

James F. Applewhite

Occupant Name: James F. Applewhite

Location: **Section E**

Date of Birth: 5/12/1851

Date of Death: 12/10/1906

Date of Burial: 1906

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Hon. James F. Applewhite

Honored and Respected Citizen Passes Away.

Hon. James F. Applewhite, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed men in Jackson county, died at his home in Brownstown, Monday, December 10, 1906, at 11 o'clock noon, aged 55 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Mr. Applewhite's health has been bad for several months and he broke rapidly. However, in his last sickness he was confined to his bed only about two weeks. The immediate cause of his death was intestinal obstruction caused by cancer. Although his family and friends had realized for several days that the end was near, yet the news of his death was quite a shock to the entire community.

Deceased was the second son of the late Judge Ralph Applewhite and was born May 12, 1851, in the state of Mississippi, in what was then Choctaw county, but now known as Webster county. He came with his parents to Jackson county in 1858, when a mere babe, and has ever since resided in this county. After attending the common schools of the day he completed his education at Hanover college.

He acted as deputy for his father when the latter was auditor of Jackson county, and also served as deputy county treasurer under Alex. Davison, John Horstman, and a part of the time for E. W. Wacker, Sr., deceased. He was elected sheriff of the county, serving two terms—from 1878 to 1882—and in all his official connections was faithful, capable and conscientious in the discharge of his duties.

He was an ardent and life-long Democrat and rendered able service to the party. He received an appointment as special land agent under President Cleveland, doing considerable service for the government in several western states. He was also prominently mentioned as a candidate for congress in this district at different times.

After his term as sheriff had expired he began the study of law and formed a partnership with his father, with whom he continued to practice until the latter's death a few years ago. Since then he continued in the profession by himself. He was admitted to the Jackson county bar in 1883 and was recognized as one of the county's leading and able attorneys.

He was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Anna Carter, daughter of Asa B. Carter, deceased, at Seymour May 12, 1878. To their union were born seven children, four boys and three girls, all of whom with their mother survive him, except one daughter—Blanche—who died in infancy. The remaining children are: Capt. R. B. Applewhite, Misses Josephine and Alberta, of this place; Dr. Scott Applewhite, Pittsburg; Felix, who is employed at Indianapolis and Duke, who is employed at Terre Haute, all of whom were at his bedside during his last sickness. He is also survived by one brother, Henry Applewhite, of this township.

Mr. Applewhite was a man among men; deceit and hypocrisy found no lodgment in his breast. He was strong in his likes and dislikes—true and loyal to his friends and courteous to his enemies. To the writer he was more than a friend—having from our earliest recollection taken a deep and fatherly interest in our welfare and to him we owe much of the success that has attended us since reaching our maturity. He was a man of the highest integrity, honorable and upright in all his dealings with mankind. He was a noble, kind and generous and was a great lover of children, as will be attested by many a little child in Brownstown who has been the recipient of a nickel or penny from his hand upon more than one occasion.

As a husband and father he was all that could be asked—he loved his home and his family and nothing was too good for them that he could provide. His death is not only a great loss to his family but to the community at large and many a heart has been made sad by his departure.

The funeral services were held at the M. E. church at this place this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. T. W. Northcott, of the M. E. church, and Rev. J. H. Weaver, of the Presbyterian church, officiating, after which the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery. The services were attended by both the Masonic and K. of P. orders, of which he was a prominent member. The Jackson County Bar Association also attended the funeral in a body. The floral offerings were both beautiful and numerous.

