

Rites to Be Tuesday for F. M. Bowsher

Service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Deffenbaugh Funeral Home, Circleville, for Francis M. Bowsher, 82, retired farmer and prominent in the Adelphi community where he had spent his lifetime. Mr. Bowsher died at 11 a.m. Saturday in his residence, after a long illness.

He was a member of the Adelphi Methodist Church and had a perfect attendance for 37 years as a member of its men's Sunday School class. He was a director of the Green Summit Cemetery Association and, for many years, had been a director of the Adelphi Banking Co. He had also served as a Colerain Township trustee.

A 50-year member of the Adelphi Masonic lodge, he also was a member of its Masonic council, chapter and Scottish Rite, and was a member of the Order of Eastern Star. He also had held membership for 52 years in the Complanter Tribe of Red Men, and was a member, and later the director of the old Adelphi Band.

Mr. Bowsher was born near Adelphi on May 30, 1878, the son of Jacob and Esther Crites Bowsher. After the death of his first wife, the former Mary Newhouse, he married Oleda Congrove, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Francis J. Bowsher, at home; three sisters, Mrs. George H. Armstrong and Miss Florence Bowsher, both of Adelphi, and Mrs. Louella Pontious, Stoutsville; and a brother, Edson Bowsher, Circleville.

The Rev. Richard McDowell will officiate at the service, with burial in Green Summit Cemetery. Adelphi. Friends may call at the funeral home where a combined Masonic and Eastern Star service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

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