

## Death of Mr. J. M. Stephens

We are called upon again this week to chronicle the passing away of another old landmark of this county, in the death of Mr. J. M. Stephens, better known as "Uncle Matt Stephens", as he was familiarly and affectionately called by all who had the good fortune to be one of his acquaintances. Mr. Stephens died, after a lingering illness at his home at Bunceton, in this county, on last Friday, November 5th, and was in his 74th year. He came to this county in 1818, with his father, Mr. Josiah Stephens, and has lived at his late home most of the time since then. He was an uncle of the late Hon. Joseph L. Stephens, of this city, whose death we were called upon to chronicle a little over a year ago. He leaves a large family of grown sons and daughters in this county, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss. His burial took place last Saturday from their family residence and was one of the largest funerals seen in that section of the county for years. The services were performed by Rev. J. A. T. Henderson. Mr. Stephens was one of Cooper's staunchest and most devoted sons and his life suggests a bright example for those he leaves behind them.

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