

## PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES

### John Gaddis for Many Years Prominent in Business and Social Life of this City Died last Thursday

John Gaddis, who has been a prominent figure in the business and social life of this city since moving to this county in 1871, died at his home on Sixth street last Thursday at 8:53 a. m.

Mr. Gaddis has been falling in health for some time and on Saturday, May 8th took with a complication of diseases, living only five days. The deceased was born in Mansfield, Ohio, March 26th, 1836 and died at his home in Fairfield, Ill., May 13th, 1915 aged 79 years month and 17 days.

When he was a very small boy his parents moved from Mansfield to Evansville, Ind., where the family suffered the loss of the mother and in only three short years the father died, leaving six children, the oldest not over fifteen years of age, with no relatives to care for them. The oldest George and John, were apprenticed to learn the Carpenter and Cabinet Makers trade and the other children placed so as to receive the attention and care of the two oldest brothers.

Time soon passed and all became of age becoming good citizens and self supporting. John Gaddis soon became established in the contracting and furniture business in Olney, Ill., under the name of Gaddis Bros and latter under the name of Gaddis Bros. & Co.

In 1858 he was married to Miss Mandana Walton and to this union one daughter was born, Mrs. A. S. Jessop. and on Oct. 29th, 1860 he suffered the loss of his wife. He was married again to Miss Ann Priscilla Still, Aug. 8th, 1861, and to this union was born twelve children—John, Edwin, Wm. Alfred, Jacob H., Walters Chalmers, Priscilla Marie, Elam Fredrick, Robert U., Fannie C., Frank, Bert N. and Donald and Dorothy, twins, six of whom have preceded him in death, John E., Fannie, Elam, Frank, and Donald and Dorothy.

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Mr. Gaddis was energetic in all things and always courageous and staunch for the right as he saw it. He was liberal and broad minded and he has left an impression on the community in which he lived that will always be an inspiration for the higher and better things of life. He was a member of the Christian church of Wayne City and lived a faithful and consistent christian life until the end.

Funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church Sunday at three thirty by Elder U. S. Johnson and interment in the Maple Hill cemetery.

The following relatives and friends attended the funeral from a distance: T. W. Gaddis, Vincennes, Ind.; Louie Gaddis, of Flora, Ill.; Miss Kate Gaddis, Olney; Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jessop, Xenia, Ill.; Mrs. Morris, Salem; C. W. Gaddis, and son, Mt. Sterling, Ill.; J. H. Gaddis, Weatherford, Okla.; Wm. A. Gaddis, Poplar Bluff, Mo; Mrs. E. Fisher, Eaton, Ohio, sister of Mrs. John Gaddis; Waver Pixley, of Mexico, Mo.