

Obituary.

Died, at his home in Ervin township, May 6, 1881. Andrew French, aged 20 years, 7 months, and 8 days.

The deceased was the eldest son of Ralph and Eliza French. The father having passed to his home above a little over two years ago, left largely the managing of the farm and the bringing up of the younger members of the family to the wisdom of Andrew, he proving himself in many respects competent for this task.

His sickness was severe, but of short duration. For several days previous to his death he was deranged, only a moment or so at a time being able to talk rationally.

The deceased had many excellent qualities. Although not a member of church, he was in possession of many Christian virtues, was truthful, honest, kind, tender-hearted, always seeking and loving good society. Andrew French had a very warm place in the hearts of his associates. Oh how sadly they will miss him! By request the services were held at the house, conducted by Rev. H. R. Todd in the presence of a very large and sympathizing congregation, which was short and impressive. During prayer many hearts were touched and almost the entire congregation moved to tears. After the discourse was finished six young men, his most intimate associates while living, were chosen, who bore his lifeless remains to the place of interment, followed by the entire congregation. May God in this very sad bereavement comfort the hearts of the mother, sisters, and brother, the only remaining members of the family. Although the trial is great, Jesus is a special friend to the widow and orphans. May God keep and bless them and may deep and lasting impressions for good be made upon the minds of our young people in this calamity.

A. W.
Ervin, May 10, 1881.

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