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WILLIAM DAVIS, 90 DIES THIS MORNING

William Davis, 90 of Geneva, well known retired farmer and a resident of Adams Co., for 40 years, died at 3:20 a.m. today at the Adams Co. Memorial hospital.

He was born in Liberty township, Mercer Co., OH, December 19, 1880, a son of Hiram and Lydia D. Harmon-Davis. He was first married July 11 1903, to Elizabeth Hinton, who preceded him in death August 14, 1914. He was then married in 1938 to Mrs. Alpha Yaney, who died April 22, 1968.

Bill was born and baptized as Thomas William Davis but has always used William as his first name and the nickname of Bill. Bill's ancestry goes back to 1700's to the Island of Nantucket. He was raised on a farm in Section One of Liberty Twp., where his Father owned and operated a Tile Mill and as a lad, his activities before and after school were doing chores on the family farm and tile mill. After his marriage to Lizzie he farmed for shares till he saved enough to buy a farm. In 1930, he moved across the line to Indiana, in Adams Co. where he continued farming. After retirement, he sold his farm and equipment and moved to a small home in Geneva, where he lived the remainder of his life. Up until his last days, he mind was very sharp and alert but his 90 year old body just wore out.

Surviving are a son Paul Davis of Decatur; three Brothers, Frank, Bert, and Clyde Davis, all of Rockford, O.; one sister Mrs. Mary Adams of Neptune, Ohio; Five grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. One son, Alva Foster, died in infancy in 1907. One brother Alonzo, is deceased.

Funeral rites will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hardy & Hardy funeral home at Geneva, with Rev. Kenneth Whitescarver officiating. Burial will be in Riverside cemetery at Geneva. Friends may call at the funeral home after 2 p.m. Tuesday until time of the services.

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