

Charles A. Lorton, son of Joseph O. and Martha A. Lorton was born May 1, 1868 at his home in Greene Township, died September 8, 1904 at 7 o'clock am, aged 36 years, 4 months and 7 days.

May 11, 1889, he was married to Mollie O. Hiatt. To this union were born six children, two of them dying in infancy. He was one of the widest known farmers in Jay County, and was elected trustee of Green Township in 1900, having filled the position to his credit, until his sickness caused him to be unable to do his duty. July 2, he selected John L. Cramer to fill his place. On January 28 of this year, he was taken bedfast, having been an invalid and an immense sufferer till the day of his death.

Although he was never as happy as when surrounded by his family, yet he told us many times that he was going home, and that he knew the Lord would take care of his family.

He told his children many times to always live a life of truth and honor. Friends came from far and near to visit during his sickness and he always had a smile and kind word for everyone. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, and four children, a mother, stepfather and one sister and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at Center Church September 10, 1904 at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. Stovehour. Interment at Green Park Cemetery.

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Charles A. Lorton, ex-trustee of Greene Township, died at his home west of the city Thursday morning after a long illness. He had been in failing health for about a year, but not until last February did his sickness take a serious form, consumption of the bowels setting in which necessitated several operations, which gave only temporary relief. Through all his suffering, Mr. Lorton was patient and thoughtful of his family. The deceased was 39 years of age and leaves a wife, two sons and two daughters.

November 10, 1900, Mr. Lorton was chosen as trustee of Greene Township, a position which he ably filled until owing to his failing health. July 2, 1904, he was forced to resign. John L. Cranor being selected as his successor.

The funeral services will be held at 10:30a m Saturday at Center Church in Greene Township. Interment in Green Park Cemetery.

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