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JUDGE ELSTON DIES FROM PNEUMONIA AT HIS HOME IN ELSTON

Former Member of County
Court Was 81 Years Old
and as Born and Reared
on Farm Where He Died;
Highly Respected Citizen.

Judge George Elston, probably Cole County's oldest native-born citizen, died at his home in Elston yesterday at the age of 81 years following an illness of six weeks which started from an attack of pneumonia. The strain on Judge Elston's system as a result of the attack was too great and he gradually grew weaker from the time the attack until he passed away.

Judge Elston served Cole County in a most creditable manner and was a member of County Court when the courthouse, which was destroyed by fire, was constructed. He was a son of the late Major, A. M. Elston, a pioneer settler of Cole County, who owned the farm where his son was born and died.

Judge Elston is survived by his wife, two sons, Dr. Burnham Elston of Kansas City and Don Elston of Elston, and daughter, Mrs. Gay Lukens of Kansas City.

He was a strict member of the Baptist Church, and had been a pillar in the church in that vicinity for many years.

It was said yesterday that Judge Elston is perhaps the oldest man in Cole County or Central Missouri to spend a lifetime on the same farm.

No funeral arrangements have been made pending the arrival of his children from Kansas City but it is expected that services will be held at the Baptist Church. Burial will be made in the family burial plot in the cemetery there, it was said.