

Katy Veteran Dies

William Fischer Succumbs After Long Illness

In the death of William E. Fischer, 69, who resided at 1726 Clark, there is removed another of the oldest Katy employes. The death occurred Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock as the result of a prolonged illness and a major operation which occurred last November. It was thought that his illness dates back to a fall which he sustained several years ago.

The funeral will be held from the Martin funeral home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon conducted by the Rev. M. Lee Sorey. Burial will be in Memorial Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Fischer is survived by his widow and one sister, Mrs. Virginia Jones, 212 S. 25th, and one brother, Charles A. Fischer, 1819 Gabriel. Other survivors are two grandchildren, Miss Rosemary E. Fischer, a teacher in the Chetopa high school and Margaret Fischer Maser, a student at senior high and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary H. Fisscher, of the home address. A son, Baker Fischer, died in Parsons in 1932.

He was born in St. Louis, December 23, 1867 and early in life united with the Lutheran church. He was married to Miss Rose Baker in Parsons 46 years ago having come to this city in 1889 from Kansas City, Mo., and secured employment at once with the Katy railroad. He was later promoted to the foremanship of the foundry which position he held until his death. He was honored with a 40-year service pin by the Katy in 1929.

In his early years he was quite active in civic and community affairs. He was popular with all departments of the Katy and had a hearty handshake, cheery smile and a familiar greeting for everyone. Owing to his prolonged illness his death was not entirely unexpected by his friends.

Charles Fischer, Retired Katy Molder, Succumbs

Charles A. Fischer, 65 years old, 1719 Gabriel, died yesterday morning after a long illness.

Mr. Fischer came to Parsons in 1890 and began work for the MKT. railroad as a molder. He continued at that occupation until he was forced to retire 12 years ago because of poor health.

During his long residence in Parsons he made many friends. He was a man with a keen sense of humor and staunch uprightness of character and his friends will regret to learn of his death.

He is survived by his widow; five children, J. Ray Fischer and Mrs. Lucille Newberry of Belle, Calif., Miss Pauline Fischer, Tulsa, Ok., Charles Fischer, Topeka, and Mrs. Virginia Rose Meade of Oklahoma City, and by three grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Virginia Jones of this city. A brother, William E. Fischer, died here in March.

Mr. Fischer is a member of the Washington Avenue Methodist church, and also was very active and took a keen interest in all branches of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He believed firmly in the teachings of the ritual of that order and always tried to carry them out in his own private life.

Funeral services will be held at the Martin funeral home at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, conducted by the Rev. C. D. Meade, Edmond, Ok., former pastor of the First Methodist church here, assisted by the Rev. Frank E. Ryerson, and burial will be in Oakwood cemetery.

Graveside services will be conducted by the Odd Fellows.

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PARSONS FOLKS TURN WEALTHY

Three Members of Fischer Heirs Association Live Here.

WILL DIVIDE ESTATE

Nearly a Quarter Billion Dollars to be Distributed Among 460 Heirs After Long Litigation.

After years and years of waiting, and after holding their association together for generations, the Fischer Heirs Association has received word that at last the estate, founded hundreds of years ago by Frederick Wilhelm Fischer, was ready to be distributed among the more than 460 heirs. Three direct descendants of the founder of the estate live in Parsons. They are W. E. Fischer, 1720 Clark, superintendent of the Katy foundry; Miss Virginia Fischer, 25th and Belmont, and C. E. Fischer, 701 Central.

The estate, which has been litigation from one cause and another since 1790, has increased year by year in value until it now worth probably a quarter a billion of dollars. The antecedents of the present Parsons Fischers were farmers in Germany were very wealthy, and they loaned to the German government their money to finance the warring of that country during the wars previous to 1790. Believing they allowed the government to retain this money which was secured by German government bonds, until they have grown with the interest to amount \$218,000,000 in American money. In addition to these securities there is in the estate much farming property in different countries, sheep farm in Australia and South America, ranches in Texas and other valuable property.

Finally when the heirs wanted to settle the estate, years ago, much time had elapsed and the Fischer family had increased such an extent that it was impossible to find all the heirs. Those who were established as real-estate formed themselves into an association and membership was passed from father to children generation after generation. The association of Fischer heirs of this generation meets yearly at Independence, Mo.

C. E. Fischer said today that they had always had an attorney employed and that it looked much like the estate would be divided within the next three or four months. However, this division might only include farm land and ranches in different countries because it could be told whether the German government was in position to red the amount it owes the Fischer family.

Whether or not they pay soon, Mr. Fischer says none of them will count their chickens before they hatch, as one member of the family of Fischers did 50 years ago. It seemed then the estate would surely be divided at that time, that all the

Old German Estate Brings Wealth to Three Local Heirs

AFTER YEARS OF LITIGATION CLAIM OF DESCENDANTS IS RECOGNIZED AND WILL BE REWARDED.

It is an old story that patience finally reaches a just award but the local heirs of the William Frederick Fischer estate believe that the award of patience may be expediated to a great degree with the employment of a few expert attorneys. The local heirs are W. E. Fischer, 1720 Clark, Miss Virginia Fischer, 25th and Belmont, and C. E. Fischer, 701 Central.

They are units of the Fischer Heirs Association, whose membership totals 460, which has just received word that over a century of litigation has finally culminated in a verdict for the heirs and they will receive the Fischer Estate, valued at approximately \$250,000,000. Each

member of the association will receive a sum of nearly one-half million.

The local heirs Monday stated that they expected it would take some time to wind up the ends of the lengthy court fight and transfer the property to the heirs, and even then the bulk of the estate might not be immediately available, as it is under the control of the German government and the government may not be in a condition to pay at this time.

In their efforts to secure the estate the heirs years ago banded themselves together into an association and the litigation has been under way since.

Doesn't Worry Sun Carrier.

Charles Fischer, son of C. A. Fischer, of 701 N. Central, is not worrying much about the great wealth that his father is about to inherit from the big German estate which was told of in The Sun Monday. Charles is a carrier of one of The Sun's evening routes and while he has to stand a considerable amount of joking about it, he says he isn't going to quit carrying papers even if his father does get all this money and it is not worrying him anyway. If Charles Fischer does collect, Charles will be one of the wealthiest boys in Kansas some day.