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THE PAGES OF AN EVENTFUL LIFE

Mourned by a Community Whom He Faithfully Served,
Hon. J. L. Coryell is Buried Amid the Scenes of His Joys and Sorrows

As was announced in these columns last week. Hon. J. L. Coryell died at his residence in this place last Thursday evening at 5:15, after an illness extending over the past three months which was a general giving way of the system.

J. L. Coryell was born in Liberty township, Feb. 22, 1830, making his age 61 years, 10 months and 16 days. He was the oldest child in a family of three children. His father Salathiel Coryell, a native of Mason county, Ky.

While his education consisted of such developments only as the common school system in the earlier days of Adams county afforded, yet by his own application in school and out of school, he secured an enviable reputation as a man who was well informed upon most subjects pertaining to a liberal education. In addition to his having taught several district schools, he was the first Principal of West Union school under a graded system and the first teacher that occupied the new building on the same site where the present new building now stands.

In the fall of 1859 he was elected Auditor of Adams county, and was re-elected to the same position in 1861. In 1864 he was elected Justice of the Peace of Tiffin township in addition to which he did service as a surveyor which avocations occupied his mind until 1869 when he was elected Probate Judge, serving in this important office for three successive terms. He was elected Representative in 1879, and re-elected in 1881. He was Justice of the peace and President of the Board of Education of West Union at the time of his death. He was admitted to the practice of law in 1875.

It is essential to enumerate the above facts to properly indicate the high esteem in which the deceased was regarded by his constituency and they fully exemplify the degree of faith in his fitness and honor.

His official life was characterized by simplicity and justice with, the highest sense of honor and responsibility. His home life was but a repetition of the conduct of his official life. Plainness, pleasantness and happiness seemed to assert themselves in every movement whether social or political.

J. L. Coryell was first married to Mary McMgranaghan, who died in 1866. By this union there were born four children, three of whom still live, as follows; Mrs. Lydia Burwell, wife of Orlando Burwell, of Cincinnati; Mrs. Nannie Naylor, wife of attorney C.C.W. Naylor, of Manchester; W.C. Coryell, who has made his home with his father; Mrs. Julia Hughes, who died at her home in Manchester, was the youngest child, and the only child dead.

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His first wife dying in March, 1866, he was again married in November 1869, to Mrs. Hannah McFerren, widow of the late Major John E. McFerren. There seems to have been nothing, so long as it has been our pleasure to know Judge Coryell, either in public or private life, in any degree mar his happiness, but on the other hand, he has lived along in uninterrupted enjoyment, doing good to those of his family and to the community in which he lived. It would be difficult in any community to find a character who had served so long and so well in public positions bestowed upon him by elective franchise.

It may be truthfully said that Judge Coryell had not an enemy. It was his pleasure to bless the little ones, to comfort the distressed, and give alms to the poor.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. N.W. Darlington at the Presbyterian church on Sunday at 10 o'clock. Notwithstanding the unpleasantness of the weather, the large audience room was crowded with sorrowing friends, anxious to pay the last tribute of respect to one they loved and honored. When the time came for the last look at the deceased upon earth, there was scarcely an eye that did not shed tears of sorrow among the large throng. His body was interred in the highest portion of the old cemetery, overlooking the scenes of his joys and sorrows.

He leaves a life untarnished, unsullied. Peace to his ashes.

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