

NATIVE SON OF COUNTY DIED THIS MORNING

Jehu Smith, First White Child Born in St. Mary's Township Dies

A Civil War Veteran

Died Suddenly from Cerebral Hemorrhage, Details Of Funeral Later

Having exceeded by many years the allotted span of life the final chapter of the life history of Jehu Smith, Civil War veteran, aged 86 years, one of the oldest residents of Adams county and the first white male child to be born in St. Marys township, was brought to a close by the summons of death at 5:30 o'clock this morning at his home in Pleasant Mills. It is thought that the direct cause of death was from a cerebral hemorrhage resulting from his weakened physical condition.

Mr. Smith had been in failing health for several months due to infirmities of age. He arose at 5:30 this morning and while sitting on the edge of the bed, he suddenly collapsed and fell over on his back. A physician was quickly summoned, but medical skill proved of no avail and Mr. Smith passed away within a very short time.

The deceased was preceded in death about two months ago by his wife, who before her marriage, was Mary Ann Peterson. Five children survive, namely Mrs. Enos Peoples, residing in Michigan; Mrs. Harry Ray of near Pleasant Mill; William Smith of South Caroline, and Wesley and Robert, residing at home.

No Funeral Arrangements

Funeral arrangements have not yet been made, pending arrival of the relatives who live at a distance.

A Native Resident

Mr. Smith was born in St. Marys township on October 12, 1838, just two years after the county of Adams was established. He was a son of Robert and Mary Smith. His grandfather, Alexander Smith, came to St. Mary's township in 1832, being one of the first settlers in the township and in the county. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Peterson on April 19, 1867, a daughter of J. W. Peterson. Mr. Smith worked untiringly in clearing land and in later years built a comfortable home on his farm in St. Marys township.

A Civil War Veteran

The deceased was a member of the Willshire Post of the G. A. R. During the Civil war he enlisted during the early days of the conflict. He first enlisted in Company "I" Eighty-ninth Indiana Infantry, Captain Banta being his commander and Colonel Murray in charge of the regiment. He saw much active service, participated in many of the important conflicts, including the historical pursuit of "Hooker after Lee," at Gettysburg and many other places. While in the service he took ill on July 10, 1863, while he was in Virginia and he was sent to the hospital at Washington and on May 2, 1864 was given an honorable discharge. His four brothers were also members of the Union army.