

# Three Die as Auto Hits Big Trailer

Mrs. Eunice Richard, Miss Galia Richard and Mrs. Nettie Griffin, Victims of Accident Near Novi. (Sunfield Sentinel)

An automobile accident near Novi on US-16 at about 7:30 last week Thursday night took the lives of three women, all relatives. The dead are Mrs. Eunice Richard and daughter, Galia, whose home is a mile east of Sunfield, and Mrs. Nettie Griffin of Detroit. The three ladies with the latter's son, Paul Griffin, 21, and Kenneth Hall, 17, were on a return trip to Detroit, after attending the interment of a relative, Lawrence Childs of Detroit, in the Freemire cemetery, Sunfield township, when the accident happened. Hall was driving and it was his father's car. The Hall and Griffin families are neighbors in Detroit and the young man was making the trip as an accommodation for the Griffin family.

The pavement was slippery and it was storming that night. A truck with a big trailer was stalled at the base of the grade that carries 16 over the railroad track at Novi. The truck and trailer were loaded with sheet metal. Flares were put out by the truck drivers, Willis Conrad of Mon-As Hall approached the stalled truck he did not see the flares until he was nearly onto them. He applied the brakes and the car turned around twice and hit the trailer with such force that the rear part of the body of the car was crushed. Mrs. Richard and daughter, Galia, were killed outright and Mrs. Griffin was taken to the Receiving hospital, Redford, where she lived about two hours. The young men in the front seat were only slightly hurt.

Miss Richard was a school teacher in Detroit and Mrs. Richard was going to Detroit for a few days' stay with Mrs. Griffin who was not feeling well. Eunice L. Richard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Griffin, was born Jan. 17, 1886, in Kalamo township, Eaton county, Michigan. The family lived for a short time in Charlotte and then moved to Lake Odessa, where she spent the first few years of her life. When eight years of age she moved with her parents to Sunfield township where she spent the greater part of her life. She was united in marriage to Claud Richard Dec. 23, 1903. To this union were born two daughters, Galia and Bernice. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Richard settled on the Richard farm one mile east of Sunfield, which continued to be their home up to 1923 when they moved to Ypsilanti to give the daughter an opportunity to attend college.

They returned to their Sunfield farm in November 1934. She was one to make many friends, who were always welcome in her home. She was a kind and loving wife and

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Mrs. Richard is survived by her husband and daughters, Bernice, three brothers, Charlie Griffin of Detroit, Orin Griffin of Sunfield and Arthur Griffin of San Diego, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Blanch Childs of Detroit and Mrs. Pearl Cure of Sunfield.

Mrs. Nettie Griffin was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson and was born in Sunfield township July 30, 1882. She was united in marriage with Charlie Griffin March 20, 1901. To this union two children were born, Verna and Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin moved to Detroit about 26 years ago, where they have since resided.

Mrs. Griffin is survived by the husband and two children, Mrs. Verna Grice and Paul, both of Detroit; a half-sister, Mrs. Libbie Tickner of Sunfield; two brothers, Henry Jackson and Fred Jackson, both of Sunfield, and a sister, Mrs. Elsie Barker of Lansing. A half-sister, Mrs. Sam

Roof, died about ten years ago.

Galia P. Richard, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Richard, was born June 16, 1906, on their farm in Sunfield township, where she spent her girlhood. She attended the Figg school, the Sunfield high school for three years and finished her high school education in Charlotte. In 1923 she moved with her parents to Ypsilanti where she attended the Ypsilanti state teachers college. She was a good student and passed rapidly through her school work. She became an excellent teacher at the age of 18 when she secured a position in the Bennett school, Detroit. She continued teaching the Bennett school until her death, a period of nearly 10 years. She was highly esteemed by the faculty and students of the school and was considered one of their best teachers. She had many friends here, and in Ypsilanti and Detroit. She was always kind and generous to others.

Miss Richard is survived by her father, Claud Richard, one sister, Bernice; three uncles, Charles, Orin and Arthur Griffin, and two aunts, Mrs. Blanch Childs and Mrs. Pearl Cure.

The triple funeral was held at the Claud Richard home Monday afternoon with the Rev. N. B. Lawrason of Sunfield officiating. Interment was in the Sunfield cemetery. H. H. Mapes and son were in charge of the funeral.

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ingly he wished they would let him know as he wished to be at peace with all men; he undoubtedly was at peace with all men and God at his passing. Three weeks ago he took to his bed from which he never got up and during all this time he was tenderly cared for night and day by his daughter Pearl and Mrs. Roach. He was prepared to go and visited all callers with a smile as long as he was conscious; he had completed a life of no regrets.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his loving wife Carrie, his daughter Mrs. Pearl Ayers, his son Claire Roach, together with six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday with a simple prayer at the home at one o'clock with the funeral at the Kalamo Church at two with the Rev. Birnell Johnson of Toledo officiating.

James Willard Roach was born in New York state November 25, 1850, and came to Michigan in 1854. He lived on a farm in Kalamo township until 1910 when he came to his present home in Vermontville where he engaged in buying poultry, and handled wool for 25 seasons.

His father died in the Civil war when Mr. Roach was 12 years old. He was the oldest of five children and the only one left.

He began preaching about 60 years ago and has married over 400 couples and preached over 800 funeral sermons.

In all his years of preaching he has never asked for a dollar or had

a collection taken at his meetings but has received as free gifts sums from 3c to \$1,200 at a time. He did not believe in making merchandise of the gospel of Jesus Christ, neither in paid ministry. His views were one God, one faith and one baptism.

He was often called on to preach funeral sermons in nearby towns and several times a year he held services at his home.

He was married in 1871 to Miss Augusta Fox and to this union three children were born, two of whom are living. Mrs. Pearl Ayers of Detroit and Clare on the Roach homestead in Kalamo.

He was united in marriage to Mrs. Rosa Nash January 2, 1922 who passed away, and later to Mrs. Carrie Dibble March 23, 1925 who survives him.

He was a great lover of flowers and in the summer took great pleasure in their yard and garden.