

Death of Benijah Hurt

Benijah Hurt was born in Cooper County, Missouri, May 15, 1848. He departed this life at his farm home eight miles southwest of Boonville, December 15, 1914.

Benijah Hurt and Miss Mary E. Edwards, daughter of Cornelius and Mary A. Edwards, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents November 18, 1873. To this union two daughters were born. They are living and are: Mrs. Leslie Rudolph, Boonville, Mo.' and Mrs. W. A. Salmon, widow, at the home of the departed one. Mrs. Benijah Hurt died September 29, 1880.

Other near relatives of deceased are: brothers, James Hurt and W. A. Hurt, one sister, Mrs. Mollie McFarland, all of Cooper County and residing on farms near Boonville.

Benijah Hurt was a member of Mount Herman Baptist Church, having united with the church in 1876. The funeral services were held at Mt. Herman at two o'clock afternoon of Tuesday, December 17, 1914. Services were conducted by Rev. J. B. Weldon, pastor of the Christian Church of Boonville. Interment at church cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Joe Gillman, R. S. Rankin, D. Robinson, Leonard Schmidt, Albert Adair, and B. D. Jewett.

Although Mr. Hurt was growing old in years, he was a man of strong endurance and a hard worker on his farm. About two weeks ago, Mr. Hurt had two teams at work on his farm hauling fodder from the field to the shed. He, in company with a neighbor, John Bornhauser, were on the rear wagon and, in crossing a branch, the whipple tree of the off horse became loosened and dropped, causing the horses to frighten. The two horses started to run and, with all due effort to control them on the part of the driver, they collided with the wagon in front. In the collision, Mr. Hurt was thrown underneath the horses and was trampled and kicked in the side. Four ribs were broken, two of them in two places. Mr. Bornhauser was thrown out into the field and sustained only slight bruises.

The Hurt family have been identified with Cooper County from the pioneer days of Missouri, and through three generations have borne a name worthy and unsullied. Col. Clayton Hurt, father of William, who was the father of the departed one and who came to Missouri, settling in Cooper County in 1815, now known as Boonville township, was an enterprising citizen. He became a prominent and wealthy farmer and reared a large family of children, eleven in all.

Benijah Hurt was a man of true worth, admired by all who knew him and, in his death, the county loses a most worthy citizen.

To the bereaved ones, the Republican offers sympathy.

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