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Andrew J. Gay, a former pioneer resident of Adams county, father of J. L. Gay and Mrs. Minnie Teeple of this city, died Tuesday afternoon at his home in Shoals, in the southern part of the state, near which place he had been residing the past eighteen or twenty years. This was the message received here late Tuesday afternoon by the son. The news of the death came as a wholly unexpected shock, as no word of his illness had been received, a letter coming last week bringing the news that he was well at that time. The brief message gave no particulars of the death and it is supposed that it occurred very suddenly. Mr. J. L. Gay left Tuesday evening on the 5:30 car for Shoals, where arrangements for the burial will be made. If the widow, the second wife of Mr. Gay is willing, the body will be brought here to his former home for burial, the first wife and other relatives having been laid to rest in the Salem cemetery in this county.

The deceased was one of the pioneer residents of this county. Though he was born in Ohio, the greater part of his life, has been spent here, on what is now the Gay homestead, about four miles east of this city. Had he lived until next August 2nd, he would have been eighty years of age. His first wife died many years ago, after which he went to Shoals, where he purchased a farm and has since resided. He was married there to a lady from that place - Mrs. Priscilla Gay, who survives. He leaves but two children, J. L. Gay and Minnie Teeple, of this city. A daughter, Cora Gay, has preceded him in death, passing away at the age of eighteen years.

A telegram from Mr. Gay Wednesday was to the effect that the remains would be brought here, arriving Friday morning at 1:40 o'clock over the G. R. & I. The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Salem church, the Rev. Church officiating.