

James E. Frary Died; was Native of Napoli

The following article, taken from a Prophetstown, Ill., paper, tells of the death of James E. Frary, and will be of interest to older residents in this vicinity. Mr. Frary was a brother of the late Mrs. Gilbert Rogers, and a man known to many in Randolph:

James Edgar Frary, one of the oldest business men of Prophetstown, and one of the few surviving members of the local post of the G. A. R., died at his home here last Wednesday night, December 16th. Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:30 p. m. at the Congregational church and were conducted by the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.

Mr. Frary was born at Napoli, Cattaraugus county, New York, on April 3, 1843. He spent his early life in New York state and left college to enlist as a soldier of the Civil war with Co. H., 154th New York Infantry.

After three years of service he came west with his parents and settled on a farm near Portland, Ill. They later moved to the present Frary farm at Jefferson Corners.

On July 1, 1869, he was united in marriage to Mary A. Martin. She died here December 11, 1920. It is a singular fact that Mr. Frary's death occurred just five days more than five years after her death.

Three children, Mrs. C. A. Pense of LaGrange, C. E. and B. M. Frary, survive, besides many friends and relatives.

He was a member of the Congregational church, the Masonic lodge and the G. A. R. The Masonic service at the cemetery was conducted by Clifford Wildman, worshipful master of the local A. F. & A. M.

During the 80's Mr. Frary farmed at the Jefferson Corners farm. In 1893 he went to Erie where he entered the grain and elevator business. Three years later, in 1896, he came to Prophetstown and built the elevator which now stands and which is conducted by his sons.

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