

Lifelong Resident¹⁹⁴⁹ Of Russiaville Dies⁷

Frank Gifford, 84, who had lived in Russiaville since a boy of 16, died about 6 o'clock Friday night at the home of his son, George Gifford, in Indianapolis. He had been bedfast for two weeks, but Friday he felt better, got up and dressed and was sitting at the supper table when he suddenly fell over dead.

Mr. Gifford died on his birthday, having been born November 4, 1865 on the Gifford farm, two miles south of Russiaville. He owned a portion of the farm which was homesteaded by his parents. For many years he operated a harness shop in Russiaville.

He was a lifelong Democrat and was proud of the fact that he never missed voting in an election from the time he cast his first vote at 21. He recalled that his mother was called upon to confirm his age after he had cast his first vote, because of the fact that there was a difference of only one vote between the two parties.

Surviving besides the son at whose home he died are one daughter, Mrs. Eleanor Barrick of Kokomo; sister, Mrs. Allie Robinson of Los Angeles, and two nephews, Harry and Charles Gifford of Kokomo.

His wife, Elizabeth O'Leary Gifford, preceded him in death May 23, 1934.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church in Russiaville, with Rev. Helm in charge. Burial will follow in the Russiaville cemetery. The body will remain at the St. funeral home in Russiaville. Friends may call.

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