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Frank Fassold

Occupant Name: Frank Fassold

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 8/31/1840

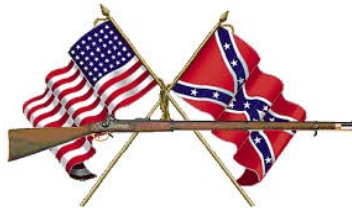
Date of Death: 8/31/1896

Date of Burial: 1896

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: Yes-22nd Regiment, Ind. Vol.

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FRANK FASSOLD.

Again as we called upon to chronicle the death of one of Jackson county's most prominent, substantial and influential citizens. Frank Fassold, who is so well known throughout the entire county, breathed his last on Sunday night, August 31st, 1896, at 11 o'clock, aged 55 years, 11 months and 29 days. His death was no surprise, as it has been almost hourly expected for several weeks past. He had been in declining health for several years but was able to be at his office and attend to his business matters until within the past few months. The cause of his death was consumption of the lungs and bowels, and at times his sufferings were intense. His wonderful tenacity of life was almost beyond belief.

Mr. Fassold was a man of great influence. His stock of information on business transactions was almost without limit and his advice in this line was often sought for. In business dealings he always had at heart the interests of his patrons, and his last trip to his office was in their behalf, when he so strongly contended with the insurance adjusters for those who suffered loss from the big fire of July 4th. He was a man of push, energy and enterprise, and failure to accomplish any undertaking was a rare occurrence with him. He was liberal to the poor and oppressed and his deeds of charity were many. As a husband and father no man in the county provided better for the wants of his family than did Mr. Fassold.

In politics he was an ardent and strong republican and as such had a natural ability as a leader. So far as we know, he enjoyed the distinction of being the only republican ever elected to a county office in this county, having been elected commissioner for the 1st district, which position he held three years—from 1887 to 1890—and which he filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents.

He took an active interest, both financially and otherwise, in many of the public enterprises and improvements of the county, and especially Brownstown, and deserves his share of merited praise for their advancement. That he will be greatly missed by our citizens in general we all know.

The following biography is taken from the History of Jackson county, which was compiled in 1886:

"Frank Fassold, real estate and insurance agent, Brownstown, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., August 31st, 1840. He is a son of John and Frances Fassold. At the age of fourteen and one-half years he became an apprentice in the United States Navy and served until twenty years of age. He came to Seymour, Ind., and engaged in the produce business, remaining in that business eight months, after which he came to Brownstown, and at the breaking out of the war he enlisted in the Twenty-second Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, served eight months in that regiment, was in the battle of Pea Ridge, after which he was transferred to the First Indiana Artillery, was appointed a non-commissioned officer, took part in the siege of Vicksburg, battle of Franklin and many other minor engagements. He was wounded in the arm at Vicksburg. While acting as a spy he was taken prisoner and was about to be hung when he made his escape. He was in the service four years and one month. At the close of the war he returned to Brownstown and engaged in his present business. He has served four years as marshal of Brownstown, two years as president of the board of trustees and secretary of the Building association. Mr. Fassold is determined, intrepid and aggressive in his support of whatever he believes to be right. In his daily intercourse he is courteous and always has a due regard for the feelings and opinions of others."

In October, 1869, he was married to Helen Owens, a native of this county, and to them were born eight children, two of whom died in infancy. The six surviving ones are: George, Mary, Frank, Goldie, Katie and Mildred, who together with their grief-stricken mother, have the sincere sympathy of all.

The funeral services were held at the residence this (Wednesday) afternoon at 1 o'clock and were in charge of Washington Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M., Gordan Tanner Post, No. 159, participating, after which interment took place in Fairview cemetery.