

Silas JACKS

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Silas Jacks, the father of Mrs. James Doolin and Mrs. JW Jenkins, was struck by the south bound Vandalia passenger and instantly killed. The accident occurred last Thursday but the relatives here did not learn of it until their attention was called to an account in the Terre Haute Star on Friday. Mr. Jacks lived two miles south of Rockville and it had been his daily habit for years to walk to town and back on the track. But of late he had given up walking on the track, deeming it unsafe. The day of his death he rode with a neighbor to within half a mile of his home. Coming to the railroad he turned down it a few yards to avoid a bad place in the lane leading to his home. Those few yards cost his life. His head was wrapped up so that he did not hear approaching train. When found the body was about six feet from the track. Nearly every bone was broken and the right side of the face torn away. He was well known to the train crew. The funeral was at Mt. Olivet on Sunday morning, Rev. Ridley Beall preaching the sermon. Mr. Jacks was 83 but very active for his age. He leaves a wife and 11 children only five of whom were able to attend the funeral.

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