

Fred Arnold Rufer

February 15, 1892 - October 27, 1918

Fred Arnold Rufer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rufer, of Washington township, was born on the 15th of February, 1892, and was confirmed at the Washington Reformed church on April 17, 1908.

The deceased spent all of his life on the home farm, and for a number of years was in charge of the farm in company with his brothers.

The distressing incident which resulted in his death happened Wednesday, October 23, when, while almost the entire family was ill with influenza, he made a trip to Monroe on business. It was while eating a meal in that city that a piece of meat or bone became lodged in his throat. An immediate operation was deemed necessary in order to relieve him and he was taken to the Deaconess hospital. The operation proved unavailing, however, and he passed away on Sunday, October 27, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

The deceased was a young man who enjoyed the friendship and esteem of a large circle of acquaintances, and all were deeply grieved by the news of his untimely death.

Besides his parents, he is survived by five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday forenoon at 10 o'clock at the house and at 11 o'clock at the Washington cemetery, where burial took place. Rev. A. Muehlmeier officiated.