

## A Short Sketch of His Life.

Mr. William Seely, who died from his injuries last night, was an old resident of this city. He was born in 1828, at the old Huffman homestead, which stood on the site now occupied by the Beckel House. He was a nephew of Mr. William P. Huffman. His father, Mr. Morris Seely, was a stockholder, and one of the projectors of the Miami & Erie Canal. He was very anxious to have the canal take the course through town then followed by a mill-race, and now known as Seely's ditch. He died in 1847.

When a young man, Mr. Seely ran on the Ohio river from Cincinnati to New Orleans. Afterward he traveled extensively in South America and the southern part of the United States.

About 1848 he returned to Cincinnati and engaged in the grocery business. Soon after he was married to Miss Spaulding, a niece of Mr. Alexander Simms, a former resident of this city.

He was afterward engaged in farming in Butler county, from which place he removed to Dayton about 1860 or 1861. He engaged here in the lumber business, carrying on a yard on Clinton street. He remained in this business until about two years ago when he sold out. At the time of his death he was making preparations to enter the business again, having built a mill near Harbline Station.

In politics Mr. Seely was a Democrat, but he was not in any sense a politician, never seeking office. He was nominated once for Representative to the Legislature, but declined. In 1874 he was elected to the office of Police Commissioner, which he held until his death.

Mr. Seely leaves a wife and four children. His oldest son is married, living away from Dayton. He was a man of good appearance, having a splendid physique. He was of medium height and weighed probably two hundred pounds. He had an engaging manner and a kindly disposition. Probably no man in Dayton had a larger circle of friends.

The funeral will be this (Saturday) afternoon at the First Baptist Church, at four o'clock. Rev. H. F. Colby preaches the funeral sermon. The Knights Templar, of which Order Mr. Seely was a member, will attend his funeral in a body.