

## Joseph W. Shirley

Occupant Name: Joseph W. Shirley

Location: Section D

Date of Birth: 1843

Date of Death: 1876

Date of Burial: 1876

Veteran: No

Multiple Occupants: No

Comment:

**Death of Dr. Shirley.**  
Dr. JOSEPH W. SHIRLEY, son-in-law of John R. Hamilton, died at his residence in Watford, Canada, on Saturday night last. His remains were taken to Kentucky for interment, where his mother resides. He leaves a wife and two children. He formerly resided in this place, where he practiced medicine and managed the drug store now owned by Stilwell & Burrell.



### Obituary.

The following tribute to the memory of Dr. JOSEPH W. SHIRLEY, recently deceased, we find in the Watford (Ontario) Guide:

We very much regret that it is our painful duty this week to have to record the death of Dr. Joseph W. Shirley, which mournful event occurred at his residence, Erie street, on Saturday last, aged 33 years. Dr. S. came to this village from Louisville, Ky., about twelve years ago, and taking a fancy to Watford and the surrounding country, he concluded to settle here. Some time after, he opened a drug store, thinking it a good way to form acquaintances, which would aid him in working up a practice at his profession, so as to do good to the afflicted. In this he was very successful. He soon had many warm friends and acquaintances which he drew around him by his genial, affable manners and honest, upright dealings. After a stay of four years he returned to his native country, where he remained for over a year, and in the meantime married Miss M. E. Hamilton, daughter of John R. Hamilton, Esq., a prominent citizen of Brownstown, Ind., whom he leaves a sorrowing widow. Not content there, he again returned, with his wife, and a second time started business in our midst, where he remained, with the exception of one short interval, up to the time of his death. After he returned he met with greater success than ever, his practice becoming so great that at times he found it a difficult task to attend to all; but he never was known to fail to assist in doing good whenever and wherever he could. The poor were never refused relief and due attention the same as the rich; no one was ever turned aside that was ailing, for want of means. No! the generous hearted Dr. could not do that. He was looked on by many as the only one that could give them relief, and miles would be driven, past other physicians, to procure his services. Dr. Shirley's name became a household word with young and old, rich and poor, yes, all. As a physician, we doubt if he had a superior; and the good his skill has done thousands, can never be forgotten. He was a gentleman in every sense of the word, respected and much beloved by all. To say that he had his faults, is to say that he was human. His illness, which commenced about a year ago, was no doubt caused by his being too anxious to help others, and neglected himself. He revived from the first attack, but again was taken down, and endured severe suffering up to the time of his death. He leaves behind a widow and two exemplary children to mourn his untimely loss, who feel that in his death they have lost one of the best and kindest of husbands and fathers.

The funeral, which was the largest that ever passed through our streets, left his late residence at 11 A. M. on Monday last. Previous to this, the Rev. J. Abraham read the 90th Psalm, after which the Rev. Mr. McCartney, W. M. minister, made a very feeling and appropriate prayer, when the Free Masons filed into the room and enacted part of their usual last sad rites to a departed beloved brother, the remainder to be completed at the grave. They then formed into procession and proceeded to the G. W. R. station in the following order: A large number of the Masonic Order—the coffin, carried by six bearers—the medical fraternity—and then followed about five hundred sorrowing friends, all on foot. Owing to the disagreeable state of the roads the mourners were not in the procession, but were conveyed to the depot in a carriage. They started with the remains by the 11:30 train for Louisville, Ky., where the deceased was buried on Wednesday last. Great sympathy is felt for the bereaved widow and family.