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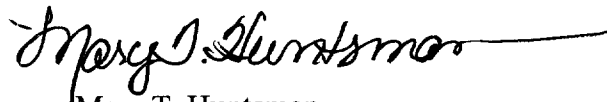
Mr. Richard Curtis
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Dear Mr. Curtis:

Please find enclosed two obituaries for John C. Curtis from the two Somerset newspapers in operation at the time of his demise. Our holdings for the Somerset Journal begin with 1920, and holdings for The Commonwealth begin in 1929- we will be unable to assist with the obituaries you requested from 1909 and 1910, respectively.

If we may be of further assistance to you, please contact us. Our toll-free telephone number is (877) 629-9722.

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DEATHS

CHESTNUT

Mr. W. D. Chestnut, 89, oldest member of the First Baptist Church Somerset in years of Christian vice, died Friday, February 2, at home of his daughter, Mrs. H. C. y, on West Columbia Street. He had been in declining health for several years due to his advanced age. He was born July 24, 1850. Mr. Chestnut was united in marriage to Miss Mary Nelson, May 15, 1878, and this union three children were born, Mrs. H. C. Day, of Somerset, Chestnut, who lives in Idaho, and Ottis Chestnut of Somerset. His father preceded him in death about 15 years ago, and he is survived by three children. He also leaves several grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Chestnut and his wife joined the First Baptist Church Somerset 60 years ago during a revival meeting conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. Porter. They both remained faithful in their devotion to Christian ideals until their deaths and took an active part in church work during the many years of their membership. Throughout the years, Mr. Chestnut was a highly respected and useful citizen of the community. Funeral services were held at the residence Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the Rev. A. R. Persinger, Dr. D. L. Hill and the Rev. L. Fisher in charge. Burial took place in the Somerset City Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to members of the family in their bereavement.

SWEENEY

Mr. Hardin Newell Sweeney, 70, prominent resident of Science Hill, died Saturday morning, February 3, after a long illness. He was born July 16, 1869, near Eubank and died in his home in Science Hill. He was the son of the late Green and Eliza Sweeney. He was united in marriage to Miss Lavinia E. Cundiff, of Somerset, in 1895 and to this union was born one son, William Perkins Sweeney, who enlisted in the Navy and died at Great Lakes, Ill., during the World War. Mr. Sweeney was loved and respected by all who knew him, and he had a faculty of making friends wherever he went. He was a member of the Science Hill Christian Church, and had been a

son, Mrs. Janie Hubble, Mrs. Laura Crawford and Mrs. Edith Phillippi. All the children were near her bedside when the end came. She also leaves 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild, one brother, Jasper McGraw; three sisters, Mrs. A. M. Price, Mrs. Jim Farmer, and Mrs. Riley Sowder. She was a devoted wife and mother, always thoughtful of others. She bore her illness with great fortitude, never complaining. She will long be remembered for her many acts of kindness. Many friends sympathize with the family in their bereavement.

CURTIS

Mr. John C. Curtis, 73, died Monday afternoon, February 5, at the home of his son, Arnold Curtis, in Springfield, Ohio, after a long illness. He had been in poor health for ten years, and was seriously ill for the last six months. He was formerly a Somerset business man with a wide acquaintance here and throughout Pulaski County. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the First Methodist Church, with burial taking place in the Somerset City Cemetery. Mr. Curtis was a native of New York State, but moved here at an early age. With his two brothers, Charles and Fred, both of whom are now deceased, he entered the milling business in Somerset and constructed the large flour mill on Monticello Street near the railroad viaduct. He operated this mill until 1930. Mr. Curtis was a popular and progressive business man, and had many friends throughout this section. He was interested in the progress of his community, and was among a small group of business men who led in the establishment of a county agricultural agent's office in Somerset more than 25 years ago. He was a member of the First Methodist Church of Somerset, was a former member of the Board of Stewards and took an active part in church work for many years. He was an honest, useful, upright citizen. He and Mrs. Curtis had made their home in Ohio for the last three years. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Suvanna Botkins Curtis; and five sons, Glenn of Somerset, Arnold of Springfield, Ohio, Charles and Ralph of New York City, and Earl of Somerset. Sympathy is extended to members of the family in their bereavement.

OWENS



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Three Arrested On Robbery Charges

Arrests were made by city officers Wednesday night of last week in connection with two armed robberies which occurred in the city. Raymond Norman and Craig Wait, both Negroes, were arrested for the alleged robbery of Clarence Chambers of \$4.00 in cash on South Vine Street. Chambers said Norman grabbed him and held an open knife against his throat while Wait went through his clothes for the money. The Negroes were arrested by Patrolmen Norfleet, Massey and Weddle. Pat Patterson, 19, was arrested the same night at his home on Cliff

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monthly checks range as \$42 for married couples who or over, and somewhat less for single workers. The prospective average is \$39 for married couples and \$26 for unmarried workers. and children are entitled to mental benefits.

First batch of claims certified Treasury for payment was not in view of the Social Security estimate that benefits would be distributed this year to 912,000

old-age insurance system has more than 47,000,000 workers. The volume of distribution is expected to increase each month.

Of 14,000 claims approved for payment in January most were held back as the Government deducted amount once remitted as a lump settlement. These beneficiaries

belong to the group regarded as too old to accumulate the yearly wage credit in the early years of the system to qualify for retirement annuity. They closed off with lump sums in 1938, but the changes in the law last summer gave them the right to qualify for monthly bene-

fits. The claims filed were for the loss of 2,717 wives, 1,446 children and widows over 65, 174 young men, two dependent parents and 1 lump sum death claims.

In most cases, only death or a re-work on a job covered by Social Security will interrupt the flow of benefits to retired wage earners. Those who remarry will forfeit the benefits.

PULASKI PROBABLY WILL ALWAYS BE IN DEBT

(Elizabethtown News)

At a recent meeting of the Pulaski County Board, consideration was given to a plan for "refinancing" the county bonded debt of \$443,000. The plan is to issue new bonds to pay off the old, and to save the county money by getting a lower interest rate. \$443,000 is however, a large sum of money for a county like Pulaski to owe. The interest on it is about as much as the county spends annually on its road system. Pulaski gets no rock on the roads for the money it pays in interest. It has never had its financial

statements. Surviving are seven children, Mrs. Electa Richardson of Townsend, Mont., Oscar Garner, Earl Garner, Mrs. Annice Clark, Mrs. Olive Tucker, all of Somerset, Mrs. Alma Wilson of Ingle, and Mrs. Sallie Pyles of Nancy.

CURTIS — Funeral services, for J. C. Curtis, 73, former Somerset miller, who died Monday afternoon at the home of his son, Arnold Curtis, in Springfield, Ohio, were held yesterday afternoon at the First Methodist Church here with the Rev. A. R. Perkins officiating. Burial was in the Somerset City Cemetery. Mr. Curtis spent practically all of his long and useful life in Somerset, coming here with his parents from New York State at an early age. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis moved to Ohio to make their home three and a half years ago. Mr. Curtis had been in declining health about ten years and had been seriously ill for six months. At one time he engaged in the lumber business and traveled all over this section of the state. Later, with his two brothers, Charles and Fred, both now deceased, he entered the milling business in a building near the present fair grounds. After the building burned they built the mill on Monticello Street near the railroad viaduct in 1907. Mr. Curtis operated this mill under the name of the Somerset Milling Company until 1930 when he sold out and the name was changed to Robinson Milling Co. Mr. Curtis was a devout member of the Somerset Methodist Church and served for a number of years on the Board of Stewards. He took an active part in church work and lived a Christian life. He was deeply interested in the welfare of Pulaski farmers and was among a small group of business men who led in the establishment of a county agricultural agent's office here a quarter century ago. He earned a reputation for square dealing and was well known all over this section of the state. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Suvanna Botkins Curtis; and five sons, Glenh and Earl, both of Somerset, Arnold of Springfield, Ohio, Charles and Ralph, both of New York.

DePRATO — Funeral services for Jessie D. DePrato, four-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard

with a look of great relief said: "you had been one minute late and would have asked to have the ticket held for you." That would have been really humiliating, for I was of the fact that I am granted special favors on all occasions, I have an inherent dislike to ask them.

However, we made the train early and I was handed a large envelope which Miss Thompson had sent

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master, to go on the train. I was a little late for dinner, but the content of the envelope did what I needed. I pulled into the Washington station

All my guests were already here and Mrs. Gray met me at the station to tell me of their safe arrival. They had all gone to bed, so the first meeting was at breakfast the next morning. After breakfast, we separated to go our various ways. Mrs. Joseph Patterson, who is staying with me, is a member of the NYA conference which opened this morning, so she and I had to go down to the East Room to start our day's work.

This first session was given up to speeches which attempted to set up problems of the NYA girls before the groups. The National Youth Administration feels that it wants to do the best possible job, both for young people who are still in school

