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SUFFERINGS END

Henry Hilderbrand [sic]Died Last Evening

And One of the Wealthiest and Most Popular in the County - Had Been Ill Six Months

Henry Hilderbrand, one of the most prominent citizens of Kirkland township and probably one of the best known citizens of Adams county, died last night at his country home near Magley, at eleven-thirty o'clock, death resulting from a complication of diseases. Mr. Hilderbrand was 54 years of age and for the past thirty-two years had made his home in Kirkland township, the majority of that time being spent on the place where his demise occurred. He took sick about six months ago with a nervous disorder and he gradually grew worse from that time until death relieved him. He was one of the most prosperous farmers in Adams county, being the owner of three hundred acres of land located just south of Magley and which is considered one of the most valuable farms in the county. He was a man of kind disposition and assisted his neighbors and friends in many ways and his many good traits will be sadly missed by those who came in touch with him. He was a member of the German Reformed church, and was a devoted and earnest worker in its behalf. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at the German Reformed church, Rev. Snyder officiating, and interment will be in the German Reformed cemetery. He leaves a wife and three daughters and two sons to mourn their loss.

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A LARGE FUNERAL

Remains of Henry Hilderbrand [sic] Laid To Rest

WAS A POPULAR CITIZEN

Wealthiest Man in Kirkland Township and Universally Loved and Respected

The last sad rites over the remains of Henry Hilderbrand were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the German Reformed church at Mayley [sic], Rev. Snyder officiating. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in the county, one hundred and thirty-five carriages forming the cortege, which left Hilderbrand house at 2 o'clock. The deceased was the wealthiest man in Kirkland township and was very popular all over the county. Kind and generous, a splendid citizen and a noble man in every respect, he will be sadly missed. Besides a wife, he leaves three daughters, two sons, a half-brother, and a half-sister, Mrs. Ernest Schlickman of this city. He was fifty-four years old and had been in rather poor health for many years, suffering from a nervous malady. About a year ago his youngest daughter died, since which time he has failed very rapidly, for the past six months his condition having been serious. A party of sixteen relatives and friends from Fort Wayne came down to attend the funeral and while here were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Schlickman.

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The will of Henry Hildebrand was probated. It was written November 10th last and witnessed by French Quinn and J. C. Sutton. After providing for the payment of debts and funeral expenses he bequeaths to his son, Otto, 91 acres in Kirkland township, he to pay \$1,000 to his brother Henry and sister Rosa, and to give to his mother one-third of the income from the farm during her life, she to

pay one-third of all taxes and assessment against said land. His son Henry Hildebrand also received 91 acre farm in Kirkland and \$1,000, he to give his mother one-third of the profits of the farm if she wants it. A daughter, Mrs. Anna Beineke, receives \$3,200, of which amount \$1,200 has been paid and the balance to be given her within a year. Another daughter, Rosa, also receives \$3,200. Mrs. Martha Delinger, a daughter, is given an eighty acre farm, also in Kirkland township. The rest of his large estate, both real and personal, is bequeathed to his beloved wife, Wilhelmina Hildebrand. He names his son Otto as executor, and the latter qualified today and filed bond for \$17,000, which was approved by the court. The estate is valued at \$40,000.

From book "Salem United Church of Christ Cemetery in Magley" [IN] by Lila Kruetzman Rauner

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