

**BROADWATER COUNTY  
DEATHS  
1903-1907**

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A few deaths were listed in Broadwater County records prior to 1907 when death certificates were required. This listing was compiled from Broadwater County death records at the courthouse by Charleen Spalding.

Name	Date of Death	Occupation	Age	T	Birthplace	M	S	C	Residence	Cause of Death	Reported by	Remarks/ Cemetery
Allphin, Zebulon	1904/11/20	Farmer	71	1		m	m	w	Canton	Cancer of stomach	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville
Barbour, John C. or Joseph	1907/01/26	Farmer	80ca			s	m	w	Near Radersburg	Bright's disease	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Radersburg
Barker, Infant	1904/03/11		4m	3w	Wisconsin		m	w	Johnson, MT	Blood poisoning	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville
Benham, W.R., Sr.	1907/03/31	Farmer	84	2	New York born 9/22/1822	w	m	w	Near Toston	Heart trouble, no attending physician	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Deep Creek (confirmed Townsend Star of 4/6/1907)
Black, John C.	1905/11/20	Stone mason	41	12	Aberfoyle, Ontario, Canada	s	m	w	Whitehall	Knife wound, stabbed by May Stephens (BB p. 235)	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Embalmed through Herrmann & Co. Funeral Home and shipped to Canada, see Townsend Star of 11/25/1905.
Brown, Myron Max	1905/10/22	Pupil (P. school)	8	4	Radersburg		m	w	Townsend	Accident, shot	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek
Bucher, Sophie (Widmer)	1905/10/23	Housewife	50	19	Switzerland, born 4/25/1855	m	f	w	Townsend (Canton)	Chronic parenchymatis nephritis	J.P. Ritchey, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)
Burch, Frank, Infant of Jasper	1905/02/06		8m		Townsend		m	w	Townsend	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham,	Deep Creek

											M.D.	
Burt, Grover C., son of L.D. Burt	1905/11/13	Farmer	22	8	Fort Logan, born 2/4/1884	s	m	w	Canton	Malignant endocarditis	J.P. Ritchey, M.D.	Forestvale-Helena
Butler, Gaylord Lynn, son of James Butler	1907/03/31		7m		Townsend		m	w	Townsend	Intestinal obstruction	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone), buried 4/2/1907, born 8/22/1906
Davis, Jane (Mrs. William)	1904/01/30		86	30	Wales	w	f	w	Radersburg	Senile debility	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg (has tombstone)
Denny, Jordan	1905/09/05	Farmer	81	1y	Gallia Co., Ohio	w	m	w	Payette, Idaho	Acute diarrhea	J.P. Richey, M.D.	Deep Creek, born 1824
Dobler, Louis Leopold	1903/11/22	Assisted father on ranch	18			s	m	w	Broadwater Co., MT	Accident gun shot	John H. Dent, M.D.	Died Broadwater County, on Dobler ranch, attending physician listed as John H. Dent, M.D., buried on Dobler ranch near Clasoil, removed from ranch on 6/23/1938. Per Forestvale records, moved from "Clasoil." Son of Albertha and Leopold, "Brother" on tombstone in Forestvale.
Dougherty, John E.	1905/11/02		66	35	Perth, Canada	m	m	w	Crow Creek (Radersburg)	Accident	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	May have been buried near Radersburg, then moved to Holy Cross (has tombstone in Holy Cross)
Eleason, Martin	1907/03/23	Laborer	20		Norway		m	w	Lombard	Accident, explosion of black powder	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Townsend Star of 3/30/1907, article but does not note

										March 21, 1907, brought to Townsend		cemetery, Eleason was injured but died later, he was buried on Sunday, probably buried Centerville.
Fredericks, William	1906/08/05	Blacksmith	53ca	1-2 m			m	w	Townsend	Pneumonia	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Can't find obit
Fredrickson, John	1907/03/21	Laborer	20ca		Sweden		m	w	Lombard	Accident, explosion of black powder March 21, 1907, brought to Townsend	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Townsend Star of 3/30/1907, article but does not note cemetery, Fredrickson died immediately, he was buried on Saturday, probably buried Centerville.
Gates, Elizabeth	1904/02/20		84	20y +	Canada	w	f	w	Townsend	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville (has tombstone)
Gillogly, Rachel Catherine	1905/11/21	Housewife	50	22y	Nashwall, N.B.	m	f	w	Townsend	Pleuro pneumonia	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	St. Joseph (Canton) (has tombstone)
Hargrove, Alfred F.	1906/12/08	Farmer	82			m	m	w	Toston	Enteritis	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)
Harvey, William W.	1906/03/09	Farmer	24			s	m	w	Townsend	Congestion of lungs	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)
Higgins, John	1906/12/29		69			s	m	w	Near Three Forks	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Can't find obit
Hossfeld, Sarah J.	1906/06/27		74			w	f	w	Radersburg	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg
Howe, James Monroe	1906/01/19	Farmer	73	7½ y	Genesee Co., New York	m	m	w	Townsend	Pneumonia	J.P. Ritchey, M.D.	Radersburg
Huston, Alfred John	1905/09/05	Bank clerk	19	1y	Fort Benton, born	s	m	w	Chinook	Malignant endocarditis	J.P. Richey,	Obit does not note cemetery, born

					7/25/1886						M.D.	7/25/1886 in Fort Benton (could have been sent to Fort Benton) uncle was J. E. Kanouse.
Kayaha, Mrs. Otto	1905/04/09	Housewife	25			m	f	w	Duck Creek	Heart failure, superinduced by debility following miscarriage	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Livingston
Kearns, Raymond Augustus	1905/08/26		3m		Townsend		m	w	Townsend	Entr colitis	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	St. Joseph (Canton) (has tombstone)
Kirley, John	1904/01/12		4		Canton		m	w	Townsend	Pneumonia, dying when called	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	St. Joseph (Canton) (probably)
Kirley, John Francis	1907/02/23		7m		Townsend		m	w	Townsend	Measles	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	St. Joseph (Canton) (has tombstone)
Lambert, Celinda	1903/07/12		51			m	f	w		Cancer	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek (confirmed Townsend Star of 7/18/1903)
Lambert, George	1903/07/20		51			m	m	w		Enteritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek (confirmed Townsend Star of 7/25/1903)
Lundgren, Geraldine	1903/12/16		4	3w	Butte, MT		f	w	Butte	Scarlet fever	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg (has tombstone)
McGee, Jeff G.	1904/11/05	Miner	77			w	m	w	Diamond City	Senile debility, dying when called	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Fairview (has tombstone)
McKane, Infant	1904/10/27		5-6h		Canton		f	w		Congenital debility	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Can't find obit
McKnight, Winifred (Green) (Mrs. George)	1905/06/24	Householder	69	34	County Clare, Ireland	w	f	w	Farm near Townsend	Acute gastritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Can't find obit
McMahon, Larissa	1903/12/16	Housewife	44	30	Independenc	m	f	w	Townsend	Cancer	J.L.	Centerville (has

Mary					e, MO						Belcher, M.D.	tombstone)
McMahon, Michael	1904/12/17	Farmer and stockman	65	38	Ireland	w	m	w	Near Townsend	Abscess of brain	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Centerville
Mockel, Conrad	1905/11/24	Farmer	70+			m	m	w	Spring Creek	Obstruction of bowels	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Forestvale-Helena
Morgan, James	1903/09/23		41			s	m	w	Lombard	Injury, RR accident (buried Townsend), taken to Poor Farm	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Obit does not note cemetery.
Olsen, Martha Alberta	1905/09/10		3w	life	Townsend		f	w	Townsend	Acute inanition	J.P. Richey, M.D.	Can't find obit
Parker, Inez Fay	1905/08/15		5¼m	life	Townsend		f	w	Townsend	Acute gastro enteritis intoxication	J.P. Richey, M.D.	Deep Creek
Peterson, Child of Otto	1906/01/29		17d	life	Crow Creek		f	w	Crow Creek	Hemorrhage with jaundice	J.P. Richey, M.D.	Radersburg
Potts, Lucinda M.	1907/02/02	Housewife	71y2d	20	Ohio	m	f	w	Townsend	Dementia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville (has tombstone)
Rader, Reuben	1905/02/22	Farmer and stockman	72	41	Roanoke Co., VA	m	m	w	Radersburg	Chronic nephritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Radersburg
Riley, Charles	1905/01/15		45ca	4m ca			m	w	Broadwater County Poor Farm	Angina pectoris	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Can't find obit
Roland, Infant Son of Samuel	1904/08/09		18m		Canton		m	w	Canton	Gastric ?	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Obit does not note cemetery, buried from M.E. Church
Rouse, Reuben	1905/05/30	Miner	41	1d	Germany		m	w	County Farm (Winston)	Pneumonia	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Winston
Schmidt, Baby Boy, Infant of	1903/08/30		7h		Townsend		m	w		Lack of vitality, due to	G.W. Gilham,	Centerville

John P.										premature birth	M.D.	
Schmidt, Infant of John	1905/01/19		4h		Townsend		m	w	Townsend	Congenital debility	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Obit does not note cemetery
Schreiner, Janice, daughter of William Schreiner	1904/08/19		10m		Townsend		f	w	Townsend	Pneumonia	E.A. Sweet, M.D.	Obit does not note cemetery
Scott, Joseph J.	1907/02/02	Laborer	57			s	m	c	Townsend	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville (has tombstone)
Sharp, Anthony M.	1903/09/04		68			m	m	w		Accident	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)
Sherlock, Ethel L.	1903/09/05		12				f	w		Unknown	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Radersburg
Sitton, Ralph, son of Joseph Andrew and Laura (Poe) Sitton	1906/11/24		13	13	Radersburg		m	w	Radersburg	Diphtheria, but doctor did not attend boy (BB p. 75)	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg (probably)
Smith, J. F. M.	1906/03/12	Farmer	70+			w	m	w	Radersburg	Pneumonia	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg (probably)
Starkweather, Infant	1904/02/04		4d		Townsend		f	w	Townsend	Difficult labor	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg
Stewart, Helen B. or Nellie	1905/06/04		11				m	w	Hassel	General peritonitis	J.P. Ritchey, M.D.	Deep Creek
VanVoast, John Gersham	1907/03/25	Farmer	69			m	m	w	Townsend	Gastritis, cystitis	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville (has tombstone)
Wagner, John	1905/12/12	Farmer	80			s	m	w	Johnson, MT	Senile debility	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Centerville
Weston, Adelaide I.	1903/12/18	Housewife	76	37	New Jersey	m	f	w	Townsend	Chronic nephritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)
Weston, James	1904/08/16	Druggist	81	30	New York	m	m	w	Townsend	Old age	E.A.	Deep Creek (has

Rathbone					State						Sweet, M.D.	tombstone)
Whaley, Henry	1907/03/23	Farmer	76	41	Tullo, Ireland	w	m	w	Townsend	Chronic nephritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	St. Joseph (Canton) (has tombstone)
Williams, David Thomas	1904/04/13	Farmer	68	30+	Wales	m	m	w	Radersburg	Myocarditis	G.W. Gilham, M.D.	Radersburg (has tombstone)
Young, Hanna M	1903/08/19		71			m	f	w		Enteritis	J.L. Belcher, M.D.	Deep Creek (has tombstone)

### **Legend**

Age: h-hours; d-day; w-week; m-month; ca-about

T-Term of Residence: d-day, w-week, m-month

M - Marital Status: m-married; s-single; w-widower or widow

S - Sex: f-female; m-male

C - Color: w-white; c-colored

### **References**

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