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Kicked By A Horse

Many perils existed for the average man, woman, and child on the prairies of Reno County. Horse kicks was one of the most prevalent accidents which affected many our early pioneers. Even when cautious, sometimes when not, children were often injured in this way. These are a few of their stories.



ROY LANDIS INJURED

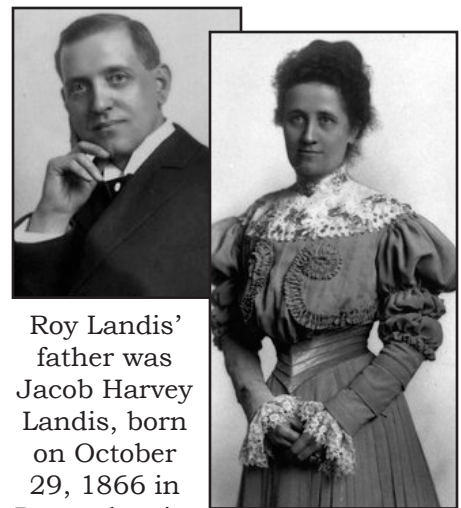
Roy Landis, the little son of Mrs. Harvey Landis, who has been visiting relatives here, was severely hurt yesterday by a horse kicking him. The accident occurred at the home of his grandfather, W.H. Heberlig, north of the city. *The Hutchinson News, Friday, January 4, 1901. Page 5.*

DIED THIS MORNING

Roy Landis, the boy who received serious injuries about two weeks ago from being kicked by a horse, died this morning. The boy was kicked in the face and thrown backward. His head struck upon frozen ground fracturing his skull. It was thought that he was recovering from his injuries, when he began growing worse yesterday and died this morning. He was 7 years old and the son of Harvey Landis, who is well known here but since has been located at Chicago. Mrs. Landis and her son were here visiting her father, W.H. Heberlig, who lives 4 miles north of the city. *The Hutchinson News, Wednesday, January 16, 1901. Page 5.*

FUNERAL OF ROY LANDIS

The funeral of William Roy Landis, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Landis, was held at 10 o'clock this morning from the home of Mr. W.H. Heberlig, four miles north of town. The services were conducted by Rev. A.M. Reitzel of the English Lutheran Church of this city. The father who was in Salt Lake City at the time of the son's death, arrived in time for the funeral. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, January 19, 1901. Page 8.*



Roy Landis' father was Jacob Harvey Landis, born on October 29, 1866 in Pennsylvania.

He died at the age of 61 on Dec. 2, 1927. Mary Minnie (Heberlig) Landis was born Dec. 22, 1869 in Penn. and died April 28, 1970. They are buried in Eastside Cemetery next to their son.



THIS ISSUE: PRAIRIE PERILS

KILLED BY A HORSE'S KICK

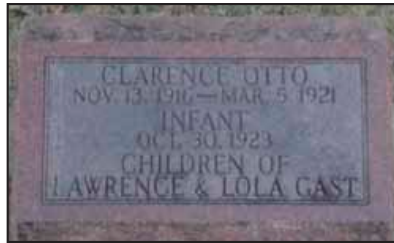
Carl Clothier, aged 11 years, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Clothier living in the west edge of Reno county, near the Peace Creek store, in Hayes township, was instantly killed by the kick of a horse Tuesday. The boy was driving a team, hitched to a cornstalk cutter. At the end of the field, near the house, his mother saw the team



start to run, and saw the boy fall to the side of the cutter. It was found that the boy's head had been crushed below the right ear, evidently by a kick of a horse. No other injuries were found. Death was instantaneous. *The Hutchinson News, Friday, April 21, 1922. Page 2.*

CRUSHED CHILD'S SKULL

Clarence Otto Gast, the four year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gast, living near Newton, was fearfully injured by the kick of a mule on March 4. The child was struck on the forehead and the frontal bone crushed in on the brain. The little fellow, in an impulse of childish activity, seized a corn stalk and went under the fence of the barn lot where the mules were feeding, and struck a mule on the heels. In an instant the terrible accident had happened. *The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson Kansas. Monday, March 7, 1921. Page 1.*



John McCaffry of Castleton, who was kicked by a horse the other day, died after suffering intense agony for thirty hours. He was 44 years old. *The Hutchinson News, April 21, 1889. Page 8.* John is buried in Saint Agnes Cemetery, Castleton.



KICKED BY A MULE

Abner Butler Curless, of near Burrton, is under treatment at the Methodist hospital for injuries sustained by being kicked in the abdomen by a mule. An operation developed there was a perforation of the intestines. His condition was very serious for a time. He lives on a farm northwest of Burrton. *The Hutchinson News, Monday, May 28, 1917. Page 7.* Later: A.B.



Curless died on June 1 from these injuries.



Abner & Lucy Jane (Quinn) Curless

Lucy was descended from Mayflower pilgrims. Abner's uncle, Samuel Curless Jr. was a Civil War veteran who was held in a Confederate prison, and Abner was also descended from Mayflower pilgrims and Revolutionary War soldiers, and he was a distant cousin of Wild Bill Hickok on his mother's side.

KICKED BY A HORSE

A son of **J.S. Stotts** was kicked by a horse this afternoon and had his skull fractured over the left eye. Dr. Kippel was called and found it necessary to elevate the lower portion of the fracture, which was successfully done, and reports the case doing well. *The Hutchinson News, Sunday, July 29, 1888. Page 8.*

L.J. Burdick's little girl, who was kicked by a horse Monday evening, was reported as resting comfortably yesterday. *The Hutchinson News, Thursday, August 9, 1888. Page 5.*

Jimmie Payton, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. S.H. Payton, living three miles from Burrton, was kicked by a horse on the forehead causing an ugly wound. He was brought to Burrton and carried into Dr. Easling's office. After a careful examination the doctor thought it not a dangerous wound. Jimmie is one of our brightest boys and he and the family have the sympathies of all who know them. *The Hutchinson News, Tuesday, March 19, 1889. Page 8.*

The son of **Rev. Brown**, who was kicked by a horse one day last week, was reported better today, and on the high road to permanent recovery, although the little fellow took close chances for his life. *The Hutchinson News, Monday, April 9, 1894. Page 5.*

Sol Schamp was kicked by a horse yesterday evening, receiving only a glancing lick, which if it had been "straight from the shoulder," would have disabled him for life. As it is, Sol is all right, but will keep his eye on that foot hereafter. *The Hutchinson News, Monday, January 21, 1895. Page 5.*

A little 6-year-old child of **W.A. Rose** who lives twelve miles southwest of Hutchinson, was kicked by a horse yesterday and seriously injured. The child was kicked on the chin and the lower jaw was broken. Six of the lower teeth were knocked out and two of them were driven into the removal of a part of the bone in order to extricate them. It is thought that the child will recover although the shock and injury combined was a serious one. *The Hutchinson News, Monday, June 15, 1896. Page 6.*

Mrs. Martena was kicked by a horse Tuesday, which it is feared may prove fatal. She is unconscious at this writing. *The Hutchinson News, Thursday, August 25, 1898. Page 6.*

The little daughter of **Claude McCandless**, of Hayes township, was kicked by a horse a day or two ago and quite severely injured. Mr. McCandless formerly lived in Hutchinson and has many friends who will be sorry to learn of the little girl's misfortune. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, April 18, 1903. Page 4.*

MEDORA NEWS - Miss **Clara Kingsley** had her left arm broken a few days ago by being thrown from a pony. **Guy Sample** had a bone in his shoulder fractured by falling from a load of corn fodder. A son of Mr. **P.L. Hyde** was kicked by a horse a short time ago, receiving a bad cut in the face. All are getting along nicely. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, January 12, 1889. Page 2.*

DEATH OF JOE BULLOCK

End Came To Young Man
Who Was Kicked By A Horse

Joseph Newton Bullock, a young man who lived with his parents east of Hutchinson, died early this morning. His death was the result of injuries received last Sunday (February 24) when he was kicked by a horse. The funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the Hadley Chapel M.E. Church, Rev. H. E. Wolfe officiating. Burial will be in Eastside cemetery. *The Hutchinson News, Tuesday, February 26, 1907. Page 5.*

Joseph was 20 years old at the time of his death. He was the son of Lewis Henry & Lettisha Rebecca (Phillips) Bullock. He had borrowed his older brother's horse, and during the day a friend exchanged it with an unbroken horse in the stall as a prank. Entering after dark so not knowing his horse was moved, the mean horse kicked him, rupturing his liver. He was related to several RCGS members through the Phillips family {Editor}.



Inscription:
**Here lies a son and
brother,
In thirty-one hours
from health to death
& from one world
to another
His body in the grave
& spirit in Heavenly
wealth.**

HORSE KICK CAUSES DEATH

Earl Teagarden who lived with his parents near Turon, died Saturday night (August 22) as the result of being kicked by a horse. The accident occurred last Monday (August 17), the young man being injured internally and suffering pain all of last week. He was 21 years old, quite



large physically and well liked by all of his friends. The funeral was held this afternoon and burial was at Turon. Earl was born July 8, 1887 to Elijah & Laura Tegarden. *The Hutchinson News,*

Monday, August 24, 1908. Page 6.

KICKED BY A HORSE

The 9-year-old son of **George Barker**, who lives south of Raymond, was quite seriously injured last week by being kicked by a horse. The animal's hoof struck the boy over the right eye, rendering him unconscious for some time and making a severe flesh wound. He is said to be getting along nicely at present however. *The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson Kansas. Saturday, October 9, 1909. Page 2.*

Everett Whetstone, who was kicked by a horse three weeks ago, was taken to the hospital in Hutchinson on Monday. He is in a very serious condition. *The Hutchinson News, Thursday March 9, 1911. Page 2.*

Harvey Miller of Haven Township, who was kicked by a horse nearly a month ago is able to around on crutches. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, April 29, 1911. Page 16.*

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Ellis Limbaugh, a farmer of west of Nickerson, was kicked by a horse on the leg and the limb fractured in two places. The injury is a quite serious one. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, April 1, 1911. Page 13.*

Rev. John Graber, of Pretty Prairie, who was kicked by a horse some time ago, is reported to be slightly improving, although still in a serious condition. He was operated on this week. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, May 2, 1914. Page 2.* Rev. J.G. Graber, of Pretty Prairie, who some time ago was kicked by a horse and severely hurt, is reported to be in a serious condition. He underwent an operation but seems to have had a relapse. *The Hutchinson News, May 12, 1914. Page 8.*

Rev. A.J. Covington, Pastor of the Fairview Church near Sylvia, was severely hurt this week by being kicked by a horse while haltering it. He was struck by the horse's feet on the breast, near the heart, and severely injured. *The Hutchinson News, Saturday, March 13, 1915. Page 9.*

Walter Baker, who lives near Buhler, was brought to the Methodist Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering with a broken leg. He was kicked by a horse on Sunday evening. *The Hutchinson News, Tuesday, March 14, 1916. Page 1.*

Robert Kempke, a Haven township boy who was kicked by a horse and dangerously hurt, is reported as nicely improving at the Methodist hospital in Hutchinson. He was kicked in the forehead, the upper nasal bones being mashed in and the forehead bone crushed. It was a very narrow escape for him. He is the 16-year-old son of F.S. Kempke, of near Haven. *The Hutchinson News, Monday, June 5, 1916. Page 6.*

A.D. Chase, of 214 Avenue B east, was kicked by a horse this noon, and one of his legs was fractured. He was taken to the Methodist hospital for treatment. *The Hutchinson News, Thursday, May 11, 1922. Page 11.*

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