

**KILLED BY AN  
ACCIDENTAL SHOT**

Sunday, November 1, 1925, John Craig of south of Lancaster, Mo., took his shotgun about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and started out to kill some rabbits. Coming to a wire fence he attempted to climb through the fence into W. Pruner's farm. In dragging the gun after him it in some manner was discharged, the load taking effect in the vicinity of his heart, one shot passing entirely through his body, coming out at his back, and a number of other shots could plainly be felt just under the skin in the back.

His wife becoming uneasy after he had left the house, started after him and found him on the wire fence shot as stated above. He told her it was purely accidental. Help was called and he was taken to the house where he lived until 7 o'clock.

Funeral services were conducted at the Germania M. E. church, by Rev. E. A. Lacour, and the body was laid to rest in the Germania cemetery.

The obituary follows:  
John F. Craig son of David T. and Mary Craig was born in Schuyler County, Mo., October 5, 1883, and departed this life Nov. 1, 1925, at the age of 42 years and 26 days. He grew to manhood on a farm about seven miles southeast of Lancaster, Mo., and on Dec. 28, 1904 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Slightom. To this union were born two children, Harvey and Glen, the latter having been an invalid all his life.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, two sons, seven brothers and three sisters, which are as follows: Henry D., of Moberly; Charles O., Marion C., James S. Jr., of Lancaster; Ollie P. and Mrs. Wallace Slavin of Downing; Willard P. and David T. of Lafayette, Ill. and Mrs. William Martin of Lancaster and Mrs. William Gardine of Kirksville, Mo., besides a host of other relatives and friends.

John Craig was a good neighbor, a kind and true husband and father, and will be missed by many.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 at the Germania M. E. church, and interment was made in the Germania cemetery.