

Henry W. Wacker Sr.

Occupant Name: Henry W. Wacker Sr.

Location: **Section M, Lot 5**

Date of Birth: 7/23/1840

Date of Death: 10/30/1904

Date of Burial: 11/4/1904

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: H. W. Wacker, Sr.

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



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Death Claims One of Our Most Prominent Citizens.

Henry W. Wacker, Sr., whose sickness has been mentioned in these columns, breathed his last Sunday, October 30, 1904 at 6:45 p. m. Mr. Wacker had been in failing health for several years and during his last illness was confined to his bed about four weeks. The cause of his death was liver and stomach complaint. He was born in Germany July 23, 1840, and at the time of his death was 64 years, three months and seven days of age.

Mr. Wacker came to this country from Germany when but a mere lad and located at Louisville in 1853, where he became an apprentice as a machinist in Roach & Long's establishment. At the completion of his apprenticeship, he entered upon his duties as a mechanic acting in this capacity a number of years. In 1864 he engaged in the mercantile business at what is now called Cranetown. In 1865 he removed to Shield's mill, building the brick store that still stands there, engaging in general merchandising and becoming interested in the flouring mill there which at that time was doing an excellent business. He remained at Shields until his election to the office of Treasurer of Jackson county. When he assumed charge of this office, he sold out his business and removed his family to Brownstown. While in office he did not engage in business, giving his whole attention to the grave responsibilities resting upon him. For four years he served the people faithfully and well, making one of the most popular officials the county ever had. At the expiration of his term of office in 1881, Mr. Wacker engaged in the general merchandise business at this place and has been in business continuously ever since.

He was united in marriage November 4, 1860, at Louisville, to Miss Frederica Rust, who survives him, together with five children, viz: Mrs. Lillie Ireland, Mrs. Addie Mercer, Mrs. Mattie Robertson and H. W. Wacker, of this place, and Alex Wacker, who is employed at St. Louis.

Deceased was one of Jackson county's most prominent and highly esteemed citizens, and by his jovial and cheerful disposition and honorable and straightforward business methods made a host of warm friends. He probably enjoyed as wide acquaintance as any man in Jackson county. In his death the community has lost an active and enterprising business man and the family has lost a kind and indulgent husband and father.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church this morning at 10:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Masonic and I. O. O. F. orders, of which he was an active and enthusiastic member, and the services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Weaver, of the Presbyterian church, assisted by Rev. T. W. Northcott, of the Methodist church, after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

The funeral was one of the largest ever held here. The business houses were all closed and people from all over the county were in attendance.