

DEAF FARMER KILLED

Jacob Miller, Prominent Adams County Man, Victim of Crossing

The Incoming Train on the G.R. & I. and the Richmond Had Exciting Experience

DECATUR, Ind. June 22 - Jacob Miller, seventy years of age and a prosperous and an influential farmer of Monroe township, was instantly killed by the G. R. & I. north bound passenger train due here at 5:15 this afternoon. He had been in the city doing some trading and had just started for his home which is a half mile west of Monroe station, where he owns eighty acres of well-cultivated land.

He was at the outskirts of the city, where the G. R. & I. railroad crosses the pike going south, and although the engineer of the fast passenger train whistled for him several times, Miller being deaf, did not hear the oncoming danger. The train struck the buggy directly in the middle and tore it asunder, throwing Mr. Miller on the pilot of the engine. His head was most terribly mangled on the left side above the temple, the skull being very badly crushed.

As soon as possible the engineer stopped the train but to no avail, the man was dead. He was tenderly placed in the baggage car and hauled to the G. R. & I. passenger depot.

The horse Miller was driving at the time escaped without a single scratch. Levi Colter, a neighbor of the ill fated man, stated this evening that just as Mr. Miller was passing the court house here that he invited him to ride home with him. Colter told Miller that he had some business matters to attend to before he went home and that he would have to go home with someone else. Now Mr. Colter is thanking his lucky stars that he was not included in the fatal trip of Mr. Miller.

Mr. Miller is one of the most respected citizens of Monroe township, and his sad death is mourned by all who knew him. He leaves three sons, Albert, William and Charles, and three daughters, Miss Sada, Mrs. John Badder, of Monroe, and Mrs. Herman Meyers, of near Monroe, and a fond and loving wife, Mrs. Jacob Miller.

Coroner Grandstaff, being away from the county deputized Ex-Coroner, John Falk, who held an examination this evening, death being accounted as accidental. The friends and relatives took charge of the remains this evening and he will be taken to his home in the morning.