**William M. Schooler, Sr.**

William M. Schooler was born on May 6, 1873 in Richmond, Kentucky in 1873, the son of Beverly and Annis Parks Schooler. After retiring from farming he operated a trucking business in Yellow Springs. He was a quiet man, but he would deliver a piano to any event for the student programs. Beginning in the 1930s he plowed the sidewalks for students to walk to school.He was a member of First Baptist Church of Yellow Springs and served as a Trustee there for a number of years. William Schooler died on June 12, 1953. He was survived by three daughters, Leora Stagner of Yellow Springs, Julia Jackson of the Bronx, N.Y. , and Alverda Lewis of Dayton; three sons, William R. of Yellow Springs, James M. of Durham, N.C., and Booker T. of Xenia; 15 grandchildren; four sisters, Mary Estes, and Katie Mundy of Cincinnati, Isabelle Maupin of Richmond, Kentucky, and Patti Gaines, New York City, and a number of nieces and nephews.

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