

Death Ends Useful Life of Judge Bailey

The very useful life of Judge Thomas G. Bailey of Chaonia was brought to a close on Christmas day with the passing of the pioneer citizen, whose death occurred at 1:30 in the afternoon, and brought sadness to the surviving children and one living brother.

Judge Bailey was aged 79 years, and had for 46 years been a resident of Chaonia. During his residence in Chaonia, Judge Bailey had attained the reputation as being one of Wayne county's more useful citizens. For a time he was engaged in the selling of merchandise in Chaonia. About thirty-six years ago he was elected as Justice of the Peace in Black River Township and for thirty of those years also had served as Notary Public. He was of a disposition to render what he thought fair and impartial decisions in his courts. In his official capacity and in his activities as a Republican leader in county politics he became one of the best known men in Wayne county. During his entire life Judge Bailey was active in religious affairs of the community of Chaonia, and this activity continued after he had removed to his farm, a few miles out of Chaonia. He was indeed a good citizen and his passing will bring sorrow to the surviving relatives and large circle of friends who had learned to know him as "Uncle Tom."

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon with burial in the Chaonia cemetery. Rev. J. T. Collins, Baptist minister, was asked to deliver the funeral sermon.

The subject of the above sketch was born on September 2, 1855, in Morrowtown, Ohio, the son of William and Mary E. Bailey. He was one of a family of nine children, seven of whom preceded him in death, one surviving brother, E. S. Bailey, now living at Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

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In 1865 the parents of Mr. Bailey moved to Dahlgreen, Ill., and in the year 1875 he was united in marriage with Permella A. Harshbarger. To this union were born six children, two of whom preceded him in death. His aged and appreciated companion died about five months ago. In the same year of his marriage, 1875, Mr. Bailey was united with the Missionary Baptist church. In 1887 the Bailey family moved from Dahlgreen, Ill., to Chaonia. The life of Judge Bailey has since that time been spent with Wayne county people where he was living when called to his eternal home.

The four surviving children are Mrs. J. A. Sollars, Chaonia; Mrs. A. S. Dees, Hornersville; Mrs. J. F. Davis, Van Buren, and Mrs. E. O. Estes of Taskee. Fifteen grandchildren and six great grandchildren are also surviving.

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