

FRECH C. HOWER DIES SUDDENLY

Former Well Known Decatur Man Dies After Short Illness

Frech C. Hower, 42, accountant at the state reformatory in Pendleton and prominent former resident of this city, died suddenly this morning in the Anderson hospital. Death was attributed to pneumonia.

His death came as a shock to friends and relatives in this city, many of whom did not realize the seriousness of his illness. He had suffered from a cold for several days. Pneumonia developed early this week and he was taken to the hospital at Anderson, where death occurred today at 2 a.m.

The deceased was born in Adams county October 14, 1895, the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hower. He was for a number of years a conductor on the old Decatur-Fort Wayne traction line. Later he was engaged in the undertaking business here with Otho Lobenstein. He and his family moved to Pendleton four years ago, when he accepted a position at the state institution.

He was a member of the First Methodist Episcopal church here. He was also active in band work and fraternal circles.

Surviving, besides the widow, Erchie Butler-Hower, are three children: Frech, Jr., Betty and Martha Ellen, all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Hower and the following sisters also survive: Marcella Hower, of Indianapolis; Mrs. William H. Bundy of Menomonie, Wisconsin; Mrs. Carl D. Gerber of Decatur and Miss Kathryn Hower, also of this city.

Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Zwick funeral home here and at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist Episcopal church. Burial will be (continued on page three) - *not included*