



*In 1890,
David Lang
vanished at
this farm in
Tennessee*

Mystery in the meadow

DAVID Lang waved to his friend across the meadow—and then disappeared.

Judge August Peck couldn't believe his eyes—until a scream from the farmhouse showed Mrs Lang had seen him vanish, too.

The distraught wife, followed by her children, raced across the meadow. Judge Peck leaped from his buggy and ran to the spot.

There was nothing to explain the disappearance. No pit, no underground cavern—nothing but the earth baked hard by the sun.

By nightfall the word spread across the countryside. Hundreds turned up to search by lantern light.

A surveyor reported that the field had a solid limestone base. There was nothing to cause a sudden subsidence.

Mrs Lang had a nervous breakdown and sold the farm, in Gallatin, Tennessee, to Judge Peck.

A year later, in 1891, the grass where Lang vanished started to turn yellow, until there was a 20ft circle. Cattle would not enter it.

Later the Lang children, playing in the field, said they heard their father's voice calling faintly for help—again and again.

His wife, bedridden for the rest of her life, died convinced he would reappear in that field.