

Wm. A. Smith 71, of Prairie Home Is Dead

Life-Long and Useful Citizen
of Cooper County
Dies Saturday

SPENT MOST OF
LIFE AS FARMER

Funeral Services For Father
Of Mrs. Harold Mills
Held Monday

William A. Smith, 71 years old, highly respected and life-long citizen of the Prairie Home community died at his home north of Prairie Home Saturday morning following a lingering, painful illness. He was the seventh of a family of nine children of Jeremiah and Letitia (George) Smith and was born on April 24, 1860, on a farm near Prairie Home. He came of a sturdy pioneer stock, his grandfather, Thomas Smith having come to Missouri from Tennessee in 1817, a few years before Missouri became a state. In early life Mr. Smith was converted and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian church afterward uniting with the Prairie Home Baptist church. He was a loyal, devoted member, serving the church conscientiously as its treasurer for many years, always found ready to do his part in every department of the church work, and faithful in his attendance unless prevented by illness.

On Nov. 29, 1883 he was married to Miss Bettie Muir of Bunceton who died less than a year ago. Two children were born to them, Mamie, now Mrs. Harold Mills of Boonville, and Elmer, who died in August, 1921. Beside the daughter there are four grandchildren, Mrs. Henry Graham, of Fayette, Jerome Mills of Boonville, Harry and Mildred Smith of Marselles, Ill. He leaves also three sisters, Mrs. Alice Stiffler of Denver, Colo., Mrs. Mattie Franklin of Worland, Mo., and Mrs. Josie Koontz of Fulton and one brother, R. Boone Smith, of near Boonville.

Most of his life was spent on the farm near where he was born. In 1914 he moved to Prairie Home and some years later to the farm north of Prairie Home where he died. Mr. Smith was a good man, living his life quietly and conscientiously.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at three o'clock from the Prairie Home Baptist church, in charge of Rev. Loyal E. Brown, pastor, assisted by Rev. H. C. Clark of Boonville and Rev. W. J. Snow. A male quartette, Rev. Brown, L. L. Williamson, Lewin Korse, and N. D. Patrick, with Mrs. U. J. Logan at the piano, rendered some favorite songs of Mr. Smith. Pallbearers were Perry Dungan, Roger Q. Mills, Frank McDonald, U. G. Southerland, William J. Hurt, and H. L. Carpenter. Burial was made in the family plot at the Walnut Grove cemetery at Boonville.

Among those from a distance who attended the funeral were Mrs. Josie Koontz and daughter, Miss Alice, of Fulton; Mrs. Ida Hazel, of Des Moines, Ia.; Carr Ewan of St. Louis; Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mills, of Webb City; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mills and Harry and Mildred Smith, of Marselles, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graham, of Fayette; Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Simmons and daughter, of Syracuse; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Mills, of Boonville; Charles E. Stemmons of Sedalia.

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