

## HOME SADDENED IN THE GRIP OF DEATH

Granison M. Johnson—Bysted—Christ-  
mas Day—A Sister-in-Law  
On Sunday

Christmas instead of its joys brought sadness into the home of Granison Johnson in West Slater. After a few weeks suffering from a fall which injured the spine and hip, Mr. Johnson passed away on Tuesday, December 23—aged 84 years. The funeral was held on Christmas day at the Methodist church conducted by Reverend J. E. Norvell, assisted by Reverend J. H. Cleaves. The burial was at Rehoboth cemetery.

The following life sketch was read at the funeral:

"Granison Montgomery Johnson was born in Rutherford county, Tenn., Nov. 26th, 1835. He was married in Carroll Co., on Sept. 27, 1855, to Miss Rebecca Johnson, who died Oct. 7, 1866. To this union was born five children—Mrs. Mollie Adair of Boonville, Mo., Charles E. Johnson of Fairfax, Mo., Robert Johnson of Carrollton, Mo., Mrs. Sallie Bingham who died in 1890, and a son who died in infancy.

He was married a second time Oct. 6, 1871, to Mrs. Mary Hampton McMahan, who died Feb. 22, 1917. To this union were born Mrs. Rosie Oots of Slater, Luke of Jefferson City, William of Ft. Worth, Texas, Mable and Walter, of the home address. He also leaves an aged sister-in-law, Miss Sallie Hampton, who has made her home with the family since 1872; also two step-sons, Robert McMahan, of Salisbury, Mo., and George McMahan of Memphis, Tenn. A week ago last

Saturday Mr. Johnson slipped on the icy crossing, near the Methodist church, and injured his spine and right hip. The fall proved to be fatal. The children came at once, and all was done for him that loving hands could do. He was a patient sufferer, throughout the 17 days he lingered. He passed away peacefully at 10:45 Tuesday night. His death was unusually sad owing to the condition of the aunt in the home, who was unconscious of his death, and seemed throughout the day and night that each might precede the other in death. He was an old Confederate soldier, in Shelby's Brigade, Gordon's Regiment, Jo Elliotts Company of cavalry, and served thru the war and received his cross of honor a few years ago. His life was clean and he was faithful in every relation of life, in fact, he was on an errand of mercy when he received his fatal fall. His life was unostentatious, and he was ready to meet the God whom he had so long served. For a number of years he was a member of the Good Hope Baptist church."