

Stephen Straley, a prominent citizen of this county, died Thursday afternoon at half past two o'clock at his late home five miles northeast of Portland after a short illness. Thursday morning about two o'clock he was taken with something like cholera, which resulted in his death that afternoon. Several days previous to his death, he had been feeling much improved in health and had remarked the same to his family.

Mr. Straley was born in Trumbull County, Ohio November 8, 1840. When he was fourteen years of age his father moved to Jay County settling in Wayne Township. September 21, 1867, he enlisted in defense of the union, in Company B, thirty-fourth Indiana Infantry, serving faithfully in several engagements. He was honorably discharged February 20, 1866, returning to his home in Jay County.

While engaged in the War of 1861, he was wounded in the left thigh by a minie ball which he carried during the remainder of his life; this wound never healed and he suffered continually from it. The doctors believe his death was caused from the poison of this wound.

He leaves a wife and three sons, Charles, Walter and Lawrence Straley. The funeral services will be held at ten o'clock Saturday morning from the Emanuel Church by Rev. F. Stovenour. Interment in Green Park Cemetery.

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