

Will R. Isaacs

Occupant Name: Will R. Isaacs

Location: Section W, Lot 15

Date of Birth: 5/14/1890

Date of Death: 3/31/1966

Date of Burial: 4/2/1966

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: W. Ritz & William Isaacs

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Deputy Barkman stated. It was pulled a five-bottom plow. Apparently, the vehicle's huge rear wheels got too close to the edge of the ditch and the tractor started sliding as the ground beneath began to give away.

Head Beneath Fender
Mr. Isaacs was found with his head beneath the right fender and his feet beneath the left fender of the tractor.

Other Investigating officers were Sheriff Harvey Green, Det. Sgt. Harold E. Chambers, and Troopers Richard H. Wilson, Robert O. Stanley and Richard L. Bumps of the Seymour state police post, and Deputy Coroner Burkholder.

A local wrecker operator, assisted by a number of farmers living in the area, worked over an hour before they were able to remove the tractor and attached implements from the ditch. A large wrecker and a dump truck were required to accomplish the feat of pulling the heavy vehicle up the seven-foot high bank.

In addition to his position with the ASC, Mr. Isaacs was a former chairman of the Jackson County Christian Board.

He was a 50-year member of Washington Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, Brownstown, and was a member of the Haneytown Christian Church, where he was serving as a deacon.

Mr. Isaacs was born May 14, 1890, in Jackson County, the son of the late Willson M. and Martha A. Robertson Isaacs, a lifelong resident of Jackson County, except for four years he lived in Montana, he married the former Hazel Ritz in Jackson County on Oct. 12, 1911. She preceded him in death on June 12, 1961.

One brother and two sisters also preceded him in death.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Isaacs, Seymour R4, and Wayne Isaacs, Cortland R1; one brother, Orville Isaacs, Spokane, Wash., two sisters, Mrs. Ethel Hayes, Brownstown, and Mrs. Cara Borchert, Moore, Mont., six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p. m. Sunday from the Haneytown Christian Church with the Rev. John Carter, pastor, officiating. Burial in the Voss Cemetery, Brownstown.

Friends may call after noon Saturday at the Voss Mortuary here.

A prominent Jackson County farmer was killed almost instantly Thursday afternoon when his tractor overturned in a ditch five miles north of Brownstown, leaving him pinned beneath in 30 inches of water.

Dead is Will R. Isaacs, 75, Seymour R4, retired office manager of the Jackson County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee (ASC) and formerly the head of the ASC's predecessor organization, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration (Triple A).

Keith Burkholder, deputy county coroner, has ruled that the victim died of a "crushed skull and broken neck" in the accident at 3:45 p. m. Burkholder said the right side of the victim's face was crushed. He said the accidental death was due to the broken neck and not drowning.

Saw Tractor Overturn
Richard Isaacs, son of the victim, was plowing on another tractor in the same field directly behind his father's home, when he saw the elder Mr. Isaacs' tractor overturn into State Ditch, William Barkman, Jackson County deputy sheriff, reported.

Deputy Barkman said the younger Isaacs told him he ran to the bank and saw what had happened. He drove the tractor to his father's house, about one-eighth of a mile south, and telephoned the sheriff's department.

Richard Isaacs's wife, Wilma, had been plowing on another tractor in the field, but she did not witness the accident, authorities reported.

Deputy Barkman was the first law officer to reach the scene.

Tractor Upside Down
With the aid of the victim's son and a grandson, Dickie Isaacs, Deputy Barkman said the body of the elderly Haneytown farmer was recovered from beneath the tractor, which was lying upside down in the stream.

The accident occurred when the victim started to turn the large diesel-powered tractor around at the end of the field,