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W. J. MCFARLAND DIED CHRISTMAS DAY

WAS ONE OF COUNTY'S MOST
PROMINENT FARMERS

Funeral Services Held Sunday at
Bethel, With Burial at Walnut Grove

William J. McFarland, a lifelong resident of Cooper County and one of the county's prominent farmers, passed away at his home early Friday morning, following a severe and lingering illness of several months.

Mr. McFarland was born September 9, 1863, the son of A. W. and Mary Catherine (Hurt) McFarland, on the McFarland farm in Clark Fork township.

After reaching manhood on his father's farm Mr. McFarland engaged in farming for himself, making his place one of the most attractive and most progressive in his community. He was married on November 3, 1886, to Miss Mollie Eller, a daughter of Davis and Martha Eller, and of the five children born to the union four survive. They are: Wilbur J. McFarland, Mrs. William Mersey, Mrs. Wilbur Farris and Mrs. Gordon Mitchell. Another son, Percy, died at the age of nineteen. He is also survived by his mother and two sisters.

In 1887 Mr. McFarland united with the Bethel Presbyterian Church, where he had served for many years as elder and also as Sunday school superintendent. He was also a member of the Modern Woodmen of America.

Funeral services were held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, December 27, at Bethel Church, interment following at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Boonville. Rev. F. P. Brewster, of King City, conducted the services, and the pallbearers were: G. W. Jewett, P. C. Nuckols, James Hickam, J. R. Gillman, Harry Kirohner, and Charles Lankford.

Through the death of Mr. McFarland the county lost one of its outstanding men, a man progressive and public spirited and of admirable character and personality. He was widely known and liked and held in great esteem by his many friends.