

Here is a sentimental Boulder City story that spans 4 or 5 generations. 3/16/2019

It starts with Anna Parks who started a Mortuary in 1926 in Las Vegas, eventually it expanded to 7 facilities and was known as Palm Mortuary. Anna was the grandmother of Anne Jennings Welsh.



Anne married **Myron Welsh, BCHS 1957**.



So there are 3 generations already. During the construction of Boulder Dam Palm Mort. provided funeral services to all those killed building the Dam, Anna kept her grandmothers black book of death records. I did not learn of it in time to get a look at before Anne passed away in 2017. Now jump a couple more generations.

One of the earliest grads from BCHS, **Class of 1943 is Mary Jane Carter**.. she is 93 now and is as active as can be, still drives, still plays the piano at church twice a week and is so loyal to Boulder City... she always attends our reunions and in fact helped get the group started. She and her parents Sam and Eliza Carter moved to Ragtown (where Lake Mead is now) in 1931 from Kansas. Sam was a highscaler. Unfortunately he was killed working on the Dam in 1934.



Learning this portion of the story lead me to try to track down his page in the black book. I called Myron and he had already donated the black book to the Boulder Dam Museum. That lead to a call to **Shirl Naegle, BCHS -1966**,



and he volunteered to go to the basement and look for the black book.

Sure enough he found the Record of Funeral dedicated to Sam Carter and sent it to me. Here it is:

RECORD OF FUNERAL	
Total No. ....	Yearly No. <i>Deaths</i>
Name of Deceased. <i>Samuel Carter</i>	Date <i>May 26</i> 19 <i>34</i>
Charge to <i>Widow</i>	Funeral Home <i>W. Jennings</i>
Address <i>1415 S. 4th St. Boulder City</i>	
Order Given by <i>Widow</i>	Casket <i>S. Jennings</i> \$ <i>290.00</i>
How Buried <i>in the ground</i>	Metallic Lining <i>metal lined</i> \$ <i>40.00</i>
Date of Funeral <i>May 27</i>	Outside Box <i>metal lined</i>
Residence <i>N. Wesley St. B.C.</i>	Grave Vault <i>none used</i>
Place of Death <i>W. Side Boulder Dam</i>	Embalming Body <i>with</i> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Flax</i>
Funeral Services at <i>Community Church</i>	Shower \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Hair Dressing \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
Time of Funeral Service <i>7:30 P.M.</i>	Pressing Body <input type="checkbox"/>
Clergyman <i>A. Stevenson</i>	Suit or Dress \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Hose \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Slippers \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
His Address <i>B.C.</i>	Folding Chair \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Tarpaulin \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
Attending Physician <i>Coroner Ryan</i>	Candelabra \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Candel \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
His Residence <i>Los Vegas</i>	Door Crops \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
Cause of Death <i>Compound fracture skull</i>	Hearse <input type="checkbox"/>
	Limosine to Cemetery @ \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Auto to R. R. Station. @ \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Aeroplane Service \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Getting Remains from <input type="checkbox"/>
	Taking Body to Inquest <input type="checkbox"/>
	Delivering list to <input type="checkbox"/>
	Delivering Remains to <input type="checkbox"/>
	Death Notice in <input type="checkbox"/> Newspapers <input type="checkbox"/>
	Flowers \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Flower Wagon \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Rest of Palms \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Tent Rental \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Rental of Vault \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Lowering Device \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Outlay for Lot <input type="checkbox"/>
	Opening Grave or Vault <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lining Grave \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Matting \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Outlay for Shipping Charges <input type="checkbox"/>
	Removal Charges \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Cremation \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Getting Burial Permit <input type="checkbox"/>
	Certified Copies of Death Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>
	Personal Charges \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Rings \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Church Charges \$ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministers \$ <input type="checkbox"/>
	Full Hearse Service <input type="checkbox"/>
	Teleg., Telephone, Cable or Radio Charges <input type="checkbox"/>
	Railroad Tickets <input type="checkbox"/>
	Cash Advanced <input type="checkbox"/>
	Lot No. <input type="checkbox"/>
	Grave No. <input type="checkbox"/>
	Section No. <input type="checkbox"/>
	Owner <input type="checkbox"/>
	Total Posting of Bill <i>330.00</i>
	By Amount Paid in Advance <i>80.00</i>
	Balance <i>250.00</i>
	Entered into Lodge, page <input type="checkbox"/> or below
To Funeral Charges... Total \$ <i>778.88</i> <i>Funeral Home</i>	
By Cash <i>W. Jennings</i>	



Well I hope you enjoy this sentimental look back at some BCHS history .. **Jim Widner, Class of 58**