

Charles Nease Killed Saturday Morning by NYC Passenger Train

Charles J. Nease, 72, Nashville real estate dealer, was struck and killed by a New York Central passenger train Saturday morning at the Sherman street crossing, just two blocks from his home.

Funeral services were conducted from the Hess funeral home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, with the Rev. Corwin Biebighauser, pastor of the Nashville E. U. B. church, officiating. The Rev. D. R. Silvernail, former pastor of the Nashville Church of the Nazarene, assisted. Burial was in Lakeview cemetery.

Mr. Nease was born Jan. 3, 1877 in Macomb county, Ohio, the son of Christopher and Rhoda (Elarton) Nease, and came to this community with his parents when he was five years old. He was married to Miss Mary Franck of Nashville on February 5, 1901. Mr. Nease farmed most of his life until moving to town about five years ago. For a time he was local representative for Lang & Son Pickle company, and the past several years had been a real estate salesman, currently associated with the Lloyd H. Eaton Agency of Vermontville.

Besides his wife, Mary, Mr. Nease leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert Griffin of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Reynolds of Fort Wayne, Ind., and a grandson, Linden Griffin of Wisconsin Rapids.

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Andrew Dalback

NASHVILLE, Feb. 7.—Funeral services for Andrew Dalback, 35, retired farmer, will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Luman Surine, in Kalamo, where he was taken after a severe stroke six weeks ago. He died at 11:55 o'clock Sunday night. The Dalbacks moved to Nashville 25 years ago from the Kalamo farm and had since resided at 509 E. Sherman st. Mr. Dalback was born in Finland May 2, 1864, and came to the United States as a young man. The survivors include the widow and daughter. Burial will be made in the Lakeview cemetery, Nashville.

25 Years Ago.

Mrs. Zilpha Sprague of Vermontville died unexpectedly Saturday afternoon. A pioneer resident of Vermontville, she was 90 years old.

ARGALUS SPRAGUE.

Argalus Sprague was born in Hannibal, Oswego Co., N. Y., June 9th, 1809. He died March 19th, 1903, aged 93 years 9 months and 8 days, being the last of eight children.

At the age of seventeen years he was converted, joining the Methodist church of which he has since been a faithful

member. He has been an official member and class leader for a period of seventy years.

In the year 1831, he was joined in marriage to Miss Elsie Gitus, of Oswego Co., N. Y. To this union six children were born: Jonathan A., Silas S., Myron G., Jonas J., Lydia A., and Elsie. Three of these survive their father. His wife dying in 1847, he was married in 1849 to Miss Mary P. Brundrage of Battle Creek, who died during the succeeding year. On June 18th, 1851, he was joined in marriage to Mrs. Caroline M. Scovell, and to this union were born two sons, Ernest E. and Frederic P., and a daughter, Amanda M. His wife Caroline M. died June 22nd, 1900, but of the three children all survive him.

In 1836, Mr. Sprague moved to Leroy, Calhoun county, Mich. taking up a claim in the territory soon to become a state. His father and five brothers took up adjoining farms in the most fertile part of East Leroy. Here Argalus Sprague remained for eight years, when he was offered a position as guard in the Jackson State Prison. In this position he remained for six years, serving first as guard, then as gate keeper, and finally as foreman. In 1850 he returned to his farm, to remain for one year only. In 1851 he settled in Vermontville, remaining there during the rest of his earthly life.

In politics, Argalus Sprague was an active worker in the ranks of the Whig party, until its consolidation with the Republican party, in 1850, when he became a firm Republican.

Argalus Sprague was a pioneer in the great northwest, one of the countless multitude that transformed Michigan from a swampy wilderness into its present form. His long and quiet life speaks for itself. His life was one of service, and he heard his Lord saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Those in attendance at the funeral from out of town were, Rev. J. Sprague, Mrs. Lydia Green, Miss Della Sprague, Kalamazoo, Rev. F. P. Sprague Thompsonville, Mrs. Mae Morey, Grand Rapids, Mrs. Libbie Sprague, Mr. and Mrs. Cowles, Battle Creek and Rev. Chas. Jacokes wife and daughter of Middleville.

The family feel very grateful to friends who so kindly assisted during their sad bereavement.

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