

# Dr. S. W. Shields

Occupant Name: Dr. S. W. Shields

Location: Section M, Lot 36

Date of Birth: 4/1/1851

Date of Death: 1937

Date of Burial: 1937

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: S. W. Shields

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## *Brownstown Dentist Dies*

**Widely Known County Seat Man  
Succumbs Wednesday  
Night.**

Dr. S. W. Shields, age eighty-six, prominent Brownstown dentist for more than sixty years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. D. J. Cummings, in Brownstown, at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday night. Death followed a few days' illness with infirmities due to his advanced age.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon from the Cummings residence, with the Rev. Robert Crosby, of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church and the Rev. William Richmond, of the Brownstown Christian Church, in charge. Burial in Fairview Cemetery.

Dr. Shields was born on a farm near Salem, Washington county, on April 1, 1851, the son of Abel and Penina Winslow Shields. He attended Blue River Academy near Salem for two years and in 1870, took up the study of dentistry in the office of Dr. P. T. Green in New Albany where he remained for three years. He opened an office in Mitchell but moved it to Brownstown in 1875, opening it in the county seat on January 28 of that year. He enjoyed a wide practice and made many friends throughout the county who mourn his death.

On August 6, 1879, he was married to Belle Owen, who preceded him in death. They were the parents of seven children who survive. Two of his sons, Dr. Scott W. Shields and Dr. Harry Shields, both dentists, took over their father's practice when he retired from active life and a grandson, Dr. Seth W. Shields, also is a dentist. Two other grandsons are studying medicine. They are Jack Shields and Tom Shields, both of Brownstown.

Dr. Shields was a prominent member of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church, Washington Lodge No. 13, F. & A. M. and the Brownstown Knights of Pythias lodge. He always was active in civic enterprises for the growth and development of Brownstown and was affiliated with the Pioneer Dental Association of America and the state dental society.

Besides the two dentist sons at Brownstown, Dr. Shields is survived by another son, Lawrence Shields, of Brownstown, and four daughters, Mrs. Roscoe Robertson, Mrs. John Heller and Mrs. D. J. Cummings, all of Brownstown, and Mrs. Lee Longacre, of Elkhart. A number of grandchildren and great grandchildren also survive.