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FUNERAL FOR ONLY NEGRO FARMER IN COUNTY HELD TODAY

Walter Scott, 69, only colored farmer in this county, who lived a short distance west of Pleasant Mills, and who was taken to the state hospital at Richmond last Friday, is dead. He died Tuesday afternoon of hardening of the arteries and the final rites were held at 12:30 at the Salem church this afternoon. The Rev. R. G. Johnson, Pleasant Mills, officiated. Burial was made in Paulding, O.

He was a tenant on the Fred Amos farm in St. Mary's township and lived in this county for about 12 years and was considered a very good farmer and citizen.

The deceased was born in southern Ohio. He was the father of nine children, all of whom survive. Three of the sons reside in Adams county, namely Russell, Fred and Tom, who with the widow, survive.

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SCOTT

Decatur, Mar. 27 -

Walter Scott, 69, head of Adams County's only colored family, died Tuesday night at the State Hospital in Richmond, where he had been admitted last Friday.

Survivors include the widow and nine children, three of whom, Russell, Fred and Tom, live in Adams County.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 pm Friday at the Salem Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Paulding County, O., cemetery.

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