

## Charles G. Siems Dead

Had been Ill Eight Years with Dropsy

Charles G. Siems of 22 Delaware Street died this morning at 11:10 o'clock at the family residence after an illness of eight years of dropsy. He had been ill but 2 days in bed. Mr. Siems was born in Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Germany, July 19, 1838, and received his early education in the fatherland. On Oct 25, 1863, he was married to Miss Sophia Bull, and they came to America in 1867. A few years afterward, they came to Freeport, and lived here ever since. Mrs. Siems passed away May 2 of this year. Mr. Siems has been a member of the German Reformed Church for the past thirty-eight years and was actively identified with the work in the church. He was an upright man in all his dealings, and was a staunch democrat in politics. Mr. Siems was a machinist by trade, having worked at the St. Paul shops for seventeen years, and the Illinois Central for five years. He had been retired for the past eleven years. He is survived by four children, as follows: John, Fred, Frank and Anna. He also leaves four grandchildren. The funeral will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the family residence and at 2 o'clock from the German Reformed church. Interment will be in the city cemetery.

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