

Branson Cranor was born in Wayne Co., Indiana on November 18, 1842 and died December 17, 1893, 57y 29d, after a three day illness. His parents are Nathan and Rebecca Cranor. When young he moved to Delaware Co., Indiana. His parents had seven sons and five daughters. Branson, who was a farmer, moved to Jay County in 1861. He was married to Margarette Jane Crisler on Feb. 6, 1862. They have seven children, four boys and three girls, the oldest daughter died in infancy. All the rest survive. In the Civil War he joined Oct. 13, 1864 and served to the end of the war. In 1870 he bought 80 acres in Green Two. In 1873, he converted and joined the U.B. Church. Funeral services were at Hopewell Church on December 20, 1893 by Rev. W.H. Shepherd.

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Branson Craner was born in Wayne County, Indiana on November 18, 1842, departed this life after being confined to his bed only three days on December 17, 1893, aged 57 years and 29 days.

While he was yet young, his father and mother, Nathan and Rebecca Craner moved to Delaware County. After the family grew up, which was composed of 12 children, seven boys and 5 daughters, Branson came to Jay County in the year 1861 and continued in the occupation of farming.

He was married to Margarette Jane Crisler on February 6, 1862. To this union there were 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls, all of whom mourn the loss of a dear father, except the oldest son that departed this life in his infancy.

He responded to the call of his country on October 13, 1864 and served until the close of the war.

Bro. Cranor leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters, and a host of friends to mourn him; sister Cranor loses a loving husband, the children a kind and affectionate father, the community a good citizen and the church a worthy member.

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