

# 1883 death remains a mystery

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on the night of the 11th or morning of the 12th of October, 1883, one and one-fourth miles south of Bloomington in Perry Township.

Harrold included in the report her height, weight, build, hair color and complexion. For the morbidly curious, there was one other detail — that Anna Seamon had 80 cents on her person and no other valuables.

Regarding the outcome of the case, the *Telephone* reporter seemed to have mixed feelings. At one point in the article he wrote, regretfully, "The county will now probably go into the expense and disgrace of a murder trial." Since the coroner's verdict seemed to preclude such a trial, it would be interesting to know why the *Telephone* reporter concluded his article dramatically by writing, "Who killed Anna Artman?"