

Thursday, August 16.

PIONEER RESIDENT EXPIRES**Charles Fairfield Dies Suddenly
This Morning.****Heart Trouble Proves Fatal to Aged
Retired Farmer and Civil
War Veteran.**

Charles Fairfield, aged 76 years, a life-long resident of Wayne township, a veteran of the civil war and a member of one of Allen county's oldest families, died suddenly at 7 o'clock this morning, at his home, 614 East Pontiac street. Death was due to heart trouble and followed a brief serious illness. The decedent first became afflicted with the malady which terminated in his death today, June 23, when he suffered a slight heart attack. He apparently recovered fully and although he had not been in the best of health for the past several days, he was up and about the house a short time before he was stricken this morning.

A resident of Allen county for more than three-quarters of a century, Mr. Fairfield was born in Fort Wayne, June 6, 1841; his early home being located on what is now South Broadway. The home where he was born still stands and is situated just south of the Wabash tracks, on Broadway. He was a son of Oliver P. Fairfield, one of the county's earliest settlers, who came to Allen county in 1825 from Maine.

In 1862 Mr. Fairfield purchased a 400-acre farm in Wayne township and he had resided on the same farm for a period of forty-eight years, coming to Fort Wayne eight years ago to make his home in this city. He retired from active work fifteen years ago. A son then took charge of the management of the farm, but throughout his years of retired life, Mr. Fairfield always took an active interest in the farm which he had lived on for nearly a half century. Only last Tuesday he made a trip to the farm and was greatly pleased with the crop outlook.

At the outbreak of the civil war, Mr. Fairfield enlisted in the union army and left Fort Wayne with Company E, infantry, the first company of soldiers to leave Fort Wayne for service in the war of the rebellion. He served with distinction throughout the war and then returned to his home in this township.

He was an active member of Ston S. Bass post, G. A. R., and was for a number of years commander of that organization. He was also a deacon of the First Baptist church for many years.

Mr. Fairfield was also an active member of the Old Fellows' lodge. He was a charter member of the first L. O. O. F. lodge to be organized in this city, being one of a charter membership of twenty-five.

Surviving relatives include the widow, five children, Mrs. G. M. Trick, of Wayne township; George Fairfield, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Edwin Fairfield, of this city; Oliver P. Fairfield, of Wayne township; and Mrs. H. D. Weaver, of Fort Wayne. One brother, Willard Fairfield, and Mrs. N. Davis, of Cheatham, Wash., fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. Cyrus Fairfield, of this city, is a cousin of the decedent.

The funeral announcements will be made later.