

JOSEPH STIEFEL

Death of Joseph Stiefel.

On Thursday morning, at the home of his son, Louis, in Angola, Joseph Stiefel breathed his last, and a useful and honorable career closed. Mr. Stiefel was a native of Prussia, coming to America when about fourteen years of age, and until his 20th year followed the pursuit of peddling in this section of country. At that age he engaged in the dry goods and clothing business in Auburn and continued it for twenty-five years. After his retirement from business there he spent several years in New York city, and in 1889* located in Angola, commencing business in the frame store building which until last winter stood while Gillis' store now stands. About five years ago he retired from active business and located at Ft. Wayne, where he lived until last August when he retired in Angola. He had ... been in failing health for several months past quite ... afflicted, and his death was not unexpected.* The end was quiet and cheered by the presence of his lifetime companion and children.

Brief funeral services were held Friday, at the family home, conducted by Angola Lodge F.&A.M., of which order Mr. Stiefel had long been a worthy member, and the remains were taken to Fort Wayne for burial. The Hebrew burial service was there conducted at the home of Louis Wolf, by Rabbi Guttmacher, of Acduth Vesholom temple, and the remains were laid to rest in the Hebrew burying ground at Lindenwood cemetery, Sunday morning.

Mr. Stiefel was married about forty years ago to Miss Caroline Heilbroner, of Fort Wayne, and to them were born nine children, Mrs. Beckhard, of Boston, Mrs. Hirsh, of Hudson, Mich., Mrs. Louis Wolf, of Fort Wayne, Mrs. Simon Becker, of Goshen, Isaac Stiefel, of Boston, Herman Stiefel, of New York, and Moses, Louis and Leopold Stiefel, of Angola. All were present at the funeral.

Mr. Stiefel's life was a busy one, and one which he could look back upon in his declining years with pleasure. In social life he was whole-souled, genial and courteous; in business affairs careful, shrewd and upright; in all relations of life a true man. He was among the foremost in undertakings to build up and advance the interests of the town and its people, and his advice was always sought and heeded in such matters.

*The obituary was discolored in this part of the text. It is hard to determine the exact year and complete final sentence of this paragraph.

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