

Walter Hirschy, 40, Dies in Head-On Automobile Collision

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MANY RELATIVES SURVIVE HERE

Word was received by relatives here Saturday of the tragic death of Walter Hirschy, aged 40, of Kalamazoo, Mich., former Berne young man was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Hirschy and has many relatives in this community.

KILLED IN MICHIGAN

Mr. Hirschy was one of three people killed late Friday afternoon in an automobile collision two miles north of Nashville, in Barry County, Michigan. Robert Skedling, 16, star guard of the Lake Odessa High School football team, and Sheldon Peacock, 28, Lake Odessa automobile dealer were the other persons fatally injured. Hirschy and Skedling were killed instantly. Peacock dies late Friday night at the Nashville hospital.

Cars driven by Hirschy and Peacock collided on the brow of a hill. The cars crashed head on, both going at a fast rate of speed, according to witnesses. One of the machines had passed another automobile and had failed to get back to its side of the road, resulting in the collision. The two cars were demolished, the one being driven by Peacock being thrown several feet into the air.

Hirschy died of a crushed chest. He suffered other severe injuries.

Mr. Hirschy was born on the old Hirschy farm one mile north of Berne, January 10, 1894, a son of Joel and Sarah Schienbeck Hirschy. He graduated from the Berne High School with the class of 1913. Previous to his graduation his parents moved to South Dakota and then to Hisperia, Mich., and later to Plainweil where Walter joined them. He educated himself to be a school teacher and taught school for many years, teaching at Pietensky (?) for some time. At the present he was employed by the United States Government as an internal revenue service inspector. The car, a big Buick, was a government owned machine.

Mr. Hirschy is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Lucille Northcross (?) Hirschy; one son Howard Joel Hirschy, 30 (?) months old; the father, Joel Hirschy, Plainweil; one sister, Miss Amelia Hirschy, Baltimore, Md.; three brother, Osmin Hirschy, Rome, N. Y., and Harvey and Lawrence Hirschy of Plainweil.

Although Mr. Hirschy made his home in Kalamazoo, he operated extensively out of Battle Creek, where his district headquarters were located. He was graduated in the

Berne, Ind. high school, Western State Teachers' College and the University of Michigan.

His mother preceded him in death.

The funeral will be held Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock in the Frath..(?) Funeral Home in Kalamazoo. Burial will be in Plainweil, Mich. (Rest unreadable).

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