

# Charles C. Tinch

Occupant Name: Charles C. Tinch

Location: Section M, Lot 7

Date of Birth: 11/18/1873

Date of Death: 1959

Date of Burial: 1959

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: Miranda Tinch

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



## Charles C. Tinch, 85, Former County Treasurer, Merchant, Expires Friday

Charles C. Tinch, 85, former town, with the Rev. Ernest Jones, treasurer of Jackson County, ex-pastor of the Brownstown Methodist Church, in charge. Burial in Freetown merchant, interior decorator and prominent Mason, died Fairview Cemetery, Brownstown, at his home in Brownstown at 3 p. m. Friday. He had been ill for the past two weeks. Friends may call at the Zabel Funeral Home after 2 p. m. today.

Mr. Tinch, a well known resident of Jackson County, most of his life, was born Nov. 18, 1874, at Salem, the son of the late Dr. Ed-

ward C. and Maranda Tinch. He was married July 23, 1899, at Freetown to Myrtle L. Spurgeon, who survives.

Mr. Tinch operated a drug store in Freetown for a number of years and later was elected treasurer of Jackson County, a post in which he served efficiently. He and Mrs. Tinch moved from Freetown to Brownstown for residence in 1921 and resided in Brownstown since that time. He was a musician and while at Freetown, was bandmaster there for several years, conducting the former well known Freetown band in many concert appearances. In later years, he followed the occupation of interior decorator until his retirement. He was an active and faithful member of the Brownstown Methodist Church.

An authority on Masonic work and enjoying the reputation as outstanding in his exemplification of ritual roles in various Masonic bodies until his advanced age limited his activity, Mr. Tinch had been a member of Washington Lodge No. 13, Free and Accepted Masons, of Brownstown, for more than 50 years. He also was a member of all the York Rite bodies of Masonry and was a member of the Scottish Rite.

Mr. Tinch was a member of the York Cross of Honour, an honorary Masonic degree awarded only to those who have served as head of all York Rite bodies of Masonry. In addition to having served as worshipful master of Washington Lodge, he served two terms as high priest of Seymour Chapter No. 85, Royal Arch Masons, in 1932 and 1933; was illustrious master of Seymour Council No. 38, Royal and Select Masters, in 1935, and commander of Seymour Commandery No. 56, Knights Templar, for two terms, in 1938 and 1939. He had held many other important posts in all of those organizations.

A man of high ideals and conscientious in all his endeavors, Mr. Tinch enjoyed the esteem of a wide circle of friends not only throughout Jackson County, but in other southern Indiana communities as well.

Although Mr. and Mrs. Tinch had no children of their own, they reared a niece, Mrs. Charles Ruch, as their own.

Besides the widow, he is survived by the niece, who lives at Momence, Ill.