

Berne Witness, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, Nov. 19, 1943

F. M. ALLEN, 85, DIES AT HOME HERE EARLY TODAY

Veteran Harness Maker Dies of Pneumonia; Infirmities; Funeral Sunday

Francis Marion (Frank) Allen, 85, Berne's last veteran harness maker, passed away this morning at 4:45 o'clock at his home on East Main street of infirmities of old age and pneumonia. Mr. Allen had been failing rapidly the past several months and was bedfast a little more than four weeks, his ailment terminating with (no end to sentence)

Mr. Allen retired about six years ago from the harness business, which he had pursued here for 45 years. During much of that time he maintained his shop in the building where the Dan Morand Fruit Market is located on Behring street. Later, for a few years, he operated a shop at the Berne Equity, from where he retired.

As a young man he started out as a teamster and log hauler and with that experience he was well equipped with the knowledge of the use of harness to go into the harness making business.

The deceased was a native of Greenville, Ohio, a son of Nathan and Margaret Noll-Allen. He was born on August 19, 1858, bringing his age to 85 years and three months.

He was united in marriage to Miss Bettsey Ann Baker, three miles east of Berne on March 18, 1887. His widow, now 74, survives together with two children, Scott Allen of Hughton, Sask., Canada and a daughter Mrs. Ruth Hunnicut of Elkhart. There are also six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A son, Harvey, 20, and a daughter, Nellie May, 12, preceded him as did all his brothers and sisters, David, Daniel, William, Benjamin and Sarah.

He was a member of the Trinity Evangelical church.

The body will be returned to the home from the Yager mortuary and may be viewed after 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence. Burial will be at the Crawford cemetery southeast of town. Rev. C. P. Maas will be the officiating minister.

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