

John R. Hamilton

Occupant Name: John R. Hamilton

Location: **Section D**

Date of Birth: 3/21/1812

Date of Death: 10/8/1894

Date of Burial: 1894

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:



Death of John R. Hamilton.

The crepe on the door of two of our most prominent business houses indicates that death has again invaded our community. This time it is the venerable John R. Hamilton who has joined the silent majority.

Although his death has been hourly expected for several weeks, and life has seemed suspended on a weak and frail thread for three or four years, it carries grief to the hearts of all our older citizens, whose associations with him were ever pleasant in the extreme, and the whole town and community express regrets that he who for 70 years has been a familiar figure in this community, has passed from the scenes of life.

There is none living in or about Brownstown today who can remember the time when John R. Hamilton was unknown here. His memory of scenes and happenings in and about Brownstown antedated that of the oldest living inhabitant, and much valuable local history and legends peculiar to Jackson county, no doubt are buried with him. Even were our personal acquaintances slender, there is a peculiar sorrow in laying to their final resting place those who have lived and participated in the actual scenes of life with which we are familiar only by tradition. John R. Hamilton lived as near to Washington's time and heard his praises sung by those who served under him in the great war for American Independence and remembered him as those who are now young men remember the great Lincoln. He was a babe one year old when Commodore Perry fought the great battles on the lakes and could clearly remember the terrible warfare pursued by the great General Jackson in the South.

The removal of these old men take us more and more out of touch with those important times; then do we wonder that a sense of gloom almost overpowers our energies as these sad events occur.