

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Fatal Accident.

Fred Fendeley, a young man, has been for some time employed at the Hodges place at Pine Lake. On Monday he was working in a ditch which was being dug from the lake to some point near the barns, to supply the place with water. The ditch was very narrow and about eight feet in depth. While Fendeley was laying tile, and on his knees in the bottom of the ditch, the sides caved in and crushed and covered him with a weight of earth, that made his struggles ineffectual, and the unfortunate fellow was soon smothered. It is not known exactly at what time the accident occurred as Fendeley was working alone, and not until he failed to appear at noon time, was the accident discovered, and the victim taken from the place where he had been buried alive and died a horrible death from suffocation.

Fendeley was a son-in-law of Jas. German, of Pontiac, and leaves a wife and several children unprovided for.

An inquest was held and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts.