

Farmer Killed By Mad Bull At State Center

Frank Ferguson, 60, Is Trampled by Holstein Animal in Stall

State Center — (Special) —
Trampled by a bull that apparently
attacked him while he was in the
animal's box stall, Frank Ferguson,
60, was found dead about 5:30 Sun-
day afternoon in the barn on his
farm a mile east and two miles
south of State Center.

The animal, a Holstein, escaped
from the barn and was seen in the
yard by other members of the
family who called neighbors. John
Ferguson, brother of the victim,
was chased by the animal into the
barn where the bull finally was
cornered and locked up. Then the
body of his owner was found, his
chest crushed by the animal's
hoofs.

LOOKING FOR EGGS.

Judge L. R. Sheets of Marshall-
town, acting coroner in the ab-
sence of Dr. Rodney C. Wells, who
is on a vacation, was called and
was told that it was Ferguson's
habit to go thru the bull's stall to
water him and then look for eggs
in the manger. Apparently the an-
imal attacked him without warn-
ing. Sheets said.

Ferguson's wife and daughter
Katherine, the latter of Rochester,
N. Y., were at home at the time
of the accident and suspected
something was wrong as soon as
the bull was seen loose in the yard.
The animal went completely ber-
serk, neighbors said, and as soon
as he was caught arrangements
were made to butcher him.

SURVIVED BY SON.

Besides his widow and daugh-
ter, Ferguson is survived by one
son, Merlin of Toledo, Ohio, his
brother John who lives on the farm
next to his, and a sister, Mrs. Mae
Ferguson Fisher of State Center.

The body was taken to the Wen-
sel undertaking establishment in
State Center pending completion of
funeral arrangements. Judge Sheets
announced there would be no in-
quest.