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Howard W. Thompson, perhaps as well known as any farmer in the county, died at his home in the south part of Washington Township at an early hour yesterday morning. For over a year he had suffered from an aggravated attack of kidney trouble, and during that period his life has often been despaired of.

He was confined to his bed during the greater part of the winter, but with the coming of spring he seemed to improve and was able to walk about even going to Monroe a Few times, and his loved ones and friends again became hopeful that he might yet be spared to them for a time at least. A few days ago, however, his illness became more violent than at any time heretofore and life sped away rapidly, death coming about 1:15Wednesday morning.

Mr. Thompson was sixty-five years old having been born in Carroll County, Ohio on February 4, 1887. {This birthdate has to be wrong, if he married in 1865.} His parents were Gabriel and Elizabeth Thompson, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of New York. The mother died in 1868 and the father in 1874.

Howard was reared to manhood in his native county and received a good common school education, this in part accounting for his success in whatever he undertook. When sixteen years old he began blacksmithing and followed that trade fro five years, the rest of his life having been devoted to farming.

April 9, 1865 he was united to Miss Catherine Kirby, also a resident of Carroll County, to them have been born five children, Mrs. James A. Hendricks, Frances E., Cranston A., Ida M., and Ephraim K., all of whom with the helpmate of so many years survive to mourn their sad loss.

Mr. Thompson and family, consisting then of the wife and oldest daughter came to this county in 1868 and have ever since resided on the home farm. He has always, while health permitted been an industrious worker and active in whatever principles he believed in. The Odd Fellow Lodge of this city, of which he was a member, will have charge of the funeral services which will be held from the home at nine o'clock Friday morning. Interment is at Maplewood Cemetery.