

JOHN F. RUSH

John F. Rush, son of William E. and J.A. Rush, died at the residence of his parents in Auburn, Ind., Jan. 20, 1887, aged 40 years, 1 month and 12 days. Deceased was born in Royalton, Fairfield county, Ohio, Dec. 8, 1846. He came with his parents to Indiana in 1855, and resided in DeKalb and Steuben counties most of his life since that date, until about four years ago, when he went to Pomeroy, Washington Ty. While yet a mere boy he went out in the world to gain his own livelihood, and wherever employed gained the respect and regard of his employers by thorough and faithful attention to his duties, and his pleasant, sunny disposition.

He was the eldest brother in a family of eleven children, nine of whom attained manhood and womanhood. His youngest brother died four years ago. One brother died in the service of his country. John also enlisted but was discharged in a few months because of his youthful appearance and light weight. Soon after he served an apprenticeship of three years at the tinner's trade and in 1871 entered the employ of L.I. Matson, of Pleasant Lake, with whom he remained until 1878 when he was employed by the Ft. Wayne & Jackson R.R. Co. as their agent, and was in their service at Pleasant Lake and Auburn, with the exception of a few months, until 1882, when he resigned to go to the far West with the hope of regaining his failing health. By his genial manner he soon won many warm friends in that new country.

He was postmaster at Pomeroy for eighteen months, and was then elected Auditor of Garfield county. During the first two years of his stay in Pomeroy his health improved, but it was not permanent; he again began to fail, and when it became evident that he could not probably recover, and longing to return to his old home in Auburn, he resigned, considering it a matter of duty and honor to do so. He seemed not to aspire to wealth or position so much as to have the confidence of his employers and friends. He was implicitly trusted and esteemed most by those who knew him best in all the relations of public and private life. Although in poor health for several years, he kept up and at work with a determination seldom equaled. He bore his protracted sufferings with a philosophical cheerfulness that was most remarkable, and gave his friends full assurance of his firm faith in the future existence. He leaves an aged father and mother, three sisters and three brothers to mourn his loss, besides his beloved companion. He was united in marriage to Lucina V. Murray, at Pleasant Lake, Indiana, Dec. 9, 1872, who survives him, and whose faithful care during all these months of suffering has been unflinching and unceasing in its loving devotion. Funeral services were held Sunday, January 23, at the M.E. church in Auburn under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity, Rev. Yocum, of Fort Wayne, officiating. The services were largely attended and the remarks of Mr. Yocum were very excellent and appropriate.

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