

Broadlands Mourns Death of J. F. Darnall, Former Publisher
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Joseph F. Darnall, 65, died at Lakeview Hospital, Danville, shortly after 12 A.M. Tuesday, after a brief illness. Mr. Darnall underwent an operation for hernia on Sunday evening, June 5, and was thought to be recovering when complications set in.

Mr. Darnall was reared at Newman, and was employed in the office of the Newman Independent until he purchased the Broadlands News in December of 1915. He published the Broadlands News, with the exception of the year 1918 during which he served with the U. S. Army in France, until his retirement on January 1, 1955.

Joseph Fred Darnall was born at Newman, Illinois, December 10, 1889, a son of Aaron D. and Catharine Rice Darnall.

He was married June 18, 1922, to Miss Emma Witt who survives.

He is also survived by three sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wright of Sidell; Mrs. Tina Hardyman and Mamie E. Darnall of Broadlands; Mrs. Lutie Timmons of Sidell; and a brother Frank Darnall of Newton.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, at the Dick's Funeral Home with Rev. Carl B. Fox officiating. Mrs. Betty Dicks and Mrs. Gladys McClelland sang accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Ida Messman. Burial was at St. John's Cemetery northwest of Broadlands with Masonic rites at the grave.

Pallbearers were C. A. Smith, A. A. Zantow, Harold O. Anderson, Lloyd Cable, Howard Clem and O. E. Gore.

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J. F. Darnall, 65, retired Broadlands weekly newspaper publisher, died about midnight Monday in Lake View Hospital, Danville, where he underwent surgery on June 8th. He had been in failing health for sometime. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Dicks Funeral Home, Broadlands, with interment in St. John's Cemetery north of Broadlands. Masonic rites were conducted by the Broadlands Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of which he was a member.

Mr. Darnall published the Broadlands News more than thirty-nine years and retired last January 1st, when he sold the paper to John Holmes of Villa Grove. He was born Dec. 10, 1899 at Newman and later worked for the Newman Independent, weekly newspaper, until he purchased the Broadlands paper in December, 1915.

He was married to Emma Witt of Broadlands on June 18, 1922., and she survives, along with four sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Wright and Mrs. Lettie Timmons, both of Sidell, Mrs. Tina Hardyman and Miss Mamie Darnall of Broadlands; and a brother, Frank of Newton.

**JOSEPH DARNALL DIES;
EX-BROADLANDS EDITOR**

Broadlands, June 14 (Staff)

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Mr. Darnall published the **Broadlands** News more than 39 years, having retired last Jan. 1 when he sold the publication to John Holmes of Villa Grove.

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Joseph Darnall, *James Smith Family Photo*

Eds: Joseph Fred Darnall Born to Aaron D and Catherine A. Wright Darnall
Died June 13, 1955. Emma Eliza Witt died June 13, 1977.

After 39 years of living in Broadlands and publishing the news, Joe and Emma Darnall announced their retirement in the BROADLANDS NEWS on Dec. 23,1954. He had a total of 49 years in the newspaper business.. In 1918 Joe served his country with the US Armed Forces in England and France. They were married on June 18, 1922 in Newman, Douglas County, Illinois.