

## **Berne Witness, Berne, Adams County, Indiana; Friday, June 1, 1917**

### **WILLIAM FLEETWOOD DIED SUDDENLY OF APOPLEXY**

William Fleetwood, one of Berne's oldest citizens, was found dead in a chair at his home Wednesday afternoon at about 4:30 o'clock by his daughter, Mrs. Frank Cottrell. The body was still warm and death had probably resulted within the hour.

The coroner's verdict after he had been called, was that death was due to apoplexy. Mr. Fleetwood had been in ill health for several days, but when last seen by his daughter at about one o'clock, he had not seemed any worse.

Deceased was born in Pickaway Co., Ohio, on June 3, 1833, thus bringing his age to 83 years, 11 months and 23 days.

He was married to Miss Hettie Timmons January 24, 1854. To this union ten children were born. In March, 1866, they moved to Indiana and purchased the farm east of Berne which he still owned at his death. For the past few years he had retired from the farm, although he continued to work from time to time.

Surviving are two sons, Thomas S. and William A., and three daughters, Mrs. Alice Cottrell, Mrs. Minerva Ray and Mrs. Artie Murray. Also 22 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren survive.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Irvin and Wesley and three daughters, Mrs. Mary J. Miller, Rosanne, and Clara E. Fleetwood.

Funeral services will take place this afternoon at one o'clock from the home here in Berne and at 2 o'clock from the Crawford church, east of Berne. Interment will take place in Crawford cemetery.

**Contributed by Karin King**