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FRED HAMMOND ENDS HIS LIFE AT DECATUR

Former Wells County Resident Found Dead With Shotgun at Side

Fred Hammond, 57, a former resident of Wells county, was found dead Sunday morning at his home in Decatur, apparently having taken his own life, according to reports from that city.

The tragedy occurred in the rear of the family residence. Near the body lay a 20-gauge shotgun. Coroner J. J. Yager, of Berne, made an official investigation.

Hammond was an employee at the Decatur plant of the General Electric Company. He was completing a vacation of two weeks and was scheduled to return to his work this morning.

No reason for his tragic act was assigned.

Born in Decatur, Sept. 30, 188(3 or 5), the decedent was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Hammond, both deceased.

He was a resident during his boyhood and young manhood of Lancaster Township, Wells County.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lillie Whitwright Hammond; two daughters, Mrs. Leva (sic) Stauffer at home, and Mrs. Ruth Strickler of Jeffersonville; a son, Robert, at home; and two brothers, Arley A. Hammond, of Bluffton and Frank Hammond of Custer, Mich.

Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 p.m. Tuesday with Rev. George Lozier of the Decatur Evangelical church officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery.