

John B. Burrell

Occupant Name: John B. Burrell

Location: Section E

Date of Birth: 3/21/1851

Date of Death: 1915

Date of Burial: 1915

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



John B. Burrell Died Tuesday Evening After Only a Few Days' Illness.

GRIM REAPER'S WEEKLY TOLL

List of Other Deaths Not Reported in Our Items From the Correspondents.

The announcement of the death of John B. Burrell, of this place, one of Jackson county's most prominent and well known citizens, will come as a shock to many of our out-of-town readers, who did not know that he was sick.

Since the death of his wife three weeks ago, Mr. Burrell had been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Robertson. When he closed the store Saturday evening she was with him and they walked home together. Up to the time of retiring for the night he seemed as well as usual. Between five and six o'clock Sunday morning Mr. Robertson thought he heard a sound in Mr. Burrell's room and called his wife's attention to it. She went to the door and hearing nothing unusual supposed he was asleep. Later she again went to his room and he still seemed to be sleeping. When she went to call him for breakfast she looked into the room and saw him lying across the bed. It seems that he had gotten up to open the window and door to let in fresh air and was stricken when he went back to bed.

His right side was paralyzed, he was unable to talk and seemed unconscious. A physician was called but it was realized from the start that his condition was serious. Although he seemed rational at times, he never rallied and lingered until Tuesday evening at 3:20 when he breathed his last.

Mr. Burrell first entered the drug store of Dr. Shirley in Brownstown, as a clerk, with whom he remained a few months, then forming a partnership with Dr. J. A. Stilwell, he engaged in business in 1870. In 1875 he embarked in business for himself in the corner room of what was for many years known as the Aetna Block, now the Commercial hotel, where he successfully conducted his business until March, 1897, when he moved to the New Masonic building where he was located until his death.

Deceased was a man of whom it can be truthfully said that all his acquaintances were his friends. He was kind to every one and was always solicitous for the welfare of his friends. He was public spirited, interested in the up-building of the town and ready at all times to assist in all public affairs. For six years (1893-1899) he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners and for a number of years was a member of the County Council. He stood by the town in her darkest hours and in looking over the achievements of the past years, Brownstown in all her magnificent splendor can not but admit of great indebtedness to Mr. Burrell. He was president of both the Strawboard Co. and the Water and Light Co. when they were first organized and remained as such for a number of years. During the erection of these plants he sacrificed much time and trouble.

He was the second youngest son of John H. and Mary Findley Burrell and was born at Brownstown March 21, 1851. He was united in marriage to Florence Emerson May 22, 1873, and to

Funeral Held at Court House.

The funeral of John B. Burrell was held at the court house last Thursday afternoon, the place of holding it having been changed from the Presbyterian church to the court room in order to accommodate the large number of friends of the deceased who wished to attend. In spite of the exceedingly inclement weather, occasioned by the sleet and rain, the funeral was largely attended. The Masonic lodge conducted their ritualistic services in the court room, which were given by Thos. Branaman and Chas. Wible, W. M. of Washington lodge.

