

JOHN F. WAGONER (1830-1905)

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John W. Wagoner, who fell asleep in Jesus, February 26, 1905 was born 75 years ago in Kentucky. He came to Missouri with his parents when a young man and for 55 years had lived near Odessa where he made many friends and no enemies. He was married when about 28 years old to Miss Kansas Robinson who survives him.

To this union were born eight children, one of whom died in infancy. The remaining seven are: W.A. Wagoner of Miami, I.T., Mrs. Fida Green of Pueblo, Col., Mrs. Lillie Clevenger, who died several years ago in Kansas City, Mrs. Lewella Nicholson who died at Lone Jack, MO in 1899 (?), Mrs. Jessie Whitlock of La Plata, Mo., Mrs. Anna Cobb and Mrs. Bertha Smith of near Pittsville, Mo.

Uncle John as he was familiarly known, was one of God's noblemen. Never in the bosom of mortal man throbbed a truer heart. He was honest, truthful, industrious, as a citizen. He was forbearing, peaceable and kind in his home life. He was for three-score years a faithful, consistent, and active in the church of his choice, which was the ME Church, south. He united with this church in Kentucky. After coming to this state he transferred his membership to McKindree Chapel, where he was a most faithful member until the Woods Chapel church was organized one mile from his farm. he then moved his membership to this church, where he became one of its chief promoters, helping liberally with his means to build its house of worship; always present in every service until declining health made his place vacant. He loved his church. For her his prayers ascended. To her his toils and cares were given till toils and cares have ended. The community will miss him. The family will miss him, and, most of all, the faithful companion who fought the battles of life by his side from early youth to the day of his death; who suffered and toiled and payed with him to the rearing of a large family, will miss him.

Oh! how "John" will be missed by her as she waits a little while for the Savior's welcome call to come and join him, and other loved ones gone before, in the mansions of the Heavenly Home. May the Holy Spirit comfort and keep her, and may every member of the family so live and trust in Him who has power to save, that in the "Sweet by and by" the whole family, now broken and scattered, may be reunited without one broken link in the Heavenly Home. C.F. Whitlock

The above article was sent in by Pamela Wagoner. It is a bit "flowery" but is representative of the times. The Rev. Charles Francis Whitlock (1860- ??) who wrote this memoriam was married to John F. Wagoner's daughter, Jessie Candace Wagoner (1871-1958). Charles Francis Whitlock was born in Yadkin Co., NC the son of Rowland Hial Whitlock & Minerva Ann Buchanan. This family is detailed on our WHITLOCK87 chart.

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