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E. R. Merriman Died Last Night

Oldest Resident of Blue Creek Township Died at Midnight

Elisha R. Merriman, age 77, old resident of Blue Creek township and former county truant officer, died about midnight last night at his home about ten miles south east of this city. Mr. Merriman had been ill for about four weeks and the exact cause of his death is not known, although it was thought that he was suffering from cancer of the stomach.

Mr. Merriman was born in Harrison county, Ohio, December 16, 1846. He was a son of John and Mary J. Merriman. He came to Adams county with his parents in the fall of 1849 and the family located in Blue Creek township where Elisha resided until the time of his death. Mr. Merriman was married to Amy Clauson more than fifty years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church, having united with that body more than sixty years ago, and was affiliated with the I. O. O. F. lodge in 1887. Besides serving as truant officer of the county, for several years, Mr. Merriman was justice of the peace in Blue Creek for two terms. He was well known over the county and always had a good word for everybody he met.

Mr. Merriman is survived by his wife; two sons, William and Lemuel Merriman; one daughter, Mary E. Myers; three brothers, John W. Merriman, of Decatur; Jonathan Merriman, of Shawnee, Oklahoma and Elmer Merriman, of Indianapolis; fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Three brothers and one sister are deceased.

Funeral services will be held from the Salem church at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, with burial in the Tricker cemetery.