

# George J. Vehslage

Occupant Name: George J. Vehslage

Location: Section W, Lot 24

Date of Birth: 1/7/1919

Date of Death: 7/7/1966

Date of Burial: 7/10/1966

Veteran: Yes

Lot Owner: George Vehslage

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

## County Farmer Found Dead Of Gun Wound

George J. Vehslage, Brownstown R1, 47-year-old prominent Jackson County farmer, was found shot to death on his farm just northwest of Brownstown early this morning.

They found the victim inside. According to the coroner, Vehslage was last seen alive by his son, George Partee Vehslage, who had brought in a load of cattle to the barn, unloaded them and left shortly before the fatal shooting occurred.

Coroner Burkholder placed time of the fatal accident at between 4 and 4:30 a. m.

Clair "Polley" Robison and Richard Snyder, both of Brownstown, who had been scheduled to help Vehslage

clean out a fence row on his father's farm near Seymour today, discovered the body after he failed to meet them at the farm at 5 o'clock.

The men told Coroner Burkholder and Sheriff Harvey Green they went to the farm as planned and waited around for some time, but Vehslage did not show up. They then went across the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks to where the

farm's barn lot is located and saw Vehslage's truck with its lights on and motor running.

In the habit of shooting at varmints and birds that bothered his cattle, Vehslage occasionally carried the 12-gauge shotgun with him, the coroner explained.

Burkholder said the shooting occurred as Vehslage was sitting in the driver's seat. Reportedly, he reached across the front seat and took hold of the gun's barrel with his right hand and pulled it toward him.

A spout on a thermos jug sitting on the floor discharged the weapon, the coroner said.

The coroner said he could find no reason to suspect foul play.

A native and life-long resident of Jackson County, Mr. Vehslage was born Jan. 7, 1919, in Jackson township to George C. Vehslage, of Seymour, who survives, and Elnora Huber Vehslage, Clinton, N. C., who also survives. On Feb. 1, 1941, in Seymour, he married the former Mary Margaret Hackman. She survives.

He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the Brownstown Presbyterian Church. He had farmed extensively.

Survivors, in addition to the father, mother and widow, include the stepmother, Mrs. George C. Vehslage, of Seymour; one son, George Partee Vehslage, at home; two daughters, Mrs. Peggy Marie Wolf, Anderson, and Mrs. Virginia Eliskamp, Seymour; one brother, Robert F. Vehslage, Worthington; and five sisters, Mrs. J. S. Medaris, Indianapolis, Mrs. Robert Hall, Seymour Rd., Mrs. Norman Hurwitz, Clinton, N. C., Mrs. Margaret Denny, Seymour, and Mrs. William B. Ferrell, LaPlaca, La.

Funeral arrangements are being completed through the Winklespeck Funeral Home at Brownstown and will be announced later.

