

OSCAR V. SOWERS -- Smallpox - 1915

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Oscar V. Sowers, suffering with smallpox was taken to the pest house north of town this afternoon, where he will remain until the disease has left him, perhaps about 15 days hence. Jack Sering was secured by the health department to care for the sick man. Sering went to the pest house this morning and got things in readiness for Sowers' arrival. All persons who are known to have been exposed to the disease through Sowers were vaccinated Thursday afternoon and evening and the health department of the city is making every effort to prevent a spread of the disease. Dr. F.A. Dennis, who has had more experience with smallpox than any other physician here and who at one time had an attack of the disease has been placed in charge of the fight. The Valdalia Station where Sowers worked as operator and the home of T.W. Sutton east Main Street where the man roomed have been thoroughly fumigated. -- typed by kbz