

# F AIRVIEW CEMETERY • BROWNSTOWN, INDIANA

## John H. Burrell

Occupant Name: John H. Burrell

Location: Section E

Date of Birth: 3/6/1814

Date of Death: 8/11/1894

Date of Burial: 1894

Veteran: Yes, Co. G, 54<sup>th</sup> Indiana Vol.

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

**CAPT. JOHN H. BURRELL.**  
**An Honorable, Upright, Conscientious**  
**Life Closes, and the Commu-**  
**nity Mourns.**

The onward march of Time, and its accompanying chariot of Death are two irresistible certainties. We float on the wings of time until Death draws us into the realms of Eternity. The aged, the strong, the weak and the young must all be subject to the conditions.

For many months we have observed the once hale and rugged frame of our most esteemed citizen Capt. John H. Burrell, becoming more bent and broken, as Time carried him on; the voice that was once so rich and strong became husky and weak. As the days fled by, this condition became more and more apparent. But it was not until Monday, August 6th, that the final breaking down occurred in the form of total paralysis of his left side. In this condition he laid, unable to utter a word until, at an early hour, Saturday morning Death severed the golden cord and for a minute his soul fluttered between life and death then left the body and soared away to join its kindred in the Unseen land.

While the announcement of father Burrell's death was not unexpected it was passed from mouth to mouth with a reverence due one so much respected; and many an eye paused to drop a tear to his memory.

THE FUNERAL.  
 was arranged for Sunday evening at the Court House, to be conducted by Washington Lodge No. 13 F. & A. M. assisted by Rev. Baird, of Seymour, and Revs. Schlabrede and Fletcher and a selected choir. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. Baird and was well received by everyone for its truth, logic and simplicity. His words were most appropriate indeed. After the discourse he read the appended obituary, and to him we are indebted for it. Revs. Schlabrede and Fletcher each added a few words touching on the kindness and general good qualities of the deceased, speaking in the highest terms thereof.

**OBITUARY.**  
 Capt. John H. Burrell was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 6th, 1814. Died at his residence in Brownstown, Ind., Saturday, August 11th, 1894, at the ripe old age of 80 years, 5 months and 5 days, having reached a fraction over four score years. When he was one year old his father moved to what is now Jackson county, Ind., settling in fort Vallonia, then a military station.

The boy grew up amid the rugged scenes and hardships of pioneer life, and witnessed the transformation of the sparsely settled territory as it developed into the present highly cultivated and populous state.

In his quiet way Mr. Burrell was a strong character in this development, taking his part in all the activities of the times.

He was a soldier in the Blackhawk war and also in the war of the rebellion. In 1862 he enrolled a company of which he was commissioned Captain—Co. G, 54th Indiana Vol. Inf.

He has served the people in several offices of trust to which he was elected. For a number of years he was school trustee, and was frequently elected county commissioner, having served in all eighteen years in that office. He was one of the commissioners who ordered the building of the present court house, and was selected by the Board of commissioners to superintend its construction. In all the offices which he has held he was efficient and faithful to the trust commissioned to him.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Findeley, April 2, 1837, to which union nine children were born, of whom two are dead. The seven living are Harrison, Bartholomew H., Reuben, Hugh A., John B., Frank and Addie, now Mrs. L. F. Branaman. He also leaves twenty-five grand children and four great grand children. Eighteen grand children and one great grand child are dead. Mrs. Burrell died January 2, 1887.

John H. Burrell united with the Presbyterian church of Brownstown April 28th, 1842. He made public confession of faith in Christ and was baptised with his wife, who joined the church with him, Sabbath, May 1, 1842, Rev. B. F. Nye officiating. He was baptised by pouring while kneeling at the waters edge in White river. For a number of years he was the only male member in the Presbyterian church. During all its early struggles and through all the history of the church he has been one of its warmest friends and staunchest supporters. For a number of years he served as ruling elder in the Brownstown church, and several times represented it in the higher courts of the church.

He was wise and prudent in counsel and his judgement was sought by the other members of the session. He loved the church and most earnestly labored for her prosperity. So long associated in the history of the church at this place, he will be sadly missed, now that his face will be seen no more amid these earthly scenes.

Mr. Burrell was a member of Washington Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M. He was entered as apprentice May 15th, 1851; passed June 10th, 1851, and raised July 5th, 1851; and his connection with that order was remarkable.

