

Fred A. Seymour, 62, of 24 Marjorie street, until 15 months ago landscape gardener at Country Club Hills and a resident of Battle Creek for the last 15 years, passed away at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon in a local hospital. Mr. Seymour underwent an operation for appendicitis five days ago, from which he never fully recovered.

Injuries sustained May 23, 1930, when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Grand Trunk train at the Elm street crossing were believed to have been a contributory cause to the death of Mr. Seymour. Following the accident he was confined to the hospital for some time and although able to be up and about during the last year he was never able to resume his work.

Mr. Seymour is survived by his widow Mrs. Dora R. Seymour; four sons, Collins and Kenneth Seymour, of Battle Creek, and Leslie and Orlanda Seymour, of Sacramento, Calif.; a daughter, Mrs. Harold Garnis, of Battle Creek; a brother, Leslie Seymour, of Austin, Texas; and a sister, Mrs. Cora McNab, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon at the Pendill Funeral Home and interment will be made in Memorial Park cemetery—Battle Creek Moon-Journal.

DALE DOWNING PASSED AWAY

Dale Downing, aged 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Downing of Grand Ledge, and grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Downing of Vermontville, passed away at St. Lawrence hospital, Lansing, last Thursday night, August 27th, following an appendicitis operation the Friday before.

Funeral services were held at the Grand Ledge M. E. church at two o'clock Sunday, and burial was at Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville. He leaves two little daughters, Marjorie and Joyce, at the home of his parents, also a younger brother, Carl.

Vermontville friends sympathize with the family in the loss of this fine young man. The pallbearers were his Sunday School teacher and classmates.

Asa J. Brown, only son of Thomas R. and Fannie Brown, was born at Albion, Noble County, Indiana, March 2, 1847.

In 1863, at the age of 16, he enlisted in Company D, 30th regiment of Indiana Infantry Volunteers and served during the remainder of the war.

April 19, 1869 he was married to Sarah A. Price of Columbia City, Indiana. In December the same year they came to Castleton, Barry County, Michigan. In 1886 they located at the present home in Vermontville where they have resided until he passed away early morning of July 31, 1931, aged 84 years, 4 months and 29 days. He joined the M. E. church in 1881.

He is survived by his wife Sarah, one son Olin of Saginaw, two daughters Lillian of Coldwater, Ethel of Detroit, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, besides nieces, nephews and friends.

He was laid to rest in the family lot in Woodlawn cemetery beside three sons who preceded him in their infancy and childhood. Services were held at the home at ten o'clock Monday conducted by Rev. F. P. Sprague.

Your deeds of kindness are recorded on high,
Your reward will be in the sweet by and by.

Sarah A. Brown

EDGAR S. PILBEAM

Edgar S. Pilbeam was born in Lenawee County, Michigan, April 20, 1848, and passed away August 30, 1931, at the age of 83 years, 4 months and 10 days.

He was married February 14, 1903 to Miss Ella Rosenfelter of Eaton County, Michigan, where he has lived, and operated the farm of his wife's home.

He was one of a family of sixteen, and one of a pair of twins. His twin brother passed away April 12, 1931. Both boys were carpenters by trade. Edward was a kind and loving husband, and a life member of the Masonic Order. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, one sister and several brothers, and many other relatives and a host of friends. He was of a jolly disposition, and will be missed by all who knew him.

Funeral services were held at the Ward funeral home in Vermontville Wednesday at 11:00 a. m., and were largely attended, and his body was laid to rest in the Freemire cemetery, Elder Roach officiating. Masonic services at the grave.

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Death removed another Civil War veteran from this community Monday, April 17th, Alonzo Gruesbeck answering the last call at the age of 94 years, 6 months, and 23 days. Funeral services were held at the Lansing Adventist church Wednesday with interment in the Maple Hill cemetery at Charlotte beside his wife who preceded him last November.

Mr. Gruesbeck was born in Crawford Co., Ohio, son of Marmon and Arsenith Scott Gruesbeck, on September 24, 1838. He was united in marriage on August 24, 1859, to Marion Griest, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Griest, and to this union were born eight children.

They settled on a farm near Charlotte and have since made their home in Michigan. Although they have resided in that vicinity most of the time, yet they are well known in Gratiot county where they stayed with their children a large portion of the time during later years.

Members of the family surviving are George Gruesbeck, of Lafayette; W. P. Gruesbeck, of Hamilton; Mrs. Fred Kellogg, of North Star; Mrs. Joseph Sawyer, of Lansing; Marion Gruesbeck and Mrs. Mary Pease, of New York and Mrs. Alice DePew of Eaton Rapids.

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TO OUR ECHO PATRONS

Another year has rolled around. 1931 has not been an altogether successful year. Business has fallen off to a marked degree. However, we expect much improvement in the year coming. And through all this we have strived to give you a good paper, and are taking this opportunity of thanking all our correspondents and readers for their kind cooperation in helping us to keep a paper in Vermontville and having it one that will satisfy the readers both here in town and those who are away.

Our advertisers are to be congratulated also for their foresight and confidence in the news sheet. By following the local merchant's ads you can be led to more beneficial purchases and the value of your dollar will be more than appreciated. Advertising pays.

Again let us thank those who have so kindly assisted us in our endeavor, and our sincere hope is that we can furnish you with even a better news guide the coming year. Let's put Vermontville on the top in 1932