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Amos Worley Evilsizer

Amos Worley Evilsizor was born April 18, 1878 in Champaign County, Ohio, the fourth son and ninth child of Rev Isaac "Preacher Ike" Evilsizor and Amanda Cook. Amos died June 15, 1936 after committing suicide. This is his sad story, which I believe would have been a better ending if he had stayed around to see the final outcome.

Piqua Daily Call April 5, 1945

Three Men Wounded in Cutting Scrape Involving Two Women Wednesday Night

Wounded by a knife, alleged wielded by Mrs Barbara Yoast, 30, of South Roosevelt Avenue in a cutting scrape near 11 o'clock Wednesday night at the junction of Main Street and Clark Avenue, Werley Evilsizor, 66, route 2, Piqua; Ray Bey, 22 Wilkinson St, Sidney; and Arthur Hancock, 65, of Botkins are reported in fair condition at Piqua Memorial Hospital. Mrs Yoast and a companion, a mary Brown, 13, no home address listed, both of whom according to police were involved in the fracas, are in the city jail, pending arraignment, which according to the police will probably be held at 3 p.m. Friday in municipal court. This morning Mrs Yoast was being held on a intoxication charge alone, but police said that she will also be charged with cutting with in-

tent to wound or kill. Mary Brown is being held for investigation. Evilsizor, who was cut on his left arm, just above the elbow, the tendons being severed was to un-



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Sarah Evilsizer

was born

c1818 in Rockingham Co, VA to John Evilsizer and Mary Peters. John was a brother of Henry Evilsizer of Champaign County Ohio. When the Evilsizer book was published, we last showed Sarah married John Sigman 5/21/1835 in Guernsey Co, OH. There was no further record.

Sarah was located in the 9/28/1850 Washington Co, Lawrence, Ohio Census with her children.

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Elias Smith, 36, VA Sarah, 32, VA Martin Sigman, 13, OH Elizabeth Sigman, 11, OH Telitha Sigman, 7 OH Caroline Smith, 3, (twin) OH Lewis Smith, 3, (twin) OH Alexander Smith, 4m, OH

Elias and Sarah appeared through the 1880 census in Lawrence Co, Fayette, OH and also had children Hulda and Melissa.

A marriage record was never located.

They are both buried at Lebanon Cemetery in Fayette OH with no death dates I can locate.

Daughter Telitha was named after Sarah's sister Telitha Evilsizer who married George Gibson

dergo surgery today at the hospital. Bey, whom it was believed last night might not recover from his wounds, was reported today to be slightly improved. Knife wounds were inflicted on his side, chest, right leg and thigh, and under his right arm. One lung was also punctured, the hospital reported. Hancock received deep lacerations on his right arm above the wrist, one cut being four inches long. He escaped with the least injury. Minor bruises were sustained by the two women, Mary Brown having been hit in her mouth. Mrs Yoast was bruised about her face and this morning displayed a black eye to the police officers who were bringing her breakfast. The slacks she wore were covered with blood. Police officers discovered the knifing scape last night when they were called to the junction of Clark Avenue and Main Street to investigate an auto accident. According to the police records, the three men and two women had met in a local cafe at 9:30 p.m. An hour later they left and were supposed to be on their way to another place for a crap game. Bey, who was said to be intoxicated was driving Hancock's car south on Main Street and when they neared the Orr Felt & Blanket Co, Mrs Yoast pulled the keys from the ignition saying that she didn't like the way he was driving. Bey then stopped the car as he turned onto Clark Avenue and when Mary Brown stepped out of the auto, Bey followed her and is supposed to have struck her in the mouth with his fist. Barbara, according to police, tried to protect the other woman, and the two began throwing stones at Bey. Evilsizor then entered the scramble and was hit by Bey. It was then that Mrs Yoast, it is charged, used the knife, later found by police in the car.

Yoast charged with
"Cutting with intend to
Wound"

Piqua Daily Call Saturday April 7, 1945

Barbara Yoast is Bound To Jury On 2 Cutting Counts

Mrs Barbara Yoast, 30, resident of South Roosevelt Avenue, arraigned in municipal court Friday afternoon before Judge J Harrison Smith on three charges, one for intoxication and two for cutting with intent to wound, has been bound to the May Grand Jury with \$1000 bond on each of the latter two counts and fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to the Dayton workhouse until paid, for the other charge. Mrs Yoast is charged

with cutting with the intent to wound Raymond Bey, 22 of Sidney, whose condition is reported as satisfactory at Piqua Memorial Hospital today, and Arthur Hancock, 65 of Botkins, who is also a patient at the hospital. Hospital authorities disclosed that both Hancock and Werley Evilsizor, 66, of Route 2, Piqua, who was accidentally cut in the scrape are in satisfactory condition. When Mrs Yoast was placed on the stand yesterday, she stated that she "cut one" pleading innocent to the charge of Hancock and claiming to have used a knife against Bey in self defense. She told the court "If we hadn't done something they would have killed both us girls. If it hadn't been for Evilsizor I don't know what we would have done." The other woman involved in the case is Miss Mary Brown, 18, of Piqua, who was held for investigation but released Friday. Mrs Yoast further stated that, "There was three knives in the bunch, everybody was drunk and everybody was fighting." She also pleaded innocent to the intoxication charge, but had nothing to say in her defense following the testimonies of Police Lieutenant Edward Evans and Patrolman Earl McClannan that she was drunk when they talked to her at the hospital shortly after midnight on the night of the stabbing, April 4. Police said that Raymond Bey will be charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating beverages and Arthur Hancock with intoxication, upon their release from the hospital.

Urbana Daily Citizen October 1, 1945

An inquiry into the background of Mrs Barbara Yoast, 30, murder victim, and her killer, Worley Evilsizor, 67, both of Piqua, revealed a checkered career on the part of the woman. Mrs Yoast within the past four months had been arrested on two separate charges of cutting with intent to wound. She was scheduled to appear today before the Grand Jury at Troy on one of the charges filed by Evilsizor. This offense occurred last July in Rossville, a colored section of Piqua along the Little Miami River. The cut ting scrape, it was reported, took place after Mrs Yoast had taken Evilsizor's car without his permission. After Mrs Yoast had been bound to the Grand Jury, Evilsizor arranged for her release on bond. Early last April, this same woman, with Mary Brown, 18, of Piqua, were involved in a free-for- all with three men, Ray Bey,22, Sidney; Arthur Hancock, 64; Botkins and Evilsizor, on Clark Avenue. Mrs Yoast was brought

to Piqua municipal court on the second cutting charge and was bound to the Grand Jury. This case was ignored by the May term grand jury. However, when arraigned she was fined \$100 and costs.

Case Bound to Grand Jury

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Piqua Daily Call Oct 1, 1945

PIQUA WOMAN VICTIM; FARMER ADMITS CRIME

Worley Evilsizor, 66, Route 2, Piqua, shortly before noon today confessed that he had struck and killed Mrs Barbara Yoast, 30, of Piqua in a fight on the bank of Kizer Lake near St Paris some time before 10 p,m. Saturday night. A Charge of murder was to be filed by Champaign County officials today. Evilsizor's confession was made at Piqua Memorial Hospital where he had been taken Sunday morning following an unsuccessful suicide attempt at his home, two and a half miles north of Piqua on US 25. The confession was made to Sheriff Jay McKeever of Champaign County along with Richard Seifried local municipal court baliff who assisted Sheriff McKeever, Champaign County Coroner Dr C E Thompson and Miami County Deputy Sheriff Ted Jones. According to baliff Seifried, Evilsizor said that he and Mrs Yoast had been fighting in his car in the driveway just off route 69 along the southwest edge of the lake. He said that in the altercation, both dismounted from the car and that she threw a stone at him. He then picked up a rock and struck her on the head as they clinched in the fighting. He tossed her body into the lake. In relating the story to authorities, Evilsizor said that he was first inclined to move her body from the lake but instead, went to his car and left the scene. Mrs Yoasts body was found by two Springfield men Sunday morning as they were looking for a place to

Tossed her body into Kizer Lake fish at Kizer lake. Marks of violence found on the body included a cut over an eye, one on the side of the head, and one on the forehead. Sheriff McKeever stated that the skull was fractured by the blow on the forehead. No water was found in the lungs, indicating to officers that Mrs Yoast was dead before being thrown into the lake.

Dr Thompson, the Champaign County Coroner said that the woman had been dead between 10 and 12 hours, thus placing the crime at between 8:30 and 10 p.m. Saturday. Marks in the gravel and earth indicated that the body had been dragged down to

the lake bank. Spots of blood were found at various points where the fight had occured. Evilsizor is known to have returned to his home north of Piqua around 10 p.m. Saturday. He later left and returned some four hours later, when according to one of his daughters, he secured a shotgun and fired the .12 gauge gun into his right side twice. He is to be removed to the Champaign County Hospital at Urbana today, sheriff authorities of that county planning to complete their preliminary questioning before removing him from the hospital here. Hospital staff says Evilsizors condition is fair. Authorities say that Evilsizor and Yoast were seen in Troy earlier Saturday evening, the pair having returned from Alabama where Evilsizor had gone to bring the woman back to Piqua. It is believed that Evilsizor changed the clothes he wore when he killed Mrs Yoast before returning to his home north of Piqua. In his car was found a suitcase containing other clothing. It is reported that a coat and trousers that he wore at the time of the fight with Mrs Yoast, were found to have had spots of blood on them. Officers say that he arrived home near 10 p.m. Saturday and then left returning again near 2 a.m.

Shortly after his arrival home early Sunday morning he told his daughter that he wanted the shotgun for he believed he heard someone around the barn. Authorities reveal that the daughter said she gave him the gun, and her father then went to the barn. Sometime later, when he failed to return after she heard two shots, she went to investigate and found him lying on the floor of the cowshed part of the barn. He had fired the 12 gauge shotgun through the fleshy part of his right side twice. The sheriff's office at Troy was notified and officers found Evilsizor alive, with blood all over the gun and bits of flesh plastered against the rafters of the shed. Before being taken to the hospital here, he told his daughter that he had left Barbara at Kizer lake. It also has been established that when he drove from Kizer Lake, his car became stuck in the mud and a farmer residing near by was called to extricate the Miami County man's car from the mire. The farmer, it is reported, is acquainted with Evilsizor. Sheriff Cecil Marshall this morning said that a Troy man told him he had seen Evilsizor and Mrs Yoast together in Troy early Saturday evening. News of the finding of Mrs Yoast's body in Kizer Lake plus the suicide attempt by Evilsizor led local authorities to begin checking the Miami Countian's actions Saturday night. The fact that the two were frequently seen together led law enforcement officials to tentatively, and after investigation, to connect Mrs Yoast's death and Evilsizor's suicide attempt.

Mrs Yoast was scheduled to appear before the October Grand Jury today on a charge of cutting with intent to wound, the outgrowth of an altercation with Evilsizor, alledgedly taking place at Rossville in July. Authorities say that after she was bound to the grand jury on the charge, Evilsizor arranged her release on bond. They say that she had only recently returned from Alabama and was seen in Troy Saturday night with Evilsizor talking to a bondsman in that city. The cutting with intent to wound filed in July was the second preferred against her in four months. Early last April she with a Mary Brown, 18 of Piqua were involved with a free-for-all fight with three men on Clark Avenue near Main Street. At that time, Evilsizor, Ray Bey, 22 of Wilkinson Street, Sidney and Arthur Hancock, 64 of Botkins were cut by

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a knife which it was alledged Mrs Yoast weilded. Arraigned in municipal court on that charge, she was bound to the May Grand jury but the case was later ignored when it came before the Grand jurors. When arraigned here originally she was also fined \$100 on an intoxication charge and sent to the Dayton workhouse until the fine and costs were paid. The second cutting with intent to wound charge was filed in July came during an altercation with Evilsizor when she alledgedly stole his car in Rossville, according to Miami County authorities, the cutting charge being filed instead of auto theft. Mrs Yoast's body was removed to the Richeson Funeral Home in St Paris. Dr Thompson, coroner on the case said a coroner's inquest would be held but gave no date for the inquiry. She is a native of Alabama and had come to Piqua to work at Lear Inc. She was he divorced wife of Eli Yoast, who with their three year old adopted son reside in Lima. Other survivors are her father, C B Ferrell, Huntsville, Alabama, a sister Mrs Mattie Leapley of Sidney and a step-daughter Mrs Chester Voress, route 1, Sidney. The body will be shipped to Huntsville Alabama at 7 p.m. for funeral and burial.

Urbana Daily Citizen October 2, 1945

Death Takes Confessed Murderer - Coroner Gives Suicide Verdict in death Of Amos Werley Evilsizor

SUICIDE Tragic End "Amos Worley Evilsizor, 67, Piqua, Rt 2, who confessed bludgeoning his sweetheart to death with a heavy stone and then placing her body in the shallow water along the Banks of Kiser lake died at 12:30 A.M. today in Champaign County Hospital. Champaign County Coroner, Dr. C E Thompson return ed a verdict of suicide from gunshot wounds. A first degree murder charge was placed against Mr Evilsizor Monday afternoon. The charge was sign ed by sheriff Jay H McKeever. Evilsizor attempted to take his own life at 2 A.M. Sunday when he shot himself with a 20 gauge shotgun on a barn on his Miami County farm a

few hours after he murdered Mrs Barbara Avery Yoast, 30, of Piqua, at Kiser Lake near St Paris. The shots from the gun entered the right side of Evilsizor's body about the chest and under the right arm. When taken to Pigua Memorial Hospital physicians believed the wounds were not serious. Evilsizor was later removed to the Hospital here. Evilsizor confessed to the Campaign County Sheriff Jay McKeever that he and Mrs Yoast drove to the lake Saturday night after their return from Huntsville, Alabama where the latter had been visiting her father Bethel Ferrell. A violent quarrel ensued when Mrs Yoast demanded \$2,500 of Evilsizor under the threat of reporting him to authorities for violation of the Mann Act, the murderer stated in his confession. Getting out of the car, Mrs Yoast pulled out a knife, Evilsizor said. It was then according to his statement that he picked up a stone and attacked her. Marks of violence were found on the body including a cut over one eye, o ne on the head, and another on the forehead. Sheriff McKeever said the skull was fractured by the blow on the head. No water was found in the lungs, indicating that death had occurred before Mrs Yoast's body had been placed in the lake. County Coroner Dr C E Thompson, in conducting an autopsy in the Richeson Funeral Home, St Paris revealed that Mrs. Yoast had been dead from between 10 and 12 hours when her body was discovered. The murder was placed at between 8:30 and 10:30 P.M. Saturday. When Sheriff McKeever visited the murder scene Sunday morning he found a man's coat. There were also spots of blood in the grass and shrubbery. By questioning residents in the Kizer Lake area, the Sherri learned Evilsizor had been in the vicinity Saturday night. The questioning produced a man who, on Saturday night, pulled an automobile from a ditch along the roadside near the murder scene. This man was Guy Putnam, who lives on the opposite side of the lake. He also recognized Evilsizor as the driver of this car- an old acquaintance whom he had not seen for a long time. The Sheriff then drove to the suspect's farm home north of Piqua on the Dixie highway. It was here that Mrs Gwendola Comer, Evilsizor's eldest daughter, identified the hat which the Sheriff had found at the murder scene. The daughter also told the sheriff about her father's and Mrs. Yoast's affair. Evilsizor later confessed the murder to Sheriff McKeever, Prosecuting Attorney Richard P Faulkner and Coroner Dr C E Thompson from his bedside in Piqua Memorial Hospital. Mrs Yoast's body which was moved from the murder scene to the Bert Richeson Funeral home in St Paris will be sent to Huntsville, Alabama for funeral services and burial. Evilsizor was born 4/14/1878, the son of Isaac and Amanda Cook Evilsizor. His father served as pastor for several years of the Baptist Church at both Mechanicsburg and Terre Haute. Twice married, Mr Evilsizor was preceded in death by his two wives, Effie Fletcher Evilsizor and Elsie Comer Evilsizor. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs Robert Comer, DeGraff; Lucille and Alice, at home; a step-daughter, Mrs Christina McDonald, Troy; the following brothers and sisters; Charles W Evilsizor, St Paris Rt 2; Samuel of Fletcher; Weldon of Napoleon; Mrs Louis Redman, Urbana; Mrs Justice Madison, Richwood; Mrs Charles Hoberty, North Hampton and Mrs Bumgardner of Bellefontaine. The body was removed to the Suber Funeral Home in Fletcher, Ohio where it is to remain for services at 2:00 P M Thursday in charge of Rev J W Poorman, pastor of Piqua Baptist Church. Burial is to be made in Spring Grove Cemetery, Millerstown.

Piqua Daily Call Oct 2, 1945

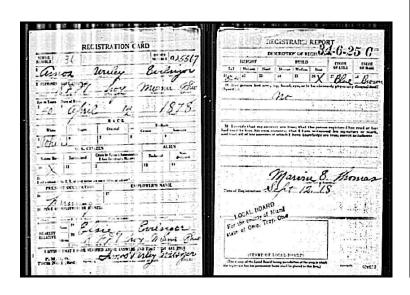
Worley Evilsizor, 66, Route 2, Piqua farmer, who died at Champaign County Hospital at 12:30 a.m. today of self-inficted wounds, is shown at Piqua Memorial Hospital Monday after telling authorities that he had killed Mrs Barbara Yost, 30, of Piqua (inset) and threw her body into Kizer Lake near St Paris Saturday night. Evilsizor was removed from the Piqua hospital to Urbana Monday night and was to face a first degree murder charge.

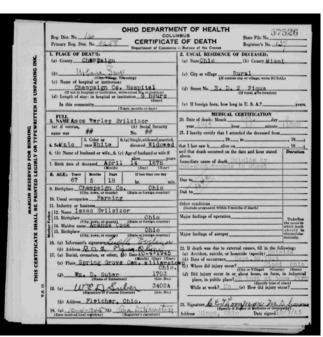
WERLEY EVILSIZOR, CONFESSED SLAYER OF BARBARA YOST, DIES OF SUICIDE WOUNDS

Death closed the Barbara Yost murder case near 12:30 a.m. today when Werley Evilsizor, 66, year old farmer of Route 2, Piqua, confessed slayer of Mrs Yoast, 30, of Piqua, died at Champaign County Memorial hospital of self-inflicted wounds. Sheriff Jay McKeever of Champaign County said that Evilsizor had signed a confession that he had killed Mrs Yoast with a stone and threw her body into Kizer Lake near St Paris Saturday night after an argument. A first-degree murder charge had been filed at Urbana against Evilsizor. Champaign County authorities said that self-inflicted wounds caused by as .12 gauge shotgun had caused Evilsizor's death. He was removed from Piqua Memorial Hospital to the institution at Urbana near 6 o'clock Monday night when his wounds were not believed serious. Mrs Yoast's slaying was uncovered when her body was found lying in shallow water along the southwest edge of Kizer Lake by two Springfield men Sunday morning. Evilsizor in a suicide attempt near 2 a.m. Sunday twice fired a .12 gauge shotgun into his right side. Evidence at the scene of the crime and other clues led authorities to question Evilsizor here Monday morning, thus obtaining his confession.

Amos Werley Evilsizor was born April 14, 1878 in Champaign County the son of Isaac and Amanda Cook Evilsizor. He had resided on a farm south and east of Fletcher for a number of years and then after the death of his first wife, moved to the present residence two and one-half miles north of this city on the Dixie Highway. A number of years ago Evilsizor was well known locally being prominent in horseshoe pitching circles of this section of the state. He was married twice. His first wife Effie E Thackery dying October 23, 1916 and his second wife Elsie A Comer preceding him in death Jan 6, 1944. Surviving are three daughters, Mrs Robert Comer of DeGraff who married a brother of Evilsizor's second wife, Lucille and Alice at home; three brothers, Charles of St Paris, Samuel of Fletcher and Weldon of Napoleon; four sisters, Mrs Lewis Redman of Urbana, Mrs Justus Matteson of Richwood, Mrs Charles Hobarty of North Hampton and Mrs Ida Baumgardner of Bellefontiane; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Suber Funeral Home in Fletcher with burial to be in Spring Grove Cemetery at Millerstown. Friends may call at Subers after noon on Wednesday.

(Note- Barbara's death certificate gives DOB 2/3/1915 Athens, AL daughter of C B Ferrell and Edna Spencer. Gives full name as Barbara Avery Yoast. Cause of death was "murdered', probably caused by Traumatic shock. She was buried in Merrimac Cemetery, Huntsville, AL)





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FOUND KATY CROSBY

We were left hanging with this obituary:

St Louis Post Dispatch, April 6, 1903 Mrs Emma Evilsizer, beloved mother of Mrs Katie Crosby, entered into rest on Saturday, April 4 at 9:45 P.M., aged 48 years and fifteen days. Funeral from Charles F Bergechs undertaking room, 1022 North Sixth Street, Tuesday, April 7 at 2 p.m. to St Peters Cemetery. Deceased was a member of Social League PHC.

I am excited because this is my line of Joshua Evilsizer.

James Liberty Evilsizer married Jennie Cockrell 9/15/1868 in Calhoun Co, IL. Her full name was Emma Virginia (Jennie).

Daughter Katherine "Katy" was born Aug 1, 1869 Calhoun Co, Richland, IL. Katy married Marion Crosby before 1890 but a marriage record cannot be located yet.

Katy died 6/26/1946 in St Louis, MO, her son Harry was the informant on her death cert.

Supplement death cert filed saying death was an acci-

dent. Statement by son Harry.

Accident occurred at home June 23 1946. Had been an invalid in bed for 2 years and night before she was sent to the Manchester home, where the doctor saw her for the first time, her son said he accidentally dropped her in moving her. He did not know her leg was broken when she was brought to the home, which was the date of the doctors first treatment. First death cert says a condition of death was a fracture of right femer, but main cause was chronic myocarditus.

Katy, husband Marion, and her mother Jennie are all buried in St Peters Cemetery, St Louis, MO

Her father James Liberty Evilsizer was the son of Jefferson T Evilsizer and Susan Mahill. Jefferson was the son of Joshua and the brother of Sinclair Evilsizer.