

J. Wesley S. Mercer

Occupant Name: J. Wesley S. Mercer

Location: **Section M, Lot 5**

Date of Birth: 12/31/1863

Date of Death: 9/30/1894

Date of Burial: 1894

Veteran: No

Lot Owner: H. W. Wacker, Sr.

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

OBITUARY.

John Wesley Simpson Mercer was born near Newcomerstown, Ohio, December 31st 1863. Died at Brownstown, Indiana, September 30, 1894. He was educated in the public schools of his native State and at the age of 19 years engaged in the teachers profession which he followed for a short time but quit the same to enter into a partnership with his brother S. W. Mercer in the publication of the Medina (O.) Democrat in the fall of 1885. A year later he severed his connection with that institution and pursued a varying course of action until in November he came to Brownstown, Indiana, assumed editorial control of the BROWNSTOWN BANNER. This position he filled with credit for almost two years. From this post he went to Garrettsville, Ohio, and assumed full control of the Hancock Democrat where he exercised a vigorous pen and won many friends. He sold his interests there in the fall of 1890 and in April following removed to Indianapolis where he continued in the printing business until impaired health compelled him to relinquish labor. In his weakened condition he came again to Brownstown, in July 1893, in the hope that quietude and rest would be beneficial to his health. Results were discouraging to him and his friends, but throughout

