

Samuel C. Loudon

Occupant Name: Samuel C. Loudon

Location: Section C

Date of Birth: 1869

Date of Death: 1911

Date of Burial: 1911

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Mr. Loudon Recently Returned From Southeastern Asylum at Madison. Watched by Family.

Samuel Loudon, a farmer who lived three miles south of Clearspring in Owen township, committed suicide late Saturday evening by hanging himself in a barn on his farm. He had been very despondent and only ten days ago returned from the insane asylum at Madison where he had been for seven weeks.

Since his return from the asylum he had been in much better condition but had been suffering from pains in his head and was despondent. Fearing that he might harm himself, the family had watched him closely and had kept out of his way as much as possible everything with which he might injure himself.

About 3:30 Saturday afternoon his brother's son called up the house on the phone and asked to borrow a buggy. Mr. Loudon answered the phone and after hanging up the receiver picked up his hat and, remarking that he would go and run the buggy out, went to the barn. As he had apparently been feeling better than usual and had been chatting with his wife before the telephone call, no one accompanied him to the barn.

When the boy who asked for the buggy arrived he went to the barn and discovered his uncle hanging there dead. Mr. Loudon had discovered a strap with which the children had been playing and it is believed that the sight of it brought on an uncontrollable impulse for self destruction which he had threatened so often.

The discovery of the tragedy was a great shock to the family, though the threat of it had been hanging over them so long. It is thought he hung himself soon after going to the barn.

Coroner Dowden held an inquest Sunday, his verdict being that the death was a suicide.

When Mr. Loudon was brought home from the asylum he had not fully recovered from the trouble which caused him to be taken there but his condition had improved and he plead so earnestly to be taken home that his request was finally granted.

He had suffered for quite a number of years from nervous breakdowns and attacks of insanity. He had been at the asylum twice before, once about sixteen years ago and the second time about three years ago.

He was 42 years of age and was born in this county being a member of a well known family. He was a member of the order of Red Men and of the Modern Woodmen and carried \$1000 life insurance in the latter order.

The funeral services were held today. The burial was at Brownstown.