

Introduction

The Marksville Weekly News is a small newspaper that covers the local news of the communities located in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana. There is little coverage of national or world news except as it relates to specific local interest. This index to obituaries covers the period from 1926 thru 1979. All of the issues from 1926 - 29 were not available for indexing. The issues from 1930 are complete. The reader needs to be aware of several format situations:

1. There is not consistently a regular obituary column in the issues up until the 1950's. The reader must scan the page, looking under headlines or in the news columns contributed by reporters from different communities within the parish, ie., Cottonport News, Piaucheville News, etc. Beginning in the 1960's obituary entries were entered in the "Journey's End" column. A "Journey's End" column may appear on several different pages of the same issue.
2. Not until the 1960's were pages consistently numbered. Until that time it is necessary to begin counting the pages, the front page being counted as page one, to find the page number printed in the Index.
3. Sometimes an account of a person's death will be found in the account of another individual's death, so it is necessary to carefully review all entries on the page.
4. Some accounts of deaths are found as news items and are not listed in the regular obituary columns.
5. Sometimes during the 1960's if there were many deaths to record for a particular issue all were listed in a column headed "Necrology."
6. If you cannot find an individual alphabetically, be sure to check for a female entry under Mrs.....
7. If a person died in December, he might be listed in the next index, because the obituary would appear in January of the following year.
8. Be sure to check all spellings for a name, as spellings often varied.
9. In 1979, obituaries were often printed in a Section B, which was dated two days previous to the edition date, but was distributed with the regular issue of the paper. Be aware of this when ordering an obituary.

TO OBTAIN A COPY of an obituary noted in this index, one can order a print of the given page of the specific issue date from LSU's microfilm collection. To order, specify the complete name of the newspaper, the date of the issue and the page number. Send the order with pre-payment (the price in 1996 was \$3.00 per page plus postage) to:

LSU Hill Memorial Collection
Baton Rouge, LA 70893

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