

Frank Friese Answered Call

Well Known Farmer of Thorncreek Township Died Saturday Morning. --Suffered From Cancer of the Stomach

Franklin H. Friese, one of the best known and highly respected farmers of Thorncreek Township, answered the last call Saturday morning shortly after 1:00 a.m., his death occurring at his home a few miles north of the city.

The deceased was an exceptionally sturdy man until a little over a year ago when his health began to fail. He seemed to be afflicted with a form of stomach trouble that baffled the efforts of the best physicians and in the last six or eight months he made trips to many cities to get relief, but to no avail. His malady progressed steadily and developed into cancer of the stomach. Five weeks ago he was attacked by a choking spell and during his struggle to cough a hemorrhage occurred. Since that time he only left his bed two or three times.

The deceased was a son of Erasmus Friese and wife, and was one of six children born to them. He was born April 5, 1844, at Uhfoltz Alsaco, Germany, being 62 years, 9 months and 14 days of age. When nine years old his parents emigrated to this country, arriving Dec. 17, 1853. They settled in Pennsylvania, but moved to Whitley County in 1855, locating in the Nolt neighborhood where they resided until their death.

He was employed on the Pennsylvania railroad as brakeman for four years and later was brakeman and engineer on the Wabash railway, now the Vandalia, for eight or nine years. On February 6, 1871 he was united in marriage to Catharine Ulerich, in this city, and shortly after engaged in the grocery business with Wm. Meitzler, Sr., of this city, where Slessman's saloon is now located. He withdrew eighteen months later and in 1874 moved upon the farm where he resided until his death.

Besides his wife, seven children survive him: Mrs. Christina Bauer and Mrs. Frank Shilts, Jr., of Thorncreek township, Miss Rosa Friese, of Marion, Edward, Mary, Josephine and Leo at home. One brother, Joseph Friese, of Marion, and two sisters, Mr. Rose Riley, of Marion, and Mrs. Catharine Ulerich, of this city, also survive him. The latter has been an invalid for several years and during the past three weeks has been growing worse.

The deceased was a member of the Catholic faith all his life. He was an energetic, hard working man and had just attained a point where he expected to retire from active life and enjoy the fruits of his labor in comfort, but his health broke down and disease speedily brought the end. He was a member of the Thorncreek advisory....[to be added when copy is located].