

Adams County, Indiana Historical Society - 1938 Scrapbook

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AGED RETIRED FARMER DIES EARLY TODAY

Francis Marion Tinkham, 82, Dies At Home Here

Francis Marion Tinkham, aged 82, well-known local resident and prominent retired farmer, died at his home on Dearborn street here at 5:15 o'clock this morning. Death was caused by bronchioectasis, which is an infection of the bronchial tubes from which Mr. Tinkham had suffered since he was 17 years old, and influenza and complications. He had been seriously ill the past week and had been in fair health previous to this.

Mr. Tinkham was born in Blue Creek township Sept. 30, 1855, a son of Dennison and Margaret Roebuck Tinkham, both natives of Pennsylvania. He grew to manhood on his father's farm and on May 10, 1884, was united in marriage to Anna Bell Tinkham, the wedding taking place at Decatur. Mr. Tinkham lived on a farm in Blue Creek township from the time he was married until he moved to Berne about 22 years ago.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Peter (Mina) Bollenbacher, Jefferson township; Mrs. Chauncey (Estella) DeBolt, Jefferson township; Mrs. Julia Campbell, at home; Mrs. Martin A. (Jennie) Smith, Berne; Mrs. Floyd (Wilma) Meyers, living just across the state line, in Mercer county, Ohio; one step-son, Albert Stopher, Ostego, Michigan and one adopted son, Nolan Whitehurst of Fort Wayne. 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive. One brother and one sister survive. They are Sylvester Tinkham and Mrs. Rebecca Bevington, both of Blue Creek township.

Mrs. Tinkham preceded her husband in death several years ago.

Mr. Tinkham was a member of the Evangelical church. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Trinity Evangelical church here, following a short service at the home. The Rev. M. O. Herman will officiate, and burial will be in the Springhill cemetery. The body will be taken to the home this evening at 7 o'clock from the Yager Funeral establishment here.

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