

DEATH OF MICHAEL SILLS

Sketch of Life that Was Useful to Community in Which He Lived.

Michael Sills, the subject of this sketch was born in Wells county, January 11, 1842 and departed this life December 4, 1907; aged 65 years 10 months and 23 days. He was united in marriage to Mary E. Murray April 15, 1866 and to this union were born six children, --John W., Jennie S., wife of Henry Batson, Oliver, Albert D Furman and Denton. The eldest son, John W., preceded his father to the better land, dying at the age of fourteen years. Besides the children mentioned above, his wife, two brothers, Oliver and Jacob Sills, ten grandchildren and a wide circle of friends and neighbors are left to mourn the loss of one who will be sadly missed in the Salem neighborhood where Mr. Sills had lived for eighteen years and for the past fifteen years had been a tenant on the same farm which is now the property of Mrs. Elihu Crandell of Warren.

Mr. Sills was a member of the Christian church but his religion was of the quite, practical Golden Rule kind which finds its greatest activity in doing good to others. He was known far and wide for his open-hearted hospitality. No one asked in vain for aid at his door, if it was in his power to assist them. He fulfilled Paul's injunction to not be forgetful to entertain strangers and without doubt he many a time entertained angels unawares.

The funeral services were held from the South Liberty Christian church at 10:30 Friday with Rev. Lewis Huffman in charge. The burial was in the Snow cemetery.

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