

Decatur Daily Democrat, Adams County, IN; 13 August 1931

Miss Esther A. Brown, 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown of Monroe was found dead in bed at 4:30 o'clock this morning by her mother Mrs. Brown. According to Dr. J. C. Grandstaff, county coroner, who held an inquest at 5 o'clock this morning, death was caused by acute indigestion.

Miss Brown had enjoyed her usual good health and had retired at 10 o'clock Wednesday night, feeling well. No sounds were heard by her parents during the night that might indicate the girl was ill.

Mrs. Brown called the girl at 4:30 o'clock this morning and when she failed to get up the mother went to her room where she found her lying in bed, dead.

The deceased was born in Adams County, west of Monroe, July 16, 1915. The daughter of R. E. and Bessie Brown. Surviving are the parents and a brother, Harry M. Brown, at home, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lobsiger of west Monroe and Mrs. Katie Schmidt of Midland, Michigan. One brother preceded her in death.

The body was brought to the S. E. Black Funeral Parlor where it will remain until this evening. Friends may view the remains at the home in Monroe after 6 o'clock this evening.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock (Central Standard Time) at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Winchester United Brethren church, 3 miles southwest of Monroe. Rev William Hygema of Pottsdam, Ohio, formerly pastor of the Antioch church will officiate and burial will be in Ray Cemetery.

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Esther Alicestine Brown, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Brown, was born near Monroe July 16, 1915 and departed this life Aug. 13, 1931, age 16 years and 28 days. Leaving to mourn her parents and a brother, Harry M. Brown, her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Lobsiger of near Monroe, Mrs. Catherine Schmidt of Midland, Michigan, and a host of other relatives and friends. One brother, Doyle Franklin preceded her in death.

Esther was converted Aug 2 at the tabernacle meetings. Her testimony that evening was as follows: "I was a great sinner, now I am saved. I did not want to go to hell. Now I know I will go to Heaven. I am so happy."

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