

Hugh A. Burrell

Occupant Name: Hugh A. Burrell

Location: Section E

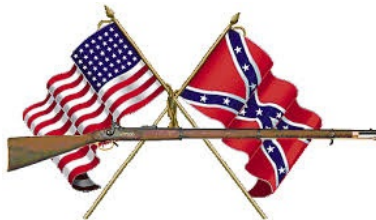
Date of Birth: 8/21/1846

Date of Death: 1912

Date of Burial: 1912

Veteran: Yes- Capt. Co. G.
54th Reg, Indiana Vol.

Multiple Occupants: No
Comment:



**HUGH A. BURRELL,
WELL KNOWN, DEAD**

Former President of People's State Bank at Brownstown Succumbs to Bright's Disease.

WAS CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Served For County Official For Many Years—Had Been in Falling Health for Some Time.

Democrat in politics and both he and his wife held membership in the Presbyterian church, while both had the high regard of all who knew them. He was commended into several posts in 1861, and she passed away in 1892. They became the parents of nine children, of whom two are now living.

Hugh A. Burrell was reared to maturity on the old home farm adjoining Brownstown, and after completing the curriculum of the common schools of the locality he continued to be associated with the work and management of the farm until 1864, when, at the age of nineteen years, he showed his inherent and intrinsic patriotism by tendering his services in defense of the Union. He enlisted as a private in Company G, One Hundred and Thirty-seventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Indianapolis, this state. He accompanied his command into Kentucky and Tennessee, where they participated in a number of skirmishes, being for the most of the time assigned to guard duty. At the expiration of his three months term of enlistment Mr. Burrell reenlisted, becoming a member of Company G, One Hundred and Forty-fifth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and being mustered in at Indianapolis. His regiment was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, and was sent into Georgia, where he was soon afterward appointed quartermaster's guard and left his company. He was attacked with a severe illness at Calhoun, just below Resaca, Georgia, and was sent to the hospital in Nashville, Tennessee, where he was later granted a sick furlough and returned home with his father, who had come to his relief. As soon as he had sufficiently recuperated his energies he reported regularly to the military headquarters in Indianapolis, and at the close of the war received his honorable discharge. He remained on the farm until he was convalescent and then in 1866, was matriculated in the Indiana State University, at Bloomington, where he continued his studies for one year. He then became again identified with farm work, and during several winters was engaged in teaching in the schools of his native county during the winter months, assisting in the management of the homestead in the intervening periods.

He was married in 1873, and continued farming one season thereafter, and then served for some time as deputy sheriff of the county after which he gave his attention to railroad contracting for one and one-half years, at the expiration of which in 1882 he was elected sheriff of his native county, being chosen as his own successor two years later and thus serving four consecutive years.

He gave a most able administration of the office and his course met with gratifying popular endorsement. Later he became identified with railroading, holding positions in the freight office of a railroad at St. Louis. In 1889 he returned to Brownstown, and was primarily instrumental in the organization of the People's State Bank, of which he served as cashier until 1906. In June of that year he was elected president. He was a member of several fraternal orders. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. P. J. Mc Nerney and Miss Catherine, of Oklahoma.

The funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at Brownstown.

Mr. Burrell was born on the homestead farm in Brownstown township, this county, on the 21st of August, 1846, and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Burrell. His father took up his abode in the year 1832, reclaiming a good farm in the midst of the virgin forest. In 1832 he volunteered his services in connection with the prosecution of the Black Hawk war, joining a regiment raised for the purpose and accompanying Captain Ford on his long marches in pursuit of the crafty Indians. Thirty years later he gave distinctive evidence of his loyalty and valor, when the integrity of the nation was menaced by armed rebellion. In 1862 he was commissioned captain of Company G, Fifty-fourth Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served three months, receiving an honorable discharge at the expiration of his term. In the following year, when the doughty Morgan made his memorable raid through Kentucky, Indiana and Ohio, Captain Burrell organized a company at Brownstown and started in pursuit of the famous raider's forces. He joined General Hobson's command, and he was made a brevet colonel of militia and served as such until Morgan was driven from the state. He wielded much influence in local affairs in the early days, having served as trustee of Brownstown township under the old state constitution, and after the adoption of the present constitution he was thrice elected to this office. He served for the long period of fourteen years as county commissioner, finally refusing a renomination to the office in which he done much to further the best interest of the local government and of the people of the county in general. His farm was one of the best in this section of the state. He was a staunch