

[Lewis, Eugene G.]

E. G. LEWIS, 70, DIES IN CAR NEAR CROGHAN

CARTHAGE, Aug. 4.—Eugene G. Lewis, 70, pioneer and one of the best known residents of Wilna, expired suddenly while driving his automobile in the town of Croghan shortly after yesterday.

After eating a hearty dinner Mr. Lewis left his home in company with Mr. Ripley of Adams, both fire adjusters of the grange, to the farm of Fred Maxwell in the town of Croghan whose buildings were recently struck by lightning and burned.

The farm was about four miles from Carthage. The men were within sight of the buildings when Mr. Lewis remarked, "There they are" and pointed in the direction of the buildings. Immediately after making the remark Mr. Ripley noticed that he fell over and lost control of the car. He summoned Mr. Maxwell and they returned to Carthage where Dr. E. A. Simonds was called but there were no signs of life, Mr. Lewis having expired almost instantly while driving the car. Heart failure was the cause.

The body was taken to his home in North Washington street in the same car [in] which he had left and apparently in his usual health only about an hour before. His funeral will be held at 2 Wednesday, Rev. G. D. [George Delbert] Walker [Universalist] assisted by Rev. N. C. Fuller [pastor of the United Christian Church] officiating. Burial will be in the Fulton cemetery in Wilna.

Mr. Lewis was born in the town of Wilna October 20, 1855, the son of Nelson and Carolina Lewis. He had followed the occupation of farming all his life, retiring nine years ago when he moved to Carthage and he had since resided in North Washington street. He was a member of Carthage Grange, No. 69, and for 25 years had been fire adjuster of the grange.

He is survived by his wife, Sedate; two sisters, J. W. Pierce of Wilna, and Mrs. Frank Pennington of Carthage; one brother, C. E. Lewis of Wilna; two nieces and one nephew. He had no children. He was not a member of any organization but the grange but took a keen interest in this. While not a member he attended the United Christian church¹. He was in politics a Republican and one of the best known farmers in this section.

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¹ This congregation had merged earlier with the former Universalist Church in Carthage.