

JAMES CAMPBELL OF MACOUPIN CO., ILLINOIS

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JAMES CAMPBELL., ESQ., justice of the peace and formerly police magistrate of Virden, Macoupin County, and one of the city's venerable and most highly esteemed citizens was born June 7, 1821, in New Jersey. He is a son of Charles Muir and Agnes (Schenck) Campbell, the former of whom was born in Scotland, of Scotch parents. The mother was of Dutch ancestry.

Our subject received a good, common school education, the best the time and locality afforded, and his father taught him his own trade, that of coach and harness making. This he followed until 1840, when he sought a home in the fertile farming lands of the West, locating in Jersey County, Illinois. There he engaged in farming until 1854 and then moved to Sangamon County, where he continued to farm until 1873, when he settled at Virden. Here he became one of the enterprising citizens and was son elected police magistrate, a position he filled with much credit to himself and benefit to the city. For the past 15 years he has filled the office of justice of the peace at Virden, bringing to it dignity, experience and judgment, and his impartial decisions have gained him the respect and esteem of his fellow citizens. Despite the weight of 82 years, his eye is bright, his brain alert, his perceptions as quick as those of a man many years his junior. Mr. Campbell is a great lover of music.

In 1841 Mr. Campbell married Catherine Whitlock who died in 1873, a few months after the family located at Virden. To this union were born 10 children, all of whom still survive, as follows: Charles W.; Jennetta A., widow of George E. Warwick; Edward A.; James; Margaret C., widow of Daniel H. Warwick; John Morgan; Agnes S.; Catherine M.; Ferdinand S.; and Mary Caroline, wife of John Beasley. He also has 27 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom regard him with the deepest respect and affection. In politics he is identified with the Democratic party.

Catherine Whitlock shown in this biography is Catherine Morrell Whitlock (1822-1873) the eldest daughter of Roger Haddock Whitlock (1800-1877) and his wife Gertrude Schuyler Schenck (1802-1837) who were married in Middletown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey Nov.22,1821. This family is detailed on the WHITLOCK16 chart. As both James Campbell and Catherine Morrell Whitlock's mother's maiden names were Schenck it would be interesting to know if they were related. Gertrude Schuyler Schenck's parents were Peter Voorhees & Sarah (Shepard) Schenck but I do not know who Agnes Schenck's parents were.

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