

Henry Knapp

June 22, 1861 – March 13, 1940



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DEATH CLAIMS (missing)

Veteran Hardware Merchant Dies After Extended Illness

Henry Knapp, 78, prominent resident and veteran Decatur hardware merchant, died Wednesday night at 11:45 o'clock at his home, 414 North Third street. Death was attributed to progressive muscular atrophy. He had been ill since July, but had been in failing health for sometime previous. Mr. Knapp was born in Root township June 22, 1861, the son of William and Sophia Knapp. He was a member of the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church. March 27, 1885, he was married to Katy Frankenstein, who survives. He first started his business career while a young man, opening a livery service on Second street with his brother, Fred, and Dan Beery. In 1890 he entered the hardware business, being employed by the firm of Ellsworth & Meyers. In 1898 he opened a hardware store at 140 West Monroe street, where he had operated the store until the time of his death. In 1915 he formed a partnership with his son, Charles, and the firm became known as Henry Knapp & Son. Surviving, besides the widow, are the following children: Charles, co-owner of the hardware store; Mrs. T. E. Miller of Fort Wayne; Mrs. A. R. Ashbacher of Decatur and Harry Knapp, local service station proprietor. One daughter, Mrs. Glen Cowan, is deceased. A brother, William, of Root township, and two sisters, Mrs. Liza Bucher of Root township and Mrs. Martha Baker of Fort Wayne, also survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the residence and at 2 o'clock at the Zion Evangelical and Reformed church

with Rev. Charles M. Prugh officiating. Burial will be in the Decatur cemetery. The body will be returned to the residence from the Zwick funeral home Friday morning and may be viewed after noon Friday until time for the services. Mr. and Mrs. Knapp marked their golden wedding anniversary in 1934. The daughter, Mrs. Miller, will be unable to attend the services because she recently underwent an operation at a Fort Wayne hospital.

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KNAPP

Decatur, Mar. 14 -

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Surviving besides the widow are the following children: Charles, Mrs. A. R. Ashbaucher and Harry Knapp, all of Decatur, and Mrs. T. E. Miller of Fort Swayne; one brother, William of Root Township and two sisters, Mrs. Liza Bucher of Root Township and Mrs. Martha Baker of Fort Wayne.

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