

# James H. Tatlock

Occupant Name: James H. Tatlock

Location: **Section 3, Lot 31**

Date of Birth: 1/26/1873

Date of Death: 1952

Date of Burial: 1952

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: James Tatlock

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



## Kites held Sunday For James Tatlock, Co. School Head

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James H. Tatlock, Jackson county superintendent of schools and one of Brownstown's best loved citizens, who had devoted more than a half century toward the religious and academic training of youth, died in his sleep early Friday morning at his home here.

Mr. Tatlock, who would have been eighty years old next month, had been in failing health for two years, but each day found him at his office in the county courthouse. Wednesday of last week he attended the annual courthouse Christmas party and Christmas Day joined members of his family for Christmas dinner.

He had had a cardiac condition for sometime and death was due to a heart attack.

Funeral rites were held Sunday afternoon from the Brownstown Church of the Nazarene in charge of the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Fields, and the Rev. Leo Davis, of Bedford. Interment was in Fairview Cemetery.

The twelve trustees of Jackson county served as honorary pallbearers.

Mr. Tatlock was born January 26, 1873, near Medora, a son of the late Joseph and Mary Angeline Smith Tatlock. His father was a pioneer resident of Jackson county and his mother was born in Louisville, Kentucky.

He attended grade schools in this county and since there was no accredited high school in the county at that time, he entered Franklin College after passing a high school equivalency examination. In 1927, he received a degree from Franklin. He also did graduate work at Indiana University.

He began his teaching career in Salt Creek township at the age of seventeen and had taught at Freetown, Houston, Cortland, Valonia, Clearspring, Tampico and vicinities. In June of 1925 he was appointed county superintendent of schools and during the more than a quarter of a century he served in this important post his progressive ideas won him high commendation from state educators.

Mr. Tatlock's life was motivated by high Christian ideals and combined with his sixty-three years in school work was an equivalent number of years devoted to the religious training of youth. In each community where he taught he also taught Sunday School classes and served as Bible School superintendent, and his teaching was an inspiration to all young people with whom he came in contact.

Mr. Tatlock was a fluent speaker and until his health began to fail, was in constant demand for commencement addresses each spring.

He was a charter member of the Brownstown Church of the Nazarene and took a deep interest in the growth and development of the church, and his kindly manner, his sincerity and friendliness endeared him to the entire community.

On March 10, 1894, he was married at Freetown to Lucy Belle Moore, who died May 25, 1946. He and his family moved to Brownstown in 1910.

Surviving are a son, Sheldon Tatlock, of Sullivan, two daughters, Mrs. Clifford Stotz and Mrs. Flossie Owens, of Brownstown; a half-brother, Daniel Godfrey of Harrisburg, Illinois, and a sister, Mrs. Sadie Hanner, of Kurtz; five grandchildren and six great-