

William G. Vance

Occupant Name: William G. Vance

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 8/19/1863

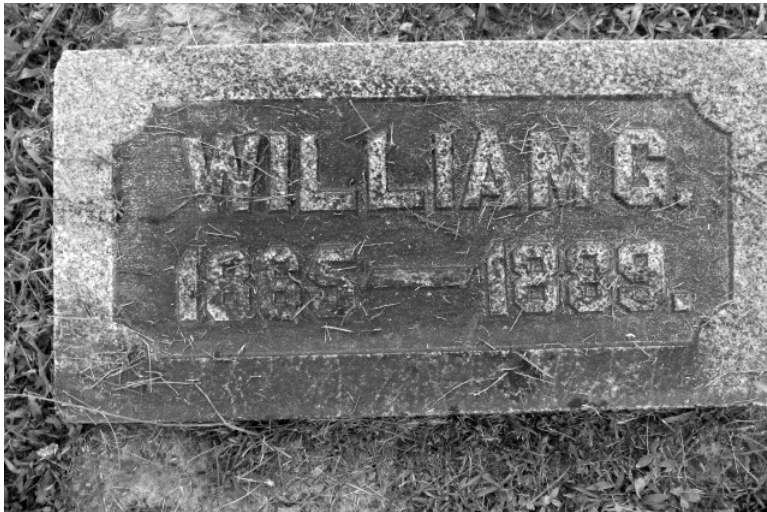
Date of Death: 7/19/1889

Date of Burial: 1889

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Fatal Accident!

Will Vance, While Making Up His Train at Cambridge City, is Impaled Upon a Coupling Link.

Last Thursday night about midnight, as Will Vance was making up his train to return from Cambridge City to Columbus, he met with a horrible accident, which resulted in his death 6 hours later.

It seems that after he had given the signal to move back, he noticed that the draw bar was too low to receive the link pin and without thinking of the moving train, stepped in front to put a chink under the draw bar to raise it up, when the link struck him and was driven almost through his body by the force of the train. He had signaled the engineer to stop and supposed that he would do it.

After he was discovered he was cared for and his wounds dressed, but the train had done its work, and after suffering for six hours with two ghastly wounds in his side, he died.

Owing to the storm at that time it was claimed that they could not telegraph to his wife, consequently she knew nothing of it until life was extinct. His parents, living here, received word about 2:30 o'clock Friday, and Mr. Clements started immediately, meeting the corpse in Seymour and bringing it home.

The home coming was sad indeed. At noon the folks had a letter written by him the day he started on his trip, stating that he would be home during the Fair. When they read the letter "little did they think that in a few short hours he would be brought home a mangled corpse. Little did they think that as they were reading the lines the hands that penned them, were cold in death, and the eyes that directed them were forever closed. Such is life. Our dearest ideas and expectations may be forever blotted in one moment. In the prime of life we are in the midst of death, and we know not at what hour death may call the fairest flower of the family, and loving friends are called upon to bid a long farewell at the cold, cold grave. There we must part and leave, it may be father or mother, sister or brother, or some other dear friend to sleep the long, long sleep and await the coming of the eternal King of richesness, who shall come and judge the world.

Will G. Vance, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Vance, was born August 19, 1863. He married Miss Emily Kline, September 23, 1887, and was killed July 19, 1889.

The funeral was conducted by S. E. Barr assisted by Rev. B. W. Cooper, in the Presbyterian church, July 20, 1889. After the services the remains were laid to rest in the new Cemetery.

The stricken wife and child, parents, brothers and sister have the sympathy of the entire community in this dark hour of bereavement.