

Death Summons For A. M. Coffeen
Well Known Champaign County Resident Goes to Reward
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A. M. Coffeen died at his home at 1:45 o'clock this morning. He had been in failing health for a couple of years and confined to his room during the last six months.

Alva Martin Coffeen was born in Attica, Ind., February 11, 1836. When he was fourteen years of age he moved with his parents to a farm near Sidney. After graduating from Abingdon college in 1859, he spent a number of years as a teacher. During this time he was principal of the East Champaign schools as well as those of Urbana and Homer.

He married Mira A. Gaines at Virginia, Ill., April 22, 1862. Ten years later he came to Champaign to engage in the book and music business. In the years following he conducted a coal business and looked after his farming interests.

Mr. Coffeen was a man of keen intellect and broad sympathy and took an active interest in the educational and social problems of the day. He is survived by his widow and by three children, Amy Coffeen and Fred G. Coffeen of this city and Harry C. Coffeen of Chicago; two sisters, Mrs. R. S. Hopkins, Chicago, and Mrs. S. E. Knox of Oklahoma City, and two brothers, M. D. Coffeen, Chicago, and Hon. H. A. Coffeen, Sheridan, Wyo.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home, 806 South Fifth street, Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. John Andrew Holmes, pastor of the Congregational church, officiating.

Injured A Year Ago; Is Dead
Alva M. Coffeen of Champaign is No More
Fractured Hip Resulting From Fall, Causes Breakdown
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Alva Martin Coffeen, one of the best known and oldest residents of Champaign, died Saturday morning at his home on South Twelfth street, in Champaign, after a general breakdown which followed the breaking of his hip about a year ago. The deceased was born in Attica, Ind., on February 11, 1836, and is survived by his wife, Miranda Gaines Coffeen, and three children, Fred and Amy of Champaign and Harry of Chicago. The deceased was an attendant at the Congregational church, although not a member of the same. The funeral will be held at 2 o'clock Monday from the late home.

Eds. Buried Mt. Hope in Urbana. Married to Miranda Gaines (1835 – 1914)