

Reynolds Cemetery Book by Nola Rains (no name or date of newspaper; no headline)

Death has taken from our midst our father and friend William Elzey, born March the 8th 1825. On June the 25, 1904 he sank into that solemn sleep which in this world knows no awakening. We cannot grieve at our loss for we feel assured it is his gain. Our father just fall in the great pathway of existence will long live in the hearts of all who knew him. He was kind and loving, good and gentle. Purity, sincerity and charity were the active living principles that guided his life, frank, candid and sincere. He believed in the power of kindness and gave freely to others the right hand that he claimed for himself. He knew that no one can be forced into kindness, that epithets cannot convince, that curses are not arguments and that the finger of scorn never points towards heaven. One who leads such a life as our father has led had no need to fear death nor what may possibly follow after it. One who faithfully discharges his duty according to the sphere in life he occupies has no need to regret at leaving this state of existence. If his actions have been governed by the principles of right and justice towards his fellow man he neither fears to meet him in life nor to part with him at the hour of death. He was perfectly willing to meet the consequences of a well spent life.

In the year 1836 he came to Adams Co. with his father William, from Clinton Co, Ohio. The same fall hepld lay off (sic), Decatur and ever since has lived in and near the city. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Sarah Andrews, to this union were given nine children, six boys and three girls; 28 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. His wife, two girls and one boy passed over to the great beyond some years ago.

Nola Rains Note: Elzey, William E., 8 Mar 1825 - 25 Jun 1904; 84y 8m 17d; Son of William Elzey; married Sarah Andrews Elzey, Sarah Ann, 18 Oct 1819 - 19 Jan 1881; 61y 3m 1d; Wife of William E. Elzey - Maiden name: Andrews.

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William Elzey, a pioneer citizen of Adams county, died Saturday afternoon at his home in Decatur. He was about 70 years of age.