

Walter Kauffman, aged 41 years, died this morning at 2:30 o'clock at his home on Mercer Avenue following an illness of some length. Four weeks he was bedfast. Death was due to heart and kidney trouble. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Katherine Simcoke, and two children, Katharine, aged 9 and Sarah Jane aged 4 years. Mr. Kauffman was a traveling salesman for the Schafer Saddlery Company for twelve years and was a member of the Methodist Church, Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodges.

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**Well Known Business Man
of City Succumbs Follow-
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DIED EARLY TODAY

**Was Traveling Salesman for
Schafer Saddlery Com-
pany Eleven Years.**

The death of Walter Clyde Kauffman, for eleven years traveling salesman for the Schafer Harness Company, and himself a former business man of the city, occasioned this morning at 2:25 o'clock at his home, 312 South First street. Death followed a year's illness from heart trouble, kidney trouble and complications, following the influenza last winter. He had been bedfast for four weeks.

Mr. Kauffman was born October 1, 1878, at Redkey, where his parents Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kauffman still reside. He learned the harness making at that place and coming to Decatur in 1900, was engaged in the harness business here, being a member of the firm of Kauffman & Smith for awhile. After selling out, he took employment with the Schafer Hardware Company, after which he became traveling salesman for the Schafer Saddlery Company, in which he has been engaged for eleven years.

He was married May 29, 1907, to Miss Catherine Simcoke, who with two daughters, Miss Catherine Simcoke, aged nine, and Miss Sara Jane, aged four, survive. There are also the following brothers and sisters: Charles, William and Laban; Mrs. Oscar Reese, Marion; Mrs. Sam Ball, Akron; Mrs. Bertha Kaen, Sturgis, Mich. Two, John C. of Muncie, and Clara Grey, of Redkey, are deceased.

Mr. Kauffman was a member of the Methodist church for the past fourteen years, and of the Knights of Pythias and Masonic lodges.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist church at two o'clock Wednesday, June 25, with the Rev. Chas. Tinkham in charge, assisted by the Rev. A. H. Saunders.

Friends may call at the home after Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock to see the body, as the casket will not be opened at the church.

Mr. Kauffman was not only well known in this city, but over many counties. His death will cause sadness everywhere that he was known, as he was very popular and greatly liked.