

Michael Sheets

Occupant Name: Michael Sheets

Location: Section 3, Lot 28

Date of Birth: 10/4/1884

Date of Death: 12/9/1934

Date of Burial: 12/12/1934

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Newton Dodds

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Michael Sheets, Aged 50, Dies In Schneck Hospital Fol- lowing Accident.

Struck By B. & O. Train

Accident Occurred On High Rail-
road Embankment Friday Af-
ternoon--Funeral Today.

Funeral services were held this af-
ternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the
Brownstown Methodist church for
Michael Sheets, whose death result-
ed Sunday afternoon from injuries
sustained in an automobile accident.
Services were conducted by the Rev.
Thos. J. Hart, followed by burial in
Fairview cemetery.

The funeral was largely attended
and all the Sinclair service stations
in the county were closed during
the funeral hour as a tribute of re-
spect to the deceased and also that
employees might attend the services.

Mr. Sheets, whose injuries, while
considered serious, were not regarded
of a critical nature, died at 12:20 p.
m. Sunday at the Schneck Memorial
hospital in Seymour, where he was
taken immediately following the ac-
cident. The best of medical attention
was given him and a specialist was
called from Indianapolis. He appar-
ently seemed to be improving but
Saturday night he took a sudden
change for the worse and lapsed in-
to an unconscious state which con-
tinued until he expired. The im-
mediate cause of his death was con-
clusion of the train.

The accident occurred just at the
west limits of Seymour on the ele-
vated B. & O. railroad crossing at
the end of West Tipton street. Mr.
Sheets had driven his sister, Mrs.
John Kieffer, and some other partic-
ulars to Seymour, and while waiting for
them to get ready to return he
started to the Sinclair bulk gas and
oil station on business, being a dealer
in Sinclair products.

He drove west on U. S. Road No.
50 and at the end of Tipton street
started over the steep railroad em-
bankment to cross the tracks as the
gas station was on the opposite side.

The accident was witnessed by sev-
eral persons, who said that as Mr.
Sheets' car reached the top of the
grade it seemed that his motor stall-
ed just as the front end of the car
was on the track and was struck by
the east-bound accommodation train,
No. 62, due at Brownstown at 2:50
p. m. and at Seymour about 3 p. m.

The car was hurled over the em-
bankment and badly damaged. Sev-
eral persons rushed to the scene of
the accident and the injured man
was taken to the hospital.

The elevated street crosses the
railroad tracks at an angle, and it
is believed that Mr. Sheets was look-
ing slightly to the rear on his
right and did not see the train ap-
proaching from the opposite direc-
tion until too late to stop his car
before it reached the railroad track.

Deceased was a son of Caleb and
Olive Talbot Sheets, deceased. He
was born near Dabney, Ripley
county, Indiana, October 4, 1884. He
moved with his parents to Brown-
stown in October, 1894, where he has
lived since then. He attended the
Brownstown public schools, but owing
to the death of his father at an
early age he was compelled to quit
before completing the regular course
and go to work.

He was united in marriage August
14, 1914, at Versailles, Indiana,
to Miss Blanche Dodds, who togeth-
er with one son, James Edgar, aged
fourteen, survives. He is also survived
by one sister, Mrs. John E. Kieffer,
of Brownstown.

"Mike" as he was so familiarly
known, possessed a most pleasing
disposition and was of an accommo-
dating nature, which made him a
host of friends and acquaintances,
not only in his home town and coun-
ty, but with many others.

For many years he conducted a
gas service station and garage in
Daring, and also operated a taxi
service in connection with the Dodds
hotel, which gave him a wide ac-
quaintance with many traveling
salesmen in this section.

He was industrious from youth
which habits he retained through-
out life, which combined with good busi-
ness methods enabled him to make
a success of business ventures. He
had a tender and sympathetic na-
ture and was always ready to make
sacrifices for the comfort and con-
venience of others. He was kind,
and obliging in his dealings with all
and his many friends and his un-
timely death came as a shock to all.