

James K. Hamilton

Occupant Name: James K. Hamilton

Location: **Section E**

Date of Birth: 12/1822

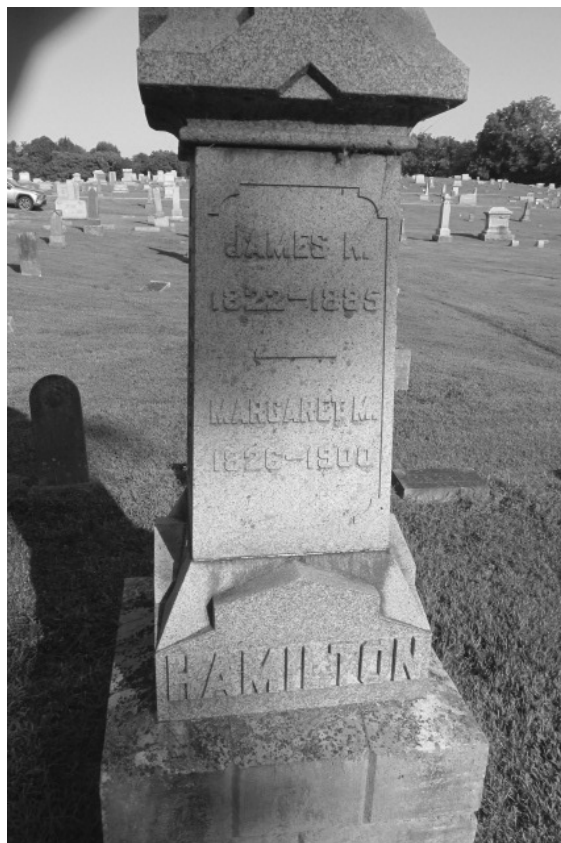
Date of Death: 1885

Date of Burial: 1885

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Death of James K. Hamilton.

It becomes our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of James K. Hamilton, Esq., who breathed his last on Monday evening at 8 1/2 o'clock, at his residence in this place. His sickness was of brief duration, and up to Saturday evening not even his family were apprehensive of a fatal termination. Some ten days before his death he was attacked severely with neuralgia, and to relieve his pain he had several teeth extracted a few days later. While this relieved the neuralgic pains, it did not improve his general condition, and day by day he became weaker and more helpless, until Monday evening last, when he calmly and peacefully passed away. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease of the kidneys, an ailment that for several years past was slowly but surely hastening him to his grave, but of which he was in entire ignorance. He also suffered some from enlargement of the heart, but his death is attributable to the former ailment.

James Knox Hamilton was born in December, 1821, in County Tyrone, Ireland, where he remained until 1850, when he emigrated to America. He came to Jackson County in 1858, and located at Vallonia and engaged in the profession of school teaching. A few years later he came to Brownstown, where the remainder of his life was spent. For a number of years he held the position of School Examiner. He also at various periods in his earlier life served as Justice of the Peace and as Deputy in several of our county offices. In 1872 he was nominated by the Democracy and elected Recorder of Jackson County, and re-elected in 1876. In all positions held by him he discharged the duties with the highest efficiency and unswerving fidelity.

Thus has passed away one of Jackson County's most prominent citizens. Mr. Hamilton was a man who was devotedly attached to his home and family, and he was never so happy and contented as when at his own fireside. He idolized his wife and children, and they in turn manifested undying affection for him. He lived an honorable, upright and useful life, and he died with the innate consciousness of having throughout life sought to discharge his whole duty to God and his fellowmen. His age was about 64 years. A wife and three sons and three daughters survive him, who are almost heart-broken with grief over their bereavement. In their great affliction they have the heartfelt sympathy of the community generally. He has also nine brothers and one sister living, all of whom, we believe, reside in Europe.

The obsequies took place on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains were encased in an elegant casket, upon the lid of which was a silver plate bearing the appropriate inscription—AT REST. Services were conducted at the Presbyterian Church, of which denomination Mr. Hamilton was a devout and consistent member, where an eloquent and impressive discourse was delivered by Rev. E. C. Trimble, of Louisville, after which the cortege proceeded to the new cemetery, where the interment took place. The funeral was very largely attended.