

A. P. Simmons Killed and Mangled  
at Mazon Avenue Crossing.

Tuesday morning about 8 o'clock as Mr. Simmons was crossing Mazon avenue in Dwight, Ill., with a basket upon his arm the switch engine backing up from the house track with several cars caught him and literally tore him to pieces. Quite a number witnessed the accident and his remains were gathered up and taken to C. M. Baker's undertaking rooms where an inquest was held by Justice McKay, of Pontiac, about noon. Mr. A. P. Simmons was 72 years old having been born in Norwich, England, Aug. 21, 1829. He came to Toronto, Ontario, in 1832, and was married to Miss Nancy Stackhouse at Woodstock, Canada. Ten children were born of this union, seven of whom are living, Mrs. E. E. Claypool, of Greenview, Ill.; Mrs. Chas. P. Kerr, of Chicago; Mrs. C. W. Purdon, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. M. M. Babbage and Mrs. B. H. Copenhagen, of Dwight; Wm. A. Simmons, of Joliet and Chas. A. Simmons, of Grand Rapids, Wis.; all of whom were present at the funeral. In 1865 he moved to Bloomington and in October, 1866, moved to Dwight, where the family has since resided. Mr. Simmons was a blacksmith by trade and was well known and respected. The funeral took place at the house Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. Sheldon A. Harris, officiating. The remains were interred in Oak Lawn cemetery. The widow and family have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

Upon Mr Simmons' person was found three \$20 bills, the deputy coroner taking \$11 from the amount and turning back the balance.

The accident was probably due to the train men having no man on the end of the backing engine nor the flagman at his place of duty to warn him of danger, none of the railroad men seeing him until he was beneath the wheels.

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