

Henry Dirkson, a former state representative, died at his home fourteen miles south of the city on the Decatur road, at the age of 78 years.

Mr. Dirkson had live in Preble township for over sixty years and was one of the best known residents of this section. Born in New York state Oct 25, 1837, Mr. Dirkson came to Fort Wayne with his parents sixty-four years ago and two years later he moved to Preble township where he had resided ever since.

He was a road supervisor at one time, also trustee of Preble township in addition to serving two terms as state representatives.

Mr. Dirkson was married to Miss Lizette Auman, of Adams county and to this union two sons and three daughters were born. One son survives, Edward Dirkson and the three daughters-Mrs. Henry Scheuman, Mrs. William Kaldeway and Mrs. Otto Ewell. There are also twelve grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Anna Schroeder, all of Adams county.

The deceased was a charter member of St John's Lutheran church, south of the city. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock at the residence and at 1:30 at St John's Lutheran church, south of the city.

The following nephews and grandchildren will act as pall bearers: Albert Scheuman, Carl Oetting, Edward Melcher, William Auman, Herman Schroeder and Edward Melching. Rev. Walter Bischoff will officiate.

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