Catlin as Benjamin B. Schmitt; Bridget Ray as Drusilla Andrews Mace; and Len Adams as blacksmith August Behrns.



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### Three O'Fallon natives designate memorial contributions to OHS Museum

More than \$2000 has been donated to the O'Fallon Historical Society to honor three O'Fallon natives: Bernice Funk (December 24, 1915 - January 9, 2012), Elizabeth Mae Klingelhoef (December 19, 1925 - August 29, 2011), and Lois Elaine Bode (November 15, 1923 - July 16, 2011).

Bernice Funk, 96, worked as a clerk at Cloth World. She also attended O'Fallon United Church of Christ. She was proud to live in a historic landmark home which was one of the houses constructed of tin, inside and out, by William Willard, founder of Willard's Steel Range Co., later called Eureka. The tin was rumored to have come from the 1904 St. Louise World's Fair. Bernice's husband was a descendant of Willard.

Bernice was preceded in death by her husband Edward E. "Tobe" Funk, whom she married April 20, 1939 in Union, Mo., parents, John and Anna, nee Koehler, Beckmann, four sisters: Leola Oeser, Laurene Koehler, Lucille Porter, Evelyn Beckman; and four brothers; Cletus Beckman, Orrin Beckman, Elton Beckman and Melvin Beckman.

Elizabeth "Betty" Klingelhoef, nee Poignee, age 85, was born just down the street from her longtime current home.

Betty was retired from O'Fallon District 90, where she had worked as a secretary at Marie Schaefer School. Betty loved her community and was a current member of the O'Fallon Historical Society and the Historic Preservation Commission. She was a lifelong parishioner at St. Clare Catholic Church where she

was active in Altar Sodality, Seniors' Group, and the O'Fallon Knights of Columbus Auxiliary. She was a member of American Legion Auxiliary, O'Fallon Woman's Club, Inc., O'Fallon Senior Citizens, and AARP Fairview Heights Chapter 3643.

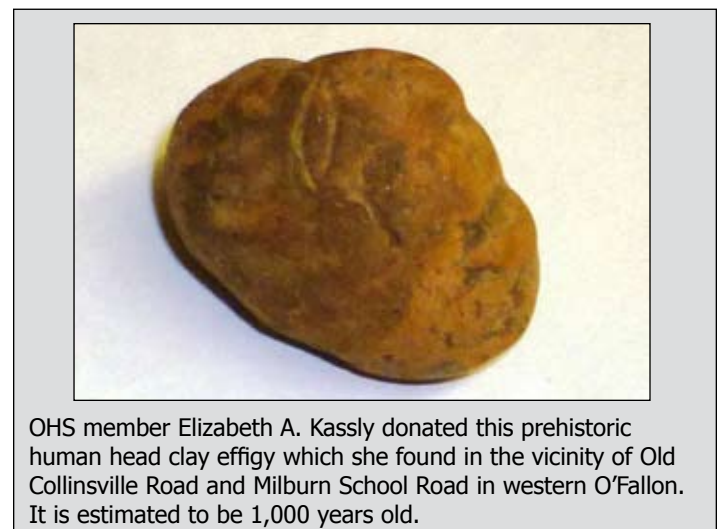
She was preceded in death by her husband John C. Klingelhoef, whom she married November 25, 1948 at St. Clare Catholic Church and who passed away May 26, 1990; parents Carl and Leona, nee Munie, Poignee; and her sister-in-law Betty Poignee.

Lois Elaine Bode, nee Schaefer, was born in the historic landmark home of Elizabeth Penn Scott, now Wolfersberger Funeral Home. Continuing to hold dear the memory of her early home, she attended the O'Fallon Historical Society's landmark designation ceremony in 2006. She was a founding member of the O'Fallon Historical Society and was dedicated to historical preservation. Her professional career began in 1943 when she worked as an assistant clerk-stenographer in Washington, D.C. Later she transferred to Scott Air Force Base, as a writer-editor of the Command Post, where she worked until her retirement in 1985. She took a break from her civil service career and worked at the O'Fallon Progress 1961 - 1966 as a proofreader.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Schaefer and Della, nee Pearson, Schaefer; her husband, Howard Bode, whom she married July 25, 1942 in O'Fallon, and who passed away February 12, 2002; and her brother Roy D. Schaefer.

### Donors help museum

These people have donated items for display at the museum since the last newsletter was printed: Gary Ahle, Mary Ellen Battoe, Kent Bode, Lois Bode estate, Terry Erdmann, Jim Ettling, Dorothy Falk, Tom Feltman, Edith Hock, Eric Hubbard, Liz Kassly, Brian Keller, Harold "Satch" Keller, Pearl Keys estate, Mary Ann Joseph, Arline Magee, Masonic Lodge #576, Mike McCollough, Will and Nancy Mog, Dona Foster Monroe, OTHS 50+ Reunion Committee, Bill Peach, Linda Potter, O'Fallon Township Rummage Sale, Rick Reckamp, Evelyn Riebold, Carol Scheibel, Tom Schwarztrauber, Julie Spengler, Barb Schneider, Schwarz Furniture, Kathy Scott, Larry Stepp, Tom Schwarztrauber, LaDoris Sturman, Andree Swanson, Robert Turner, Jr., Ron and Margaret Van Horn, Harry



OHS member Elizabeth A. Kassly donated this prehistoric human head clay effigy which she found in the vicinity of Old Collinsville Road and Milburn School Road in western O'Fallon. It is estimated to be 1,000 years old.

Vink, Brian Villhard, Tom and Karyn Witmer-Gow, Sue Witter and Joyce Zimmerman.

**MACE Cemetery****Also known as the Henry MACE Burial Ground****Researched by Linda Potter (lpotter611@sbcglobal.net)****and Dorothy Falk (dorothyf@ameritech.net)****As of 1 March 2011*****CONTINUED FROM SUMMER 2011 ISSUE***

STITES, Elsiemae

Tombstone: Row 3, grave 8. Shares tombstone with Ralph O. Born 29 Jan 1921, died 5 Jan 2010. "Married 10 Dec 1968."

Obituary: Elsie M. [sic] STITES, nee COX, 88, of Belleville, Ill., born Jan. 29, 1921, in East St. Louis, Ill., died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2010, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville, Ill.

Elsie was a member of Faith Baptist Church, Belleville, Ill., and taught Bible studies to both seniors and young adults for over 75 years at the old First Baptist Church of Belleville, Westview Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church of Fairview Heights, Ill., and Lakeview Baptist Church, now called Swansea Church.

Elsie was a member of the Belleville Rotary Club. She had served two terms as president of the Women's Club of Belleville and was also a past president of the Belleville Garden Club. She was a lifetime member of the St. Clair County Historical Society; a member of Turkey Hill Grange; and a former member of the Toastmasters Club and the Sweet Adelines Chorus.

Mrs. STITES was preceded in death by her first husband, A. D. OZMENT, who died in 1967; her second husband, Ralph O. STITES, who died in 1989; her parents, Robert P. and Irene, nee MEEHAN, COX; and five sisters, Hazel MCKINNEY, Dolores O'DELL, Dorothy KRUPP, Edna JOHNSON, and Mabel BELLO.

She is survived by her son, Greg OZMENT of Swansea, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of Israel Gospel Ministries, Inc., or to Zion's Hope Ministries. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.rennerfh.com](http://www.rennerfh.com).

Visitation: Friends may call from noon to 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill.

Funeral: Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill., with Rev. H. LeRoy Gardner officiating.

Private family burial will be at Mace Historical Cemetery, O'Fallon, Ill.

George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill.

Source: Belleville News-Democrat 8 January 2010

STITES, Emma I.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 16. Born 18 May 1846, died 22 Apr 1904.

Obituary: Emma I. STITES, [sic] a member of one of the oldest families of St. Clair county, died at her home on Ridge Prairie, four miles north of Belleville, Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The deceased was born on the prairie, not far from where she died, on March 22, 1846, and was married to the late Amos STITES, who died several years ago. She is survived by two sons and six daughters.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon from her late residence to the Baptist church at O'Fallon, thence to the O'Fallon [sic] cemetery. Services were conducted by the Rev. Wm. H. McCann of Albion, Ill. There was a very large attendance of friends and neighbors. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Source: Belleville Weekly Advocate 29 Apr 1904

Second obituary: Mrs. Isabel Emma, [sic] STITES, wife of Amos STITES, deceased, and daughter of Jackson and Mary DRAKE [sic], was born in St. Clair, Ill., May 18, 1846, and departed this life at 10:10 a.m.

Friday, April 28, aged 57 years, 11 months and 4 days.

She was married to Amos L. STITES by the Rev. Charles A. Holiday on October 13, 1869. To this union was born eight children – two sons and six daughters – Mrs. Junetta GLENN, wife of George GLENN; Henry J., Iva E., Irene M., Kate D., Wilbur J., Leonora L. and Amos S. STITES, all living, the two oldest married and the youngest 16 years of age, and all residents of St. Clair county.

The deceased made a profession of faith in Christ and united with the Unity Baptist church January 19, 1891, and on January 29, 1891, she was baptized in the fellowship by the writer. She remained a consistent member of the church until her death. She was a kind companion and an affectionate mother; industrious, careful and never sparing herself if she could benefit those that were near and dear to her heart. She leaves, in addition to her family, one grandson, two granddaughters, one nephew and other more distant relatives and a large number of friends to mourn her departure and to follow on. The husband preceded her to that better land about 16 years ago.

As the time of her departure drew near, she seemed to realize that she soon must leave and conversed freely about it. Calling her children around her, all being present but two, she admonished them to love one another and strive to do their duty and be prepared to meet her in heaven. She said “I am ready; I have no fear of death; I want you to think of me as being better off. I regret to leave you all, but the Lord’s will be done,” and she also made other arrangements about her business and told what undertaker she wished to put her away and who she wished to conduct her funeral services.

And so passed away one that was near and dear to the sons and daughters, and soon mother was no more on earth. But we mourn not as those who have no hope, for no doubt our loss is her eternal gain, as she is now where there is no more pain, neither crying for the former things passed away.

On Sunday, April 24, at 1 p.m., a large number of friends assembled at the house, and after the reading of the 23d Psalm, the following persons acting as pallbearers: George PHILLIPS, Austin BADGLEY, Alton BADGLEY, Benjamin SISSON, Daniel GLENN and John NEAL, the remains were conveyed to the O’Fallon Baptist church, followed by a large procession. Upon arrival at the church, there were found a large number of friends awaiting the arrival. The funeral sermon was delivered by the writer from 2 Cor., 5:12 “For we know that if our earthly house of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this, we grow, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house, which is from heaven.” Appropriate music was rendered by the choir, both at the church and cemetery. After the services, the remains were laid to rest, to await the resurrection. Farewell to thee and we hope to meet thee where no farewell tear is shed. W. H. M.

Source: Belleville Weekly Advocate 29 Apr 1904

STITES, Henry J.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 7. Born 10 Aug 1874, died 14 Jul 1952. “Father”.

Obituary: Henry J. STITES, Old Crossroads, 77-year-old retired farmer, a member of a pioneer Ridge Prairie family, died Monday morning in St. Elizabeth’s hospital at Belleville of heart disease. He became ill Sunday while attending Unity Roselawn Church Sunday morning and entered the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mr. STITES was an extremely active church worker and was one of the founders of the Unity Roselawn Church, helping to rebuild the structure after it was destroyed by a cyclone. He was a member of the church’s Men’s Brotherhood.

Rev. Henry Ballard, pastor of the church conducted services yesterday after noon in the church with burial in O’Fallon City [sic] cemetery. The body was at the Wolfersberger-Meyer Funeral Home.

Mr. STITES retired from farming in 1922 and had been in ill health several years.

Born in Caseyville township, Aug. 10, 1874, the son of the late Amos and Emma BRAKE STITES, he was married in Belleville on May 24, 1896 to the former Cora BADGLEY. She died Jun 1, 1951. There is one son, Ralph O. STITES, rural route 2, Belleville. Also surviving are a brother Wilbur STITES, Caseyville

Township Highway commissioner, and three sisters, Mrs. Katherine (L. H.) SCOLLER, Chicago, Miss Lenore L. STITES, Los Angeles, Calif, and Mrs. Irene (Tom) MITCHELL, St. Louis.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 17 Jul 1952

Story: Henry J. STITES, son of Amos and Emma STITES, was born in Caseyville Township on 10 Aug 1874. He married Cora BADGLEY on 24 May 1896. He died on 14 Jul 1952 and was survived by his son, Ralph O.

Source: FTM at the OHS museum

STITES, James R.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 11. Born and died in 1929.

Story: James R. STITES, a son of Amos T. and Mary STITES, was born in Caseyville township on 28 Apr 1929 and died that same day.

Source: FTM at OHS museum

STITES, John

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 15. Shares tombstone with Catherine. Born 18 Oct 1808, died 27 Sep 1876.

Story: John STITES, was a son of Samuel STITES and Martha MARTIN, and was born in Fairview, Green County, OH. He married Catherine MACE on 13 Feb 1829 in St Clair Co. Their children were Amos STITES (Emma L. Brake), Drusilla Andrews STITES (George Washington DARROW), and Samuel STITES.

Sources: Tombstone and John McCullough's Family Sheet

STITES, Ralph O., Veteran

Tombstone: Row 3, grave 7. Born 19 Jan 1897, died Aug 1989. Shares tombstone with Elsiemae.

Obituary: Funeral Services for Ralph Oliver STITES, a sales representative for Serta-Midwest for more than 50 years, will be held at First Baptist Church, 10401 Lincoln Trail in Fairview Heights on Monday, August 21, at 11 a.m. Mr. STITES retired for health reasons in January of 1988. Burial will be in MACE Historical Cemetery in O'Fallon, where four generations of STITES have been laid to rest.

Mr. STITES, of Belleville, died Thursday, August 17, 1989 at his home of infirmities. He was 92 years of age. He had resided at the family home for over 65 years, having been born less than one half mile away.

He was a manufacturer's representative all of his adult working life, having covered, at one time, seven states. Mr. STITES graduated from O'Fallon High School. He attended the University of Missouri and served in the Army Air Corps in World War I. He was a member of Belleville Rotary Club, having received the Award of Merit from the club in 1988. He was also a Paul Harris fellow. He was a member of Belleville High 12 Club and O'Fallon Lodge 578 A.F. & A.M; also a member of Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Southern Illinois, and of the Ainad Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. He was an active member of First Baptist Church in Fairview Heights. He was an ordained Deacon in the Church. Lifetime member of American Legion Post 58.

Preceded in death by his parents, Henry and Cora, nee BADGLEY, STITES and his first wife, Etta Glenn, nee BUSSONG, STITES, in 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Elsie Mae, nee OZMENT [sic], STITES and a stepson, Gregory L. OZMENT of Belleville. Also cousins, Miss Virginia and Miss Mildred BADGLEY of O'Fallon and William S. BADGLEY of Belleville.

Friends may call at Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home in Belleville on Sunday, August 20, 1989 after 2 p.m.

There will be a Masonic Ritual at 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Source: Belleville News Democrat 19 Aug 1989

STITES, Samuel, Veteran

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 13. Born 2 Oct 1836, died 15 Sep 1863. "1 Lt ILL Inf. Died at Ft. Pickering,

Memphis, TN.”

Story: In the 1860 census, Samuel STITES, a teamster, age 23, and his mother, Catherine, lived with her aged parents, Henry and Drusilla MACE. Samuel joined Company I, 117th Illinois Volunteers as 1st Lieutenant on 12 Aug. 1862 at Camp Butler, IL. He died at Ft. Pickering, Memphis, TN of disease on 15 Sep 1863 at age 27. Capt. MCFARLAND sent Samuel's body home for burial. His name is spelled STILES in the Illinois State Civil War databases.

Source: Tombstone and online database

STITES, Vera M.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 6. Born 37 Aug 1910, died 11 Apr 1963. Shares stone with Amos T. STITES. Has Eastern Star emblem.

Obituary: Funeral services were held for Mrs. Vera Mildred STITES, 52, of 1601 (Rear) Lebanon Avenue, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the George Renner and Sons Funeral Home. The Rev. Robert GORDON, pastor of the Signal Hill Methodist Church, will officiate. Burial will be in Henry MACE Burial Grounds, O'Fallon. Friends may call at the funeral home after 1:30 p.m. Friday. Eastern Star services will be held at the funeral home at 8 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. STITES was fatally stricken at her home about 9:50 o'clock yesterday morning. She was taken in a George Renner and Sons ambulance to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where she was pronounced dead on arrival.

A daughter of the late Robert and Margaret DUNCAN, nee BOWLES, she was born in Leeper, Mo., August 27, 1910. She married Amos STITES in St. Louis in 1942. Mr. STITES is an employee at the Scott Air Force Base Hospital.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Darlene, wife of Joseph HILL, 320 Woodcrest Drive, and Marian, wife of George "Pete" FLAHERTY, 424 Circle Road; two step-daughters, Laura Jean, wife of Kenneth MEYER, Belleville, and Mrs. Teresa Mae RAINWATER, Millstadt; a brother, Aubrey MCMAHON, St. Louis; two sisters, Mrs. Elmer TYREY, Hillsboro, Mo., and Mrs. Ora NEWMAN, Fredericktown, Mo., and seven grandchildren.

Mrs. STITES was a member of the Eagles Auxiliary, Eastern Star, White Shrine, True Kindred and the Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, Scott Air Force Base.

Source: Belleville News Democrat 12 Apr 1963

STITES, Wilber B.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 12. Born and died 5 Dec 1931.

Obituary: Wilber B. STITES, son of Norman Berry and Kathryn M. STITES was born on 5 Dec 1931 in Caseyville Township and died that same day.

Source: FTM at OHS Museum

STITES, Wilbur J.

Tombstone: Row 4, grave 9. Born 21 Nov 1883, died 7 Apr 1965.

Obituary: Services for Wilbur John STITES, 81, member of a Caseyville Township pioneer family, were held at 2 p.m. Saturday from the Schildknecht Funeral Home in Lincoln Heights. Interment was in O'Fallon MACE's Cemetery and the Rev. James Mahoney, pastor of Unity Roselawn Baptist Church, officiated.

Mr. STITES died last Wednesday at Memorial Hospital of a kidney ailment. Ill for seven months, he was seriously ill two weeks.

Born Nov. 21, 1883, in Caseyville Township, he was a son of the late Amos and Emma, nee BRAKE, STITES. He married Zoella SCHEIBEL KASSING in Clayton, Mo., Feb. 24, 1938.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are a son, Amos STITES, Greenville; two step-sons, Gus L. KASSING and Ray A. KASSING, both of Belleville, 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A son, Norman, six

brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Mr. STITES worked as a farmer and Highway Commissioner for Caseyville Township, retiring in 1958. He served as a member of the Pontiac School Board and the Caseyville Township School Trustees.

Source: O'Fallon Progress 15 Apr 1965

UMBARGER, Anderson

Tombstone: Row 4, stone 2. Born 26 Jan 1821, died 4 Aug 1883. Shares stone with Sarah M. "Age 60yr 6m 8d." Verse is too worn to read.

Story: Anderson Umbarger was born on 26 Jan 1821 in Wythe County, Virginia, a son of Leonard and Margaret, nee COOPER, UMBARGER. He married Sarah MACE in St. Clair County, IL on 15 Nov 1846. He was one of the developers of O'Fallon Station in 1854 and erected a home at the corner of State and Cherry Streets in 1855, the first building that was erected after the auction of lots in the village. He was the first Postmaster when O'Fallon Station Post Office was established in 1855, and was also the O'Fallon Railroad Agent in 1855. He died on 4 Aug 1883 at the age of 62 and was laid to rest in the MACE Burial Ground.

Source: Tombstone and History books

UMBARGER, Sarah M.,

Tombstone: Row 4, stone 1. Born 24 May 1815, died 9 Jan 1888. Shares stone with Anderson.

Obituary: Sarah M. UMBARGER, widow of the late Anderson Umbarger, died at her home in O'Fallon, on Monday afternoon, aged seventy-two years.

Mrs. Umbarger, a daughter of the late John [sic] MACE, was born on 24 May 1814 in Illinois Territory, the portion later became St. Clair Co. She married Anderson on 15 Nov 1846. She was a lady highly respected in the community. Her last illness was of long duration. She leaves surviving two children, both born in Missouri, one son, Anderson (Mollie E. OWENS) and one daughter Harriett (Winfield NORCROSS). The funeral took place Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, from her late residence to the MACE burial ground north of O'Fallon. Rev. Cramp, of the O'Fallon M. E. Church, conducted the services. The deceased leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Source: Belleville Advocate 13 Jan 1888 and history books

*This concludes the Mace Cemetery biographies.*

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## **Love triangle leads to litigation**

In 1910, Mayor Joseph Taylor of O'Fallon was sued for \$25,000 by his fiancée for "betrayed affections."

Taylor, 70, was the richest man in the area at the time. His fiancée, Mrs. Lena Bieber, 46, decided she'd waited long enough and took Taylor to court, demanding \$25,000 for breach of promise. They had scheduled their wedding the prior September, but lawyers working on probate for Taylor's first wife, Mary (Whitehead) Taylor, who died Jan. 1, 1909, age 80, advised against marriage.

Best known today for building the Opera House on State Street, Taylor was estimated to be worth about \$400,000 as the president of Joseph Taylor Coal Co. He owned three coal mines, several thousand acres of land and a store.

Taylor settled out of court with Mrs. Bieber, and then proceeded to marry another woman, Mrs. Susan Dietrich, 54, on June 1, 1910. However, since she was divorced only one month prior to the marriage and the requirement at the time was not to remarry for one year, she was found in contempt of court and fined \$25 and costs.

Taylor died on Feb. 9, 1925, at age 85.

