

William H. Daly

Occupant Name: William H. Daly

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 10/13/1857

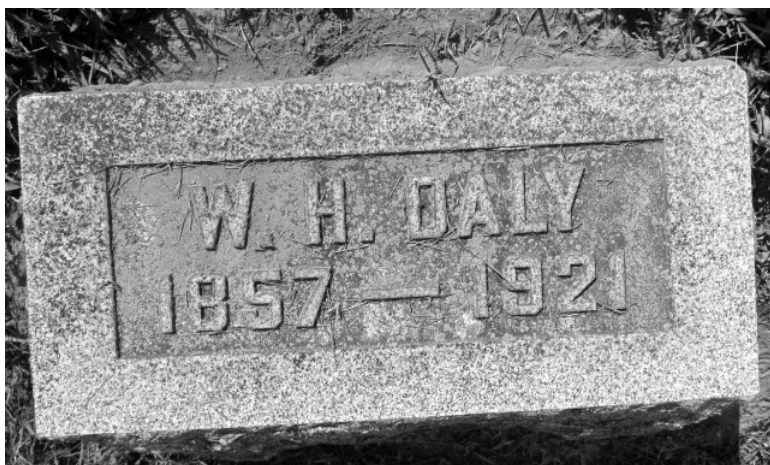
Date of Death: 7/7/1921

Date of Burial: 1921

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Daly—William H. Daly, one of Jackson county's well-known and highly respected citizens, passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sadie Hamilton, of this place, Thursday morning, July 7, 1921, after a long illness of a complication of diseases, aged 63 years, 9 months and 24 days. During his long illness he was patient and hopeful, saying just a few days before his death that he was going to get well.

Mr. Daly was the son of John and Mary J. Daly, both deceased, and was born in Brown county, Indiana, October 13, 1857. He came to Brownstown in his boyhood days, where he resided until his death.

When six months old he was stricken with spinal meningitis, which left him blind and with curvature of the spine. But in spite of his physical afflictions from childhood instead of becoming despondent and disheartened, he displayed remarkable courage in facing the battles of life better than many men stronger in mind and in full possession of all their faculties.

At the age of fourteen he entered the school for the blind at Indianapolis, where he graduated and was a charter member of the association for the higher education of the blind. After returning home he attended the Brownstown Normal school. One strong characteristic of the deceased was his great industry. He was the first newsboy to deliver the daily papers in Brownstown and was afterward elected Justice of the Peace of Brownstown township, which office he held many years. He drove over the county and solicited business and organized the Jackson County Farmers Insurance Company. He was also engaged in the Fire Insurance business and was representing several good companies at the time of his death. Although blind, he was able to drive a horse not only in this locality, but any where he chose to go.

Another remarkable feature about him, he never failed to recognize a voice and would call friends by name wherever he met them. He had a wide acquaintance in Jackson and adjoining counties and was held in high esteem by all.

Although frail in body he retained that splendid spirit which does not recognize defeat. He did not "sour" and turn bitter against his fate as a sufferer, but enjoyed life as fully as his strength would permit. He loved good literature and besides having the best of books read he enjoyed having the daily papers read to him. Early in life he united with the Methodist church.

Besides his sister he leaves one nephew and one niece, Roy Brannaman and Mrs. Pearl Hawkins, both of Indianapolis. Funeral services were conducted at his late home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. F. M. Moore, pastor of the Presbyterian church, officiating. Burial in Fairview cemetery.