

## **Fort Wayne Journal Gazette, Allen County, Indiana; Saturday, July 3, 1909**

### **FUNERAL OF A. J. PEOPLES SATURDAY**

**Inquest Verdict is That of Accidental Death - Was Badly Wounded**

DECATUR, Ind. - July 2 - The funeral of the late Alexander J. Peoples, who was killed yesterday afternoon, by being struck by an Erie freight train, will be held Saturday afternoon, the cortege leaving the house at 3 o'clock for the Evangelical Church. The inquest was held last evening by Dr. Miller and Squire Smith in the absence of Coroner J. S. Grandstaff, of Preble, who is taking a vacation. A verdict of accidental death was found. Examination revealed that his scalp was cut in 2 places, the skull fractured in a place about 1 1/2 inches long, the spine and scapula fractured, and the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th ribs broke loose from the spine.

The deceased was 63 years, 8 months and 24 days in age. He was born October 7, 1845 in Root Township, this county, where he lived the greater part of his life.

When about a year old, his father was killed suddenly by being overcome by gas while in a well. He was married to Miss Christene (sic) Kemp, who survives with 3 children: Enos, of Mich., John and Mrs. Ella Mathewson of Fort Wayne.