

LEADING FARMER DIES.

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F. A. Stilwell, Prominent Citizen of
Union Township, Passes Away
January 4, 1919.

Fred A. Stilwell, prominent young farmer of Union township and known and esteemed by the people of this part of the state, passed away January 14 at his home in that township. For the past four years and a half he had been in failing health. The best medical skill could not stay the disease which had fastened upon him. Through it all Fred was optimistic and hoped to finally overcome the disease, but to no avail.

The announcement of his death brought sorrow to his many friends.

Fred was one of the splendid young men of the county. Nearly all of his life was spent in Union township where he grew to man's estate. He was active and energetic and took a deep interest in all things that pertained for the betterment and upbuilding of the community. He always looked on the bright side of life and during his long illness when the clouds seemed darkest he was cheerful and full of hope that the clouds would pass away.

His sturdy manhood and frank, straight-forward nature won him friends wherever he went and gained the approbation of all. His interest in the community welfare naturally led his footsteps into political circles and a few years ago came within a few votes of being elected representative to the state legislature. Four years ago last fall he was again a candidate for legislative honors with every prospect of success when the disease fastened hold upon him and virtually forced a cessation of his campaign.

He will be missed in the community where he lived and in fraternal circles. All will retain a kindly recollection of his worth.

The funeral was held at the West Liberty Church of Christ last Friday at eleven o'clock. Elder Jas. A. Scott conducted the service in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends who came to pay a last tribute of respect to the departed. Burial was made in the adjoining cemetery. The burial service of the Masonic lodge was given at the grave.

The bereaved family and aged mother have the sympathy of all in this dark hour.

Fred A. Stilwell, son of Obediah and Martha Stilwell, was born in Union township, September 2, 1877, and died January 14, 1919, aged 41 years, 4 months and 12 days.

He was married to Lulu Boyd December 15, 1898. To this union was born three children, two sons and one daughter, who died in infancy.

At the age of 16 years he moved with his parents to New Sharon where he resided till his marriage, after which he moved back to the place of his birth and where he has continued to live till death.

At the age of 18 years he united with the Church of Christ and was baptized at New Sharon. He lived up to the doctrines of the faith till his death. He was also a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges and held his membership in Montezuma.

For the last four and one half years he has been a great sufferer, was always so patient and hopeful till the very last and retained consciousness till the end. He bid those at his bedside a last farewell and asked them to meet him "Up There." It was his request that Mr. James A. Scott preach his funeral service, and also selected his hymns.

His father, Obediah Stilwell, one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Hays, Frank Stilwell and an infant brother have preceded him to the Great Beyond.

He leaves to mourn his loss the wife, mother, Mrs. Martha Stilwell, one sister, Mrs. Ida Terbell, one nephew and niece, other relatives and a host of friends. — Palladium.