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## DEATH OF JOHN ANDREW GRAHAM

Was the Oldest Pioneer of Lexington—Lived Here 78 Years.

### FACTOR IN TOWN GROWTH

Was Prominently Identified With Business Development of Lexington—Helped Build Methodist Church.

John Andrew Graham died at his home on Highland avenue and Main streets Friday evening at 9:40. Death was due to old age and came after an illness of about ten days. His passing away deprives Lexington of one of its most venerable characters and, though not a surprise, is mourned throughout the community. Mr. Graham was a direct descendant of one of the three Graham brothers who came to this country from Scotland before the Revolutionary war. He was a son of the late General J. H. Graham. He was born in Russellville, Kentucky, on March 25, 1828, and at the age of three came to Lexington with his parents. That was in 1831, when Lexington consisted of a few log cabins, in what is now called Old Town and the ground upon which the main portion of the city now stands was a wilderness.

The elder Mr. Graham became active in the political development of the state and in 1838 was made a brigadier general in the militia under Governor Boggs. He commanded expeditions against the Osage Indians and the Mormons.

Under the guiding hand of this sturdy pioneer the town grew to manhood and became well-known throughout this section. At an early age he learned the trade of tinsmith and cooper's work. He took active part in building Lexington and erected the building which is now the home of the Gratz Brothers' clothing store. He was familiar with every step made in the progress of the city from the time when it was a wilderness up to its present state of municipal excellence. He was a prominent and successful business man and had the universal respect of with whom he came in contact.

Neither he nor his father took active part in the Civil war for they were Union men and yet were identified with the southern people in feelings and interests.

On November 26, 1851, Mr. Graham was married to Miss Lucinda Elizabeth Hale, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Street Hale and a sister to James Hale of this city. Mrs. Graham was always a faithful and devoted wife, and until her death on September 19th, 1908, she was a great source of help and strength to her husband. Grief over her loss undoubtedly hastened his death, though he bore his bereavement bravely and, for the most part, in silence.

For more than fifty years, Mr. Graham was a staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was a member of the board when, in 1860, the present church building was erected. No one in Lexington was more highly esteemed or more thoroughly respected. He was well informed, modest, generous and possessed of all the highest attributes of human character. His was a familiar figure on the streets of Lexington and its absence will be keenly felt. His death marks the departure of a grand old man after a long life of usefulness.

Mr. Graham is survived by a son, Albert C. Graham of Austin, Texas, and a daughter, Mrs. John P. Hausman of this city.

The funeral took place Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist church. Rev. T. M. Cobb, assisted by Rev. O. M. Rickman, conducted the services. Interment was in Macphelah.

### Mrs. Farmer Entertains.

One of the largest and most delightful social events of the season was the afternoon tea given Tuesday afternoon from three to five by Mrs. Leroy Farmer at her home on Main street. The invitations issued numbered about 150. The parlor and large front hall were thrown open. The prevailing colors were pink and green and the color effects were used in all of the decorations. The

parlor and reception hall were decorated with palms and ferns. In the receiving line were Mrs. Farmer, the hostess, Mrs. J. B. Silver of Kansas City, Mrs. W. H. Silver of St. Louis, Mrs. W. H. Gilbert of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Mrs. Mary Winsor of Lexington. These ladies were assisted in their duties by Mrs. Nannie C. Steele, Mrs. S. N. Wilson and Misses Ella Nickell, Alice and May Peak, Lillian Moorehead, Frances Bowman and Jo Hinesley. The color scheme was also carried out in the dining table decorations, which consisted of a flat piece of pink carnation. The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. William Larson of Kansas City and Mrs. J. H. Lehman of St. Louis. It was a most enjoyable affair and the name which the Farmer home bears for true hospitality was enhanced. Music was furnished by Day's orchestra.

### CORDER ITEMS.

Bowen Corrin is on the sick list this week.

Milton Hefter was down from Higginsville Tuesday.

Mrs. Charles Seeloth was in Higginsville Monday.

Harrison Cravens of Mexico is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cravens.

C. L. Wilson went to Kansas City Monday on business.

Born to the wife of Oscar Green Friday, January 8, a boy.

James Humphrey, Jr., is very sick but is improving slowly.

Miss Jodie Hackley was in Higginsville Monday evening.

Mrs. McGeorge and sister, Miss Sofia Setley, are visiting this week with the family of K. P. Kramer.

Everett Bassett returned from Kansas City Sunday night after a visit with his sister.

Charley Knipmeyer of Kansas City spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Corder.

Thos. D. Bowman, the coming editor of the Corder Journal went to Kansas City Monday to purchase his printing press. The new paper will be put out the first issue about January 16.

Master Sydney Willis, who is attending the high school here is boarding with Wm. Wilson since New Year.

Mrs. Wm Cobb, who was crippled some time ago, is slowly improving and will be able to set up in a few weeks.

H. F. Kleinschmidt and E. L. Armbruster attended the hardware convention in Kansas City this week.

John Wilson and wife and Mrs. George Wilson and daughter, Naomi, drove to Corder in a sleigh Wednesday morning and returned the same evening.

Mrs. E. L. Haygood and little daughter of near Page City are visiting with relatives near Corder.

Miss Margarita Corder will attend the Stephens Baptist college of Columbia for the remaining months of this term.

A beautiful wedding took place at the home of the bride in Corder. The groom, Mr. Tiffany Doak, is the son of Wm. Doak, a well known farmer north of town, while the bride, Miss Janie Holman, is a very popular young lady of Corder and the daughter of W. T. Holman. After the wedding the new couple left for the home of the groom's father. After March they will make their home in Odessa.

S. A. Wilson and wife of Sioux City, Iowa, arrived here Wednesday morning. Mr. Wilson will leave his bride in and near Corder while he attends the Metropolitan national convention in New York City.

Coleman Pettie fell and fractured some of his bones one day this week while descending the steps at the home of his son, W. Z. Pettie. It is hoped that he will improve rapidly.

On account of the cold weather this week the skating rink has not been doing such a rushing business as usual.

W. J. Pollard, the traveling salesman for Roth-Homeyer coffee company Sunday in Corder with friends and reports business fine.

Rev. Squires returned from Houghton Saturday, where he has been holding a series of meetings and filled his pulpit at Blackburn Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Casey and son, Ebb, and Mrs. C. J. Winfrey and son, Delmar, left Tuesday for Canton to attend the funeral of their brother, A. C. Cowles. Mr. Cowles has been sick for some time and he passed away Monday.

## WATCH TO MISS GOODLOE

Third Prize in the Intelligencer Piano Contest.

Miss Grace Honor Goodloe won the gold watch which was offered to the one turning in the most votes in the INTELLIGENCER piano contest during the two weeks previous to last Saturday. Competition between her and Miss Elizabeth Graves was very spirited and there was nearly a tie in the votes counting on the watch. Miss Graves, however, is still in the lead for the piano. Her friends and those of Miss Goodloe are becoming intensely interested and some lively voting is looked for within the next few days.

Miss Ellen Martin of Higginsville has entered the county contest and though a little late she is expected to show up well in a short time. She has some influential friends who are interesting themselves in her behalf. Miss Blanche Bardet of Wellington, is still leading the county field, however, and is working earnestly. The sad death of her little sister has kept her from working much for several weeks, but her friends have been helping her out.

The best offer in the way of free votes is made for the coming week. For every \$20 turned in between now and the 23rd will be given 30,000 free votes. This is positively the best free vote offer of the contest. Between the 23rd and the 30th 25,000 votes extra will be given for every \$20 turned in.

During the coming week subscription money will count more than at any subsequent time. So the wise contestants will get busy.

### Elect Directors.

The stockholders of the Lexington Gas and Electric company at their annual meeting Tuesday elected the old board of directors for the ensuing year. The directors are Chas. Reynolds, Middletown, Connecticut; W. C. Pratt, New York; J. G. Crenshaw, Walter B. Waddell, Harry Taubman and John Chamberlain.

### Morrison-Wentworth Directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Morrison-Wentworth bank Wednesday the following directors were elected:

Geo. Catron, Ferd T. Bates, S. J. Andrew, Rufus Young, Frederick Morath, J. B. Young, Richard Field, H. E. Mark, F. R. Howe.

### A. V. Robinson Dead.

Miss Mary Ball received a telegram yesterday stating that A. V. Robinson had died Thursday morning at Waco, Texas. No particulars are known. The body will be brought here for burial.

### Christian Science Lecture.

Prof. Hermann S. Herling, C. S. B., of Concord, N. H., will deliver a lecture on Christian Science at the opera house Monday, January 18. The public is invited. Admission free.

C. E. Yingling was in Kansas City Thursday.

E. H. Truel visited in Kansas City Thursday.

Miss Naomie Chinn spent Thursday in Kansas City.

Julius Winkler was in Kansas City yesterday on business.

Mrs. R. L. Hughes of Higginsville visited relatives here yesterday.

Frank Harrison went to Kansas City Thursday morning for a brief stay.

Misses May and Alice Peak went to Independence Thursday for a few days visit.

Clem Tyree returned Thursday from a business trip in Southern Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Poage returned Wednesday evening from a brief trip to Nevada.

Miss Mervel Gratz went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. John Skinner went to Independence Thursday to visit relatives for a few days.

Mrs. William Barton returned to her home in Kansas City yesterday after a visit with her brother, Walter B. Waddell.

Mrs. Henry Holcher and daughter, Florence, went to Kansas City Sunday to attend the marriage of her brother, Joe Carroll, and Miss Rebekah Emerson.

Richard, Rebecca and Frederick Evans returned to their home in Independence yesterday after a visit with their grandparents, Judge and Mrs. Richard Field, in this city.

## THE GIRL FROM BAGDAD

The Second Show Given by the Lexington Elks Scores A Success.

When it was known that the Lexington Elks would produce another play under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Darnaby, it was known that the play would be a success and it was a foregone conclusion that the house would be packed. Such was the case Thursday evening when "The Girl from Bagdad" was put on at the opera house.

"The Girl from Bagdad" is a remodeled edition of "His Highness, the Bey," and contains many funny lines and situations. Naturally everyone present compared it to the "Ball Guy," the show which the Darnabys produced here last year. In some respects this year's show was better and in others not so good. The chief shortcoming was in the heart interest. Last year the audience never stirred until the final curtain. This year the ending was stereotyped. The individual lines this year were better read, most of the choruses were better drilled and some of the situations more comical. The audience Thursday evening was better to play for very few jokes went by unnoticed.

Mrs. Darnaby, who was to have directed the music and played the piano, was called home Wednesday night by the sad death of her father and Miss Margaret Aull took her place. Miss Aull did exceedingly well.

Miss Gladys Winn took the title role as Princess Serena, the girl from Bagdad. Her part this year was nearly all comedy and part burlesque. Her scene with Oscar Westerman, as the hotel bell boy, in the first act was one of the big hits of the show. Miss Winn added to her reputation and displayed great versatility. Her first appearance drew a big round of applause and she drew a demonstration on her every exit. She is more than ever a favorite of the Lexington public. Her solo "In Orange Blossom Land," and her duet with Mr. St. Clair, "Sweethearts of Boyhood Days," were exceptionally pleasing.

Warren Vivion as Dick Sutton, a hotel clerk and later a newspaper correspondent, acted a straight part to perfection. He handles himself like a professional and, as everybody knows, sings well. His drinking song and duet in the "Makings of a Summer Bride" with Miss Winifred Winn were both winners.

Dr. B. T. Payne had a short part, in which he made good, besides singing in several choruses. Dr. Claude Johnson, as Count Ali, was the heavy and wore a heavy black beard. He blustered and roared properly and spoke his lines distinctly, displaying surprising histrionic talent.

In the German character O. R. Sellers managed to extract a few laughs.

Although her appearance was of short duration, Miss Arline Burden, as Mrs. McAfee, an elderly Irish broom-wielder, made one of the hits of the show.

Harry St. Clair was the heroic lieutenant, who wound up by marrying the Princess. He is a tenor with popularity and ability. He was in good voice and was pleasing, especially in his duet with Miss Winn.

Ben Price as the meek Secretary of War in Bagdad was excellent. Belonging to the Price family, he could not be otherwise. His brother, John, was one of the stars of the performance. As the Caliph of Bagdad he looked pompous and important. He read his lines, too, with fine taste and out of his song, "Honolulu," and the subsequent dance made a clean-up.

The part of Adam Ben Grouchi, leader of the insurgents, was well taken by George Kerloff. His desperate appearance, serious manner and mysterious voice were entirely appropriate and brought good laughs.

Another important part was that of Count Casino Skiffleovitch, the Russian Ambassador, as delineated by J. R. Snyder. Mr. Snyder looked handsome and dashing, and interpreted his lines cleverly. Miss Marcella Sellers represented Gladys, the American heiress after the Count, with good effect. Her Indian song with the male chorus went well.

Oscar Westerman was the other member of the cast who was a delight. He looked ridiculous and did a mock heroic stunt to perfection.

Miss Nan Vivion had two songs with the broiler chorus and by her clever dancing drew repeated encores. Miss Winifred Winn was another member of the chorus who

helped a great deal with a solo, well done.

Other hard working and intelligent chorus people were: Misses Mary Berrie, Lola Frazier, Gene Ardinger, Frances Bowman, Nellie Price, Rachel Andreen, Ivy Shelton, Mary Young, Marguerite Bates, Mayme Johnson, Bess Johnson, Matt Kinkead, Pauline Sellers, Margaret Clayton, Will Cobb, Hubert Bates, J. B. Briggs, Walter Reeder, Hugh Patterson and Milt Drummond.

### MAYVIEW NOTES.

Mr. Canterbury of Higginsville lost a team of mules last Thursday morning by being run over at the crossing near Geo. Foulds, by the passenger train on the C. & A. going west. The team was driven by Geo. Nelce. He escaped by having a severe wrench of his back.

Oscar Miller took a car of mixed stock, cattle and hogs, to Kansas City last Thursday.

Quite a crowd of our young people went out to the pond of Joe Wilson's last Thursday night and enjoyed the sport of skating. They all had a pleasant time.

Park McAllister came in from Iowa to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAllister.

Gordon Graham has changed his hunting from rabbits to crows. The peculiar thing about it is he has about the same result: crows—nit.

Joe Herr is on the sick list this week with a bad cold.

Miss Nellie Dobson of Higginsville returned last Monday after a short visit with Mrs. J. E. Jones.

August Heidbrink finished biting his ice house last Monday which assures us ice for the summer.

Mr. Mayes, the mill man of Higginsville, was here on business last Wednesday.

Mrs. Babe Blucher of Odessa spent last Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Proctor.

This cold weather is good for the coal men, but it works a hardship on the poor.

It does us good to see the boys hawking their sleds to the farmers who own when they come to town. When a boy we were an expert at this. What is winter without a snow?

All the gun sports have turned loose on the rabbit, and many of them are gathered in. It reminds us of the deacon's grace: "Rabbits young, Rabbits old, Rabbits tender, Rabbits tough."

### Savings Bank Election.

The stockholders of the Lexington Savings bank at their annual meeting Wednesday elected the old board of directors for another year. The board then met and re-elected the old set of officers with John Bowman in the place of Wm. L. Groves as assistant bookkeeper.

The regular semi-annual dividend of four per cent. was declared and \$1,500 was placed in the permanent surplus fund.

### Dancing Class.

Miss Gilkeson will begin her term of dancing school at 7 p. m. Saturday, Jan 16th, in the academy dance hall and at 9 o'clock the same evening she will give an informal dance as usual. All those wishing to join the class will please meet her that evening.

Frank Hoefler and little son, Horace, spent yesterday in Higginsville.

Judge John E. Burden went to Kansas City yesterday on legal business.

Miss Mildred Martin of Odessa arrived Wednesday for a visit of several days with her friend, Miss Mary Glasscock, in this city.

D. T. Bogie returned Wednesday evening from Sedalia, where he has been attending the Missouri State Bottlers association.

Miss Ruby Tussey, who has been visiting the family of George Trull near this city, left Thursday for her home in Marshall.

Wm. Reddicks who has been visiting the family of Mrs. Mary A. Brooke, returned to his home in Longwood, Oklahoma, Wednesday.

Mrs. A. V. Small of Kansas City, who has been visiting relatives in this city for the past few weeks, left Wednesday evening for an extended trip to Colorado.

Died at the home of Anton Stoll, Friday morning January 9th, Grandma Coleman. The deceased has been sick only several days and was found dead in bed. The relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

## ALBERT WALK DIED SATURDAY

Ex-Marshall Succumbed After a Protracted Illness.

### FUNERAL WAS MONDAY

Made a Fine Record As an Officer—Served the City Six Years—A Man of Strong Character and Integrity.

After a protracted illness from a complication of diseases Albert Walk died at his home on College street last Saturday night at ten o'clock. His death had been expected for several days and came as a relief from long suffering. Still it was a shock to the community and expressions of regret were heard on all sides Monday. Mr. Walk was known practically to every citizen of Lexington and he commanded the respect of all.

Albert Walk was born in Lexington June 11, 1870, and was the son of the late Adam Walk and Mrs. Christina Walk. He spent his entire life in this city. January 31, 1895, he was married to Miss Josie Fienlken. To this union was born one child, Alma.

For six years Mr. Walk was in the service of the city—four years as policeman and two years as city marshal. His record in office was an honorable one and for a long time he will be remembered as one of the most efficient guardians of the law that Lexington ever had. During his administration much was done toward the stamping out of gambling and the closed Sunday saloon was made a reality.

Shortly after leaving office last spring Mr. Walk was taken ill and never since then has he been in good health. His health gradually failed him and his strength steadily left him until it was apparent that his early death was inevitable.

Mr. Walk took a prominent part in various activities of the city and always worked for the betterment of the community. He was a member of Lexington Lodge, No. 149, A. F. and A. M. and of Lexington Aerie, No. 243, F. O. E. Members of both of these orders attended the funeral in a body.

The deceased was a member of a well-known family. He leaves a widow, a daughter, Alma, an aged mother, Mrs. Christina Walk, 81 years old, five brothers—Chris of this city and Adam, Jacob, John and William, all of Pueblo, Colorado—and a sister, Mrs. Emma Bartlett, of Greeley, Colorado.

The funeral services were held from the house Monday afternoon at 2:30 and at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock. Rev. R. T. Mansfield officiated. Interment was at Macphelah. The Masonic ritual was used.

Oliver Wilcoxon was in Kansas City Wednesday.

Casper Gruber spent Wednesday in Kansas City.

N. M. Houx went to Kansas City Tuesday evening on business.

W. H. Chiles left Tuesday evening for a trip to Jefferson City.

E. M. Taubman went to Kansas City Wednesday on business.

Maj. E. A. Hickman went to Kansas City Wednesday to spend the day.

R. A. Hicklin left Tuesday evening for a business trip to Stone County, Mo.

D. Russell and son, Ernest, went to Kansas City Wednesday to attend the meeting of the Implement Association.

William and John Walk, who was called here by the death of their brother, Albert Walk, left Wednesday for their home in Pueblo, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood P. Haldeeman and their little son, Sherwood, Jr., left Wednesday for their home in La Belle, Mo., after a visit of several weeks with Mrs. Haldeeman's mother, Mrs. Kate Bishop.

Mrs. Frank Davis, who has been spending several weeks with her father, Dr. G. W. Bates, in this city, left Saturday for her home in St. Louis.