

James R. Crabb

Occupant Name: James R. Crabb

Location: **Section W, Lot 18**

Date of Birth: 10/4/1861

Date of Death: 1959

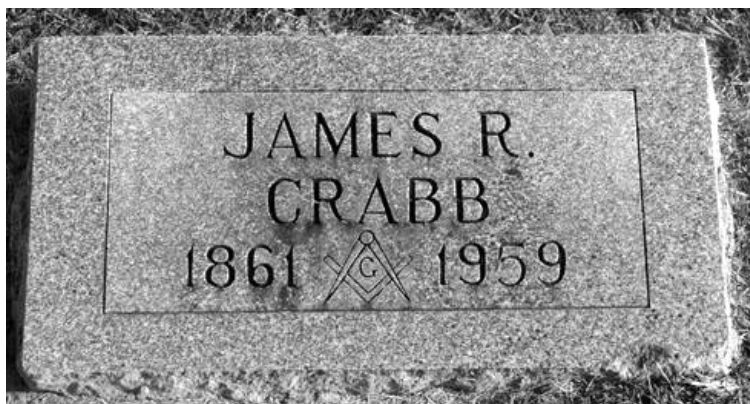
Date of Burial: 1959

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: James Crabb

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



James R. Crabb, Former County Commissioner, Dies At Age Of 97

Ill three weeks, James Robertson Crabb, native and lifelong Jackson county resident, widely known in farming and political circles, and former county commissioner, died last Thursday at the Crabb homeplace, three and one-half miles north of Brownstown, where he had lived since shortly after the turn of the century.

He was ninety-seven years old last October.

Born on a farm, west of Seymour, now known as the Ed Grein farm, on October 4, 1861, six months after the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Crabb was a son of the late Cyrus Douglass and Mary Robertson Crabb.

He was the last surviving member of his family, including two brothers, a half-brother and three half-sisters.

On August 1, 1895, he was married to Miss Ida Claycamp, member of a prominent family of the Surprise community and in 1908 they moved to the present Crabb homeplace. Mrs. Crabb died in 1939.

For many years Mr. Crabb managed his more than 500-acre grain farm and also had a large herd of Hereford cattle. In later years his sons joined him in the farm management.

A staunch Democrat, Mr. Crabb played an important part in county politics for many years and served his party two terms as county commissioner from 1921 until 1926.

He was one of the original directors of the Jackson County REMC and served on the board for many years and also was active in the Brownstown Township Farm Bureau.

He was a member of the Surprise Methodist Church and for several years as a trustee of the Pleasant Grove Church, which is on the Surprise Circuit and which he and his family attended due to its nearness to their home.

He was a member of Washington Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brownstown, of Seymour Council No. 38, Royal and Select Masters and Seymour Chapter, No. 85, Royal Arch Masons.

Mr. Crabb had a long and useful life and for many years was a dominant figure in the community, working consistently for community betterment — better schools, better roads, better farming conditions — winning the admiration and respect of everyone who knew him.

Surviving are five children, two sons and three daughters. They are Miss Faye Crabb, Miss Hazel Crabb and Miss Lillian Crabb, and Cyrus and Edward "Bud" Crabb, all at home.

Funeral rites were held Saturday afternoon from the Zabel Funeral Home in charge of the Rev. Harold Claycamp, of Grandview, Indiana, who is a cousin of the late Mrs. Crabb.

Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, in Brownstown. Members of Washington Lodge, F. & A. M. conducted impressive burial rites.