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Sudden Death Deprives a Large Family of Its Head.--Dead Man Born A Slave.

Henry Hicks, an old colored resident of this neighborhood, dropped dead Sunday forenoon at his home six miles southeast of town east of the Pleasant Valley school. He was a large man weighing about 250 pounds and he died from heart disease.

Born a slave sixty-three years ago in Platte county, Missouri, he was married in early life and thirteen children were born to the union three of whom are still living. When his wife died he married a setond time and again he became the father of thirteen children and not a death has decimated this progeny. The youngest child is four months old and the oldest is not yet of age. They are all living at home. The family had accumulated some personal property so they are not destitute, and the older boys have been trained to work.

Funeral services were deferred until yesterday forenoon to enable some of the older children to get here from distant points. Interment was in the cemetery at Summit.

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