

Obituaries of Cooper Countians 1840-1849

21 Apr 1842
Jacob Wyan

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DEATH OF MR. WYAN

An unwelcome task is thrown on our hand this week. We have to announce the death of Jacob Wyan, one of the oldest and most respected inhabitants of this City, whose remains were followed to the grave on the 21st instant, by a large concourse of mourning friends. He died on the 20th, after a long and painful illness, which ended his days, and which he bore with Christian meekness and fortitude. Mr. Wyan was in his 70th year - was born and raised in Hagerstown, Maryland, where he was left an orphan when young. From Maryland he moved to Rockingham, Virginia. There he remained several years, embracing religion and attaching himself to the Methodist Church. From Virginia he removed to Kentucky - and remained there until 1819, then he moved to Missouri and settled in Boonville, the place of his death. It may well be said of him that he was the architect of his own fortune. He was enterprising and, frugal in his habits, correct in his business, and best beloved by those who knew him. May the large and respected family who are here to lament his loss to them, revere his example and emulate his virtues. His remains were accompanied to the tomb by the Masonic fraternity of this City, who assisted by the Grand Lecturer of the States, performed the last office of humanity at the grave in a most impressive and solemn manner.

23 Sep 1848
Jael nee' Kavanaugh Woods

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By request the TIMES reproduced the obituary of Mrs. Jael (nee KAVANAUGH) WOODS, whose death occurred 23 Sept. 1848. She was the Great Grandmother of Mrs. W. H. Yontz of Tipton, Missouri. Submitted by Barbara Doty, it reads as follows:

DIED - At Frances Smith's, in Cooper County, near Palestine, on Saturday morning 23 September 1848 at 7:00 O'clock, of a chronic disease, something like consumption. Mrs. Jael (KAVANAUGH) WOODS, the consort of the late Rev. Peter WOODS who died in 1825. She was born A.D. 1765, aged 83 years, 5 months and 25 days. She was the mother of 16 children, and according to her own calculation, as made out in November 1845, she was the grandmother of 104 children, and the great grandmother of 91 children. She has been a professor of the religion of Jesus Christ from early life, and a large circle of acquaintances in Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri will bear testimony to her zeal in the cause of religion. She had lived to a good old age, had completed on earth all that was for her to do, and when the summons came she had nothing remaining to do but ask her children to rejoice at her departure, and then die. It was once said upon the announcement of the death of a wise and respected man that on the occasion it is honorable to weep: Then on this occasion it is equally honorable to rejoice since death is to her, the opening door to Eternal felicity in the Paradise of God. In her younger days she employed a portion of her time in composing spiritual songs on various subjects and have been greatly used in congregations and with great effects. They are now in the hands of some of her children. We cannot close this notice without making a tender, of due thanks, to the neighbors and friends of the deceased for their kind attentions and assistance during her last illness. And to Mrs. Corum, in particular, who after she had done the last office of kindness for the deceased, in a spontaneous burst of affection, exclaimed that: "I have been taught from my infancy to reverence the name of "Old Aunt Jael Woods."