

FRANK WEHLRE

Former Well Known Madisonian, Died
In Meade, Kas.—Was Born Here
In 1850.

Frank Wehrle died at his home in this city, at 12:55 a. m., Monday, May 14th.

With the departure of Mr. Wehrle, Meade has lost another of its old-timers, and one of the first business men here as well.

In the "boom days" and while Meade was yet in her infancy, with his brother, John Wehrle, he located here and engaged in the dry goods business. The building occupied by them was east of the building now occupied by Cooper & McCay, and is now occupied by the opera house restaurant. Later, he alone engaged in the grocery business. In 1899 he was elected to the office of county clerk and served three years. From then until his health forced him to retire from active business he was a bond abstractor.

Francis Wehrle was born in Madison, Jefferson county, Indiana, August 17, 1850, and resided there until he engaged in the wholesale business under the firm name of Pfau, Ward & Wehrle at Indianapolis. Later he returned to Madison and under the firm name of Wehrle & Brother engaged in the retail dry goods business. In July 1888, with his family he came to Meade and remained until 1896 when he located in St. Charles, Missouri, where with his family he remained a year, returning to Meade in 1897, and remained until his death.

On May 18th, 1875, at Madison, Indiana, he was united in marriage to Miss Anna Cain, and to this union seven children were born, five boys and two girls, one of whom, Anna, died in infancy.

His wife and six children, John D., of Boulder, Col., Frank C., of St. Louis, Mo., Edward J. and Charles, of Chicago, and Agnes and George, of this city, and publishers of this paper, survive; also one sister, Mrs. Geo. Pfau, of Indianapolis, and one brother John Wehrle, of this city, and two grandchildren, Paul, of Boulder, Col., and Mildred, of St. Louis.

With the exception of John, all the children were in attendance at the funeral.

The funeral services were held at St. John's Catholic church Wednesday morning. The Requiem High Mass was celebrated by Father Anthony Herman, and the music was furnished by the Fowler choir.

The pall-bearers were W. W. Pressly, H. E. Hoon, Ira Scott, C. A. Marrs, John Elliott and L. G. Krisle.

Interment was made in Graceland cemetery. — Meade County, Kas., News.

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