Death Follows Operation

William J. Siems Passes Away in Chicago

William J. Siems, a young man who was born in this city, died at a hospital in Chicago between 11 and 12 o’clock last night. The remains will reach here at 7 o’clock tonight accompanied by his brothers, John and Frank Siems and George Dippell and Harry Saterlee, of the Illinois Central Machine shops and members of the machinists union. The deceased, who had been at the Augustana hospital in Chicago several weeks, had been ill with intestinal trouble several years, and although he had been operated on at various times relief did not seem to come. Instead, he had been failing for some time and the past week his condition has been alarming. When the end came two brothers were with him. To him, death must have been a relief from sever pain, for he had endured much since he first was operated on some years ago. The deceased, who was born here on March 18, 1875, was a young man who had a wide acquaintance. He entered the shops of the Central when he was 17 years of age, and there he remained until taken ill. He was well liked by his associates and all others. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Siems, three brothers, Frank, Fred and John and a sister, Miss Anna Siems, all of this city. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o’clock, services to be conducted a half an hour later at the German Reformed Church by the pastor, Rev. E. Traeger.

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