

Dr. Fred Heller

Occupant Name: Dr. Fred Heller

Location: Section Q, Lot 12

Date of Birth: 4/23/1868

Date of Death: 1919

Date of Burial: 1919

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: J. R. Cooley

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



**DR. FRED HELLER
EXPIRES SUDDENLY**

**Victim Of Heart Trouble Early
Monday Morning While Arranging
For Professional Trip,**

PROMINENT COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Had Practiced His Profession In Brownstown For Past Twenty Years—Funeral Services Held Today.

Not for several years past have the citizens of Brownstown and vicinity been so shocked by the death of one of our citizens, as they were Monday morning, when the news spread that Dr. Fred Heller, one of the county's most prominent physicians, had expired suddenly of heart trouble, about eight o'clock.

His remains were first discovered in the alley, running north and south at the rear of the Banner office, by Martha Ripples, as she was on her way to the post office. The little girl, badly frightened, ran back and told her mother that there was a sick man in the alley. Mrs. Ripple hastened to the place and found the lifeless form of Dr. Heller. The shock was so sudden that she ran screaming to the garage and called the men there. John Durment was the first person to reach the doctor's side and was soon followed by Dr. Maurice McKain who pronounced life extinct.

In the meantime the news had spread rapidly that a man had fallen in the alley and efforts were made to locate a physician, some calling for Dr. Heller, not knowing that he was the person whom death had claimed so suddenly.

He had only left the house about twenty minutes before telling his wife that he was going to the barber shop, but instead, it seems, that he first tried his automobile, which was standing in front of his office, to see if it was in proper order as he was arranging to accompany Mrs. W. W. Ireland and little daughter Julia to Seymour, where the latter was to have adenoids removed.

It was afterward found that the starter on the auto was out of order and the supposition is that the doctor failed in his efforts to crank the machine and started through the alley to the McEaker garage to get a mechanic. He probably over-exerted himself and brought on an attack of heart trouble, with which he had been afflicted for several years past.

However, he seemed in his usual health up to the very time of his death. He ate a hearty breakfast and was in good spirits, but remarked that he did not sleep well, which he attributed to some watermelon he had eaten the evening before.

Of Dr. Heller it can truly be said that he was a man of high moral character, a most valuable citizen in the community, a physician of great ability—extremely conscientious and faithful in the practice of his profession.

He was born within a mile of where he passed away and, with the exception of a few years spent elsewhere in completing his education, he spent his entire life in this vicinity. We saw him grow from childhood into manhood; we knew him in his daily life; as his classmate in school, we

saw him studiously apply himself to his school work and lay his foundation for a useful life; we saw him as he went away to prepare himself for a higher education, and mingled with him from time to time when he was away from the influence of home; we saw him return to his native community to begin life for himself and associated with him in the daily walks of life; and through it all, from childhood to death, he maintained that same firm, steadfast, honest and upright character that was universally recognized by all with whom he came in contact.

With such a close association with him through life, we feel that we are but voicing the expression of his friends and acquaintances in general in saying that in his death the home, the community and the state has lost a most valuable citizen, whose place will be hard to fill. The universal expressions of grief and regret and the many outspoken attestations as to his integrity, are proof of the high esteem in which he was held by all.

Deceased was the eldest son of John W. and Phoebe Heller and was born on the old homestead south of Brownstown April 23, 1868. After graduating from the Brownstown high school with the class of 1887, he entered Wabash college, graduating in 1892. He was a graduate of the Kentucky School of Medicine after which he began the practice of medicine in Brownstown, and a few years later took a post graduate course in New York. He was a member of the K. of P., F. and A. M., I. O. O. F., M. W. A. and Pythian Sisters lodges.

He was recently appointed a member of the Brownstown school board, assuming that office the first of this month.

He was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Keach May 15, 1901. To their union were born three children, Gladys, Dorothy and Fredrick, who with their mother, are left to mourn the death of a devoted husband and father. He also leaves his mother, five brothers and one sister, Victor, Thornton, John, James and Miss Bertha Heller, all of this place.

Funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted at his late home this afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. N. C. Wilson, of French Lick, assisted by Rev. R. I. Black, pastor of the Methodist church under the auspices of the F. and A. M. and K. of P. lodges, after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

