

William A. Findley

Occupant Name: William A. Findley

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 3/13/1843

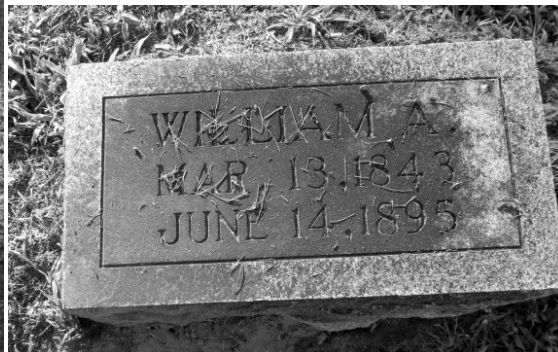
Date of Death: 6/14/1895

Date of Burial: 1895

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Another Good Citizen Gone.

Wm. A. Findley, of this township, died at his residence, 2 miles north-east of Brownstown, on Friday morning last at 2 o'clock, at the age of 52 years, 3 months and 1 day. He had been in ill health for several years past, and at intervals confined to bed for a brief season; but no particular alarm was felt and his family and himself were hopeful of his complete restoration to his former health and vigor. Last September he was stricken with sciatic rheumatism, complicated with a serious affection of the bowels. Every remedy known to medical science was brought into requisition, coupled with the most careful attention that a devoted wife and loving children could give him; but the terrible disease baffled all their efforts. Days passed into weeks and weeks into months, only to find him weaker and more emaciated. Hope finally gave way to despair as the unyielding character of the disease became manifest, and the dread realization forced itself upon the minds of the afflicted man and his family that the grim messenger was lingering nigh, and ere the lapse of many weeks, perhaps days, death would claim him as a victim. An autopsy was held upon his body by Drs. J. K. Ritter and C. L. Wilson, which indicated plainly that death resulted directly from malignant tumors and ulceration of the bowels. This verified the conclusion which Mr. Findley's attending physician had previously reached while under his treatment.

William A. Findley was a son of Hugh A. Findley, deceased, and was born in the old homestead, March 13, 1843, and all his life was spent on the home farm. He was married to Miss Sarah Durland, daughter of Nelson C. Durland, deceased, February 18th, 1869, from which union fourteen children—twelve sons and two daughters—were born, all living excepting three sons. In addition to his wife and eleven children, three brothers: George, Nicholas and James H.—and two sisters—Miss Hettie and Mrs. Emily Holmes—survive him.

Wm. A. Findley throughout his life devoted himself to agricultural pursuits, and was one of the most systematic, energetic and successful farmers in Jackson County. A life-long citizen of the county, he was known by the entire community. Urbane and unassuming in manners, courteous and accommodating to all with whom he was brought in communication, and honorable and upright in all his dealings, he commanded the esteem and friendship of one and all. As a husband and father, he was devotedly attached to his wife and children, and was rarely away from his home except when actual business demanded his absence. He was rigidly temperate in his habits, while his moral character was without taint or blemish. His death has cast a pall of gloom over the entire community, and the sympathy that goes forth to the bereft wife and children comes direct from the depths of the hearts of all who knew him while living and revere his memory after death.

The funeral took place on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, and was very numerously attended. The remains were brought to the M. E. Church in Brownstown, where appropriate services were conducted by Rev. G. E. Sehlbrede, followed by Masonic services, after which the cortege moved to the new cemetery, where the interment took place with the impressive rites of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons. The deceased for many years was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 13, of this place.