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# EMALINE KUHNER AND REX STROTH IN SUNDAY CRASH

## Occupants of Other Car Held to Face Liquor Charge.

### MORE ACCIDENTS

Miss Emaline Kuhner of Jackson and Rex Stroth of Goldsboro were painfully injured in an auto mishap which occurred on the Chillicothe Pike about a mile from Jackson, Sunday evening.

Miss Kuhner and Stroth were travelling out the Chillicothe pike, in the car belonging to Stroth. They had just passed another car, a Ford also travelling toward Chillicothe. A third car was coming toward Jackson. Just after Stroth had passed the Ford and as he was approaching the third car an Essex, the latter car suddenly swerved from the right of the road over to the left, and struck Stroth's car head-on.

Miss Kuhner received severe cuts of the face, neck and head. Had the cut been a little deeper, it would have severed the jugular vein. As it was she lost much blood. Eight stitches were taken in the wound by Dr. W. G. Scurlock.

Stroth was hurt about the chest and back, and a rib was fractured. He was able to return to his home Monday evening. Miss Kuhner is recovering rapidly from her experience.

Charges of liquor law violation were placed against Elmer Grosstuck and Robert Chambers, occupants of the Essex. Homes of the two men are in Covington, Ky., but they are employed in Wellston. Two quarts of liquor were found in the car.

The two were arraigned before Mayor Hudson Monday afternoon. Chambers pled guilty to a charge of possessing intoxicating liquor, and Grosstuck pled not guilty to a charge of transporting intoxicating liquor. He claimed to have had no knowledge of the liquor being in Chambers' travelling bag. The two were released on bond, and the case was continued until today.

Monday night an auto crash occurred at the intersection of Chillicothe Street and Athens Street, near Darling's Store. Tod Martin and wife were coming in from Chillicothe, and M. L. Stephenson was coming in from the Country Club. Neither of the machines noticed the other approaching and the Stephenson machine crashed into the Martin car. No one was injured.

James Plummer skidded off the concrete road near Wellston Sunday night, and landed in the ditch. No damage was done. Other cars are also reported to have had mishaps over the rainy week-end.

# LETTERS ABOUT THE BOULDER OF 1812

The following correspondence is of such a character that it deserves to be preserved in permanent form. Hon. David Davis visited Jackson county some weeks ago, and made some inquiries about the old Boulder of 1812 down on Salt Creek which led him to write to Hon. E. H. Willis of Wellston. The latter was able to furnish him the names of three men which were carved on the boulder. The Willis letter was as follows:

Judge David Davis,  
302 Southern Bank Bldg.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Judge:-

August 23, 1924.—Your letter of August 18th, addressed to my father, has been handed to me, with a request that I write you.

My father only remembers the names of three persons whose names were carved upon the rock, all of whom were in camp there in 1812, viz: Robert Lowther, my great grandfather, who died in 1820, Parkersburg, W. Va., Lewis Leach of Wood County, W. Va., who moved to Jackson County some time after the war of 1812, and died a very old man in Jackson County in the year of 1858; Wilson Bayless, who died at the age of ninety years, on Limerick, Jackson County, about the year 1878. All of these men were from Wood County originally.

It is an awful pity indeed that the large boulder or rock, upon which so many names were carved, was destroyed. I am satisfied that the commissioners could have secured sufficient funds by popular subscription, to have built the pike farther up on the hillside, and preserved the rock or boulder for the benefit of future generations.

My father is past seventy-six years of age, but remembers you.

Hoping to see you at Jackson on September 26th, I have the honor to be

Yours faithfully,  
E. H. WILLIS.

After receiving that letter, Davis addressed a letter to me. It is so full of suggestions, that many readers of this paper will enjoy the privilege of perusing it. Anyone with information about the Boulder can mention to Davis, Willis or the writer, or to J. M. Brohard near whose home the boulder stood. The Davis letter follows:

August 25th, 1924

Hon. D. W. Williams,  
Clemency Board or Board of Pardons,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Dan:

I enclose you copy of a letter that I received from E. H. Willis. The same speaks for itself. Every time I drive on that fine road from Chillicothe to Jackson, when I get to the Camp of 1812, the iron stirs in my soul to think that the large boulder on which was carved the names of all of the soldiers that were in that Camp in 1812 has been destroyed. Evidently there was much negligence or ignorance

manifested at the time that it was destroyed. It would be one of the fine landmarks for the present and future generation to observe the boulder and the names carved upon it.

When I was up there about two weeks ago I stepped into a house nearby and got the name of one, who was supposed to be a man who could give me the names that appeared upon the rock, and I learn from the copy of the letter enclosed, that he is the father of E. H. Willis, an attorney of Wellston, Ohio.

I am laboring under the impression that you know who the names were, or you can get in touch with records or persons, who can give us the names. If you have such in your possession I shall be glad to have this information.

Here is my notion about it. If the names can be secured proper persons in that high hill above would no doubt dynamite enough rock and blow it out, so that it would roll down the hill and even if it did go on down to the pike, it would remain there, and have the names again carved on it, and build a new pike around it. If this is not advisable, then if the names can be secured have a metal tablet permanently erected at that point. Neither methods would cost very much to again restore the names of the patriots who were in Camp in the wilderness on Salt Creek in 1812, and only a few years after Ohio became a state, and before Jackson County was formed. Would be pleased to hear from you on the subject.

I wonder if the names could be secured from the War Department at Washington? It might be possible that there are records in the State House at Columbus, Ohio, that may help you out.

It also might be possible that the old files of the Jackson Standard-Journal would help you on that subject. If the names can be secured I think that the Commissioners of Jackson County, Ohio, should pay the bill, because the Commissioners are the ones that had the pike built, as I now am informed, and caused the destruction of the original boulder. If, however, the officials of the County would not feel it right and just that the money should be expended for such a patriotic purpose, then I am willing to be one of the several or many to take the proper restoration and preservation of the names of our forefathers and patriots.

With very best wishes, I remain

Yours truly,  
DAVID DAVIS.

Now that so many tourists visit Jackson county every year, a local historical society should be organized to mark all points of historical interest. As noted in a recent article, such a society has been incorporated and it can be organized now for work. I have the charter in my possession.

DAN W. WILLIAMS.