

DEATH OF REV. NOAH FLOOD

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The community has for some time been expecting the sad news which came on Tuesday evening. The physicians and friends of Rev. Noah Flood had, several days ago lost all hope of his recovery from the disease which has confined to his bed for nearly six months. His powerful constitution at length yielded, and he breathed his last on Monday, the 11th inst., at 8 o'clock, pm.

Rev. Noah Flood was the son of Joshua Flood, and was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, June 14th, 1809. At the age of eighteen he came to St. Charles in this state, where he engaged in his occupation, that of a tailor. At this time his education was confined to the mere rudiments of English. He determined to improve himself by close application and studied English grammar as he worked, keeping the open book before him on the table. From St Charles, he went to Philadelphia, Missouri, to what was then known as West Ely College, where he remained about two years. From West Ely he went to Shurtliff College, where he studied nearly two years. At the end of this time, he returned to Kentucky, where he was ordained to the ministry and where he preached for some time, studying under Rev. N. Ayres, who still lives to bear testimony to the energy and assiduity of his pupil. From the age of twenty till he was twenty-eight, Rev. Flood was engaged in the arduous struggle to prepare himself mentally for the work of the gospel ministry, to which he felt that he had been called. In 1839, he came to Callaway county where there were then but *two* members of his denomination, Missionary Baptist. Here he remained for nearly twenty years, and through his labours many of the Baptist churches of our county were founded. From Callaway he moved to Fayette, where he was a pastor about five years. going thence to Huntsville, where he remained five or six years. From Huntsville he removed to Boone county and eventually to the town of Columbia, where he died, aged sixty-four years.

His funeral took place at Richland church, six miles from Fulton, on Wednesday last, It was his request that he be buried at Richland, which was near the scene of his first labors in the county. There was a large concourse present. After prayer by Dr. Fisher of Independence, the funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Robinson of Columbia.

DEATH OF HON. JNO. A. FLOOD
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We deeply regret that we are compelled to announce the death of one of Callaway's noblest and most honoured sons Hon. John Augustus Flood. This sad event was not unexpected --his health having been bad for several years -- still, to the host of friends who have long known him well and esteemed him highly, the intelligence that he is no more cannot but be distressing.

He has been stricken down in the midst of the summer of life, almost in the commencement of a career that promised to be one of no ordinary brilliancy, just when success in his profession was assured, when honor at the hands of his fellow citizens who knew and appreciated his ability and worth, were being liberally bestowed upon him,

“and all his promise fair
Has sought the grave to sleep forever there’

Our departed friend was too well and widely known to need any extended eulogium. In this county and indeed in this portion of the State, it is unnecessary to say that as a citizen no one stood higher or was more beloved. As a Christian gentleman he possessed the confidence of all: as a friend he was sincere and faithful; as a lawyer he was industrious and successful, and occupied an enviable position in that profession; and as a representative of his people in the legislative halls, he was efficient and deservingly popular.

Hon. John A. Flood was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, April 13th, 1842. His father, the late Judge Joseph Flood, moved with his family to this county when the subject of this sketch was but four years old. Under the most healthful, moral and religious influence, the lad grew up under the parental roof and early acquired a profound reverence and affection for his godly father, who seems ever after to have exercised a large influence in moulding the character of his son. At the age of fifteen, he entered upon his course of study and graduated, with honor, at Westminster college, in this city, at twenty-one years, choosing the law for his profession. He shortly after entered Harvard law school, at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where he pursued his studies with his accustomed zeal and success. On his return home he entered upon the practice of law, in which he continued for ten years steadily rising in his profession and growing in the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

He was married July 1st, 1868, to Miss Cornelia Machett -- a sister of Mrs. C.C. Hersman. In 1876 he was elected to the State Senate of Missouri, and at once rose to a position of commanding influence. His calm, clear mind, his genial ways, his honest and noble bearing, combined to make him a marked figure in that body from the first, and the more fully he became known, the more cheerfully were the highest honors accorded to him.

With broken health he spent the summer of '77 in California. Returning in autumn, he resumed the practice of law, but soon found that he must settle up his affairs and seek a more congenial climate. Some two years since he went to Colorado visiting a first different place, and finally settling down in Denver, which proved to be his last earthly home. He fell prey to that flattering disease, consumption. His decline was gradual, like the going down of the sun. As his bodily health faded, his spiritual life grew brighter and more beautiful. He thought over all his affairs and made himself ready for the summons. He talked calmly of his condition, and looked for the coming of the great change with a steadfast trust in his Saviour. As so he passed over to the shining shore.