

TRUSTY DROPS DEAD ON HIS WAY TO WORK

Benjamin F. Manley, 57, of St. Joseph, Had Been Inmate of Prison Since 1917.

Benjamin F. Manley, 57, one of the probationers held at the North prison farm, dropped dead this morning at 7:10, while proceeding through a patch of scrub timber on the farm, going to his work. He and eight others in charge of L. D. VanVelsor were expected to build fence a short distance from where he fell.

When death came, Manley was talking with N. J. Levine, a member of the detachment. Suddenly reaching to unbutton his collar, it was noticed that he was not well. Dr. R. A. Macgreggor, prison physician, was immediately called, but according to an eye witness, the man died even before he fell to the ground.

Coroner Harry Mills and Deputy Sheriff Veri Kutt went to the scene accompanied by Deputy Warden Charles Shean and Dr. Macgreggor. Inquest will be held at the prison tonight at 7:30. Death is thought to have been caused from either heart disease or paralysis.

The body was brought to Jackson and relatives at Linden, Mich., were notified. Manley was sentenced to serve one to five years for manslaughter from St. Joseph, March 10, 1917. It was stated that he has been a trusty most of the time since his imprisonment and was in charge of the dog kennels under former Warden Disque. He is survived by one son and one daughter, living at Linden, according to the prison records.