

Elmer O. Shepard

Occupant Name: Elmer O. Shepard

Location: Section Q, Lot 0

Date of Birth: 9/15/1874

Date of Death: 1963

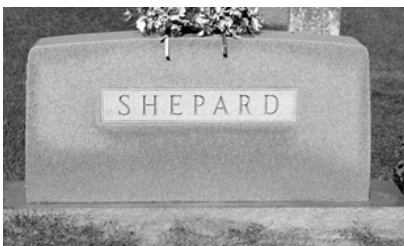
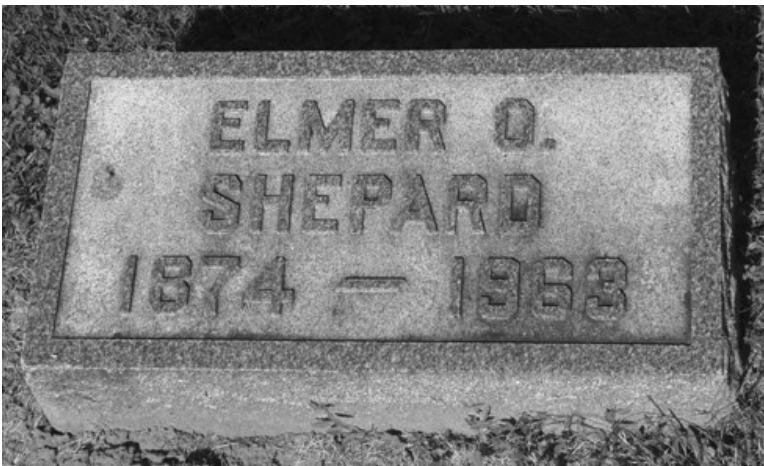
Date of Burial: 1963

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Elmer Shepard

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Rites Held This Afternoon For E. O. Shepard

Heart Attack, Suffered Early Monday Morning, Fatal To Former Local Business Man, Civic Leader.



Elmer O. Shepard

Funeral rites were held at 3:00 o'clock this afternoon from the Winklepleck Funeral Home for Elmer O. Shepard, one of Brownstown's outstanding senior citizens, former business man and for many years a leader in local civic, religious and service groups.

Mr. Shepard died at 4:30 o'clock Monday morning at his home, minutes after suffering a heart attack, and a few hours after observing his eighty-ninth birthday anniversary.

Although he had been forced to limit his activities the past several years, due to failing health, he had been exceptionally well in recent weeks and the previous Sunday had joined other county residents in a historical tour to the site of the Shepard grist mill, in Driftwood township, the first of its kind in the county, and owned for several years in the early 1800s, by his grandfather, Allen Shepard.

Native Of Kansas

Mr. Shepard, who most of this century played a prominent part in Brownstown's history, was a native of Emporia, Kansas, born there on September 15, 1874, a son of the late Allen and Fannie Holmes Shepard.

His first business venture here was in 1906 when he entered into partnership with his father in the A. A. Shepard and Son Variety Store, although he had been associated with the store since he was 13 years of age.

One of the oldest businesses in Brownstown, the store was started in 1887. Following fires in 1896 which wiped out a row of business houses along the block facing the court house, the elder Mr. Shepard reopened the business in the room now occupied by the office of the Public Service Company.

When his son joined the firm, the store was moved into the old Banner building on Main street, built that year by the elder Mr. Shepard's son-in-law, the late Andrew J. Brodhecker.

Mr. Shepard became full manager of the business at his father's death in 1918 and moved into larger quarters in the Clements building, operating the store there until August of 1954 when he retired and the business was sold to its present owners, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Hamer.

At one time he operated a variety store in Bedford and