

Polly Crill

This is a tintype portrait of Polly Crill, a parrot at the Concordia Hotel, in Concordia, Kansas. According to the Clyde Voice Republican newspaper, Thursday, November 24, 1921, from the time of Mrs. Victoria Crill's death on Tuesday, November 22, until her funeral on Friday, November 25, Polly Crill, her 42 year old parrot, mourned and refused to eat and drink. Mrs. Crill provided for the bird's death in her will. She required that the bird be chloroformed by a physician and buried with Mrs. Crill. Dr. Edwards was called in Friday afternoon just before the funeral services to administered last rites to Polly. The bird was laid down in the casket with the body of its owner and both human and bird were included in the funeral rites.

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