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DEATH CLAIMS EARL PATTERSON AT PENDLETON
Chief Mail Clerk...Institution Dies After Brief Illness

Earl Patterson, 28, formerly of this place, died unexpectedly sometime Monday night (cut off) ...by his father-in-law, John C. Soldner, northwest of town.

An hour later...but his condition was not regarded serious. That would have been the first information of his sickness.

Mr. Patterson became ill Monday a week ago and was unable to be at his duty as chief mail clerk at the state reformatory near Pendleton...

On Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. Patterson were assured that he was making satisfactory progress, and Mrs. Patterson, who had been caring for him...not to disturb him unless he called. Mrs. Patterson, confident that her husband would recover soon, rested in another room and Tuesday morning was horrified to find that her husband was dead, the strep germ evidently having affected his heart.

The deceased was born in Uniondale in Wells county, on December 11, 1910, the son of Robert C. and Harriett Snow Patterson. In his infancy his mother passed away and was reared by his father and step-mother, both of whom survive at (cut off)

About ten years ago the Patterson family moved here where the elder Patterson conducted a res- (cut off)

...year ago Earl was employed as a guard at the state reformatory at Pendleton where he has been employed since.

...married to Miss Florence Soldner, who survives with a son, Jerry Wayne, aged seven years.

A brother, LaVere, who resides here and is employed at the Berne Equity Exchange Co., also survives. A sister, Mildred Lucille, preceded.

...held Thursday morning in Pendleton in the Davis and Sloan Funeral Home and will be conducted by Chaplain White of the reformatory. The body will then be brought here for a funeral service at the Mennonite church at 2 o'clock in the afternoon with Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating. Burial will be in the M.R.E. cemetery.