

THOMAS MASON SMITH DIES.

Thomas M. Smith was born in West Virginia August 15, 1832; he was reared to manhood in Ohio and Indiana and remained in these states and Illinois until he was thirty years of age. In 1862 he came to Cooper county and after farming here for a few years, removed to Johnson county, but returned to Cooper county in 1873 and remained here until several years ago when he removed to Owensville, Mo. He continued his residence there until a short time prior to his death which occurred at Eugene, in Cole county, Mo., on Saturday night of last week, September 12. The remains were brought to Boonville and interred at Walnut Grove cemetery Monday afternoon beside his wife who died some four or five years before. Funeral services were conducted at the grave by Rev. J. E. Green, pastor of the Boonville Presbyterian church. The active pall bearers were R. W. Whitlow, W. G. Pendleton, Guy Million, D. L. Davis, M. E. Schmidt, E. W. Chilton, M. M. Smith, and N. H. Johnson.

Mr. Smith died from the effects of a stroke of paralysis on one side of his body. His death was rather sudden and was unexpected. He had been at the hotel in Eugene a few days and had just been removed to the home of his son, M. A. Smith, when he died.

Deceased is survived by only one child, M. A. Smith. He was married soon after locating in Cooper county in 1862, to Miss Margaret E. Johnston who, as above stated, died a few years ago. He was a man of sterling honesty and held the confidence and esteem of every one who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. His many years of residence in Cooper county were fraught with evidences of his splendid manhood and citizenship. He died at the age of 82 years, 1 month, and 27 days.