

Obituary

William Vandever was born in White County, Tenn. Sept. 3rd 1818, and died near Summers, Ark. at the home of his son, G. A. Vandever., Feb. 11th 1909. He came to Arkansas in the year 1858 where he resided until 1863 when he moved to Illinois, he remained in Illinois only three years, returning to Arkansas in 1866, remaining on the same farm till about two years ago he sold his farm and bought property in Lincoln where he resided till last Summer, when his health became so bad his son took him to his home to care for him while he lived, "Uncle Billie" as he was familiarly called was beloved by all who knew him, he had been a member of the Christian Church about 20 years, and had at all times manifested an upright christian spirit. Of late he had looked forward to death as a relief to his suffering he had been a sufferer for about 15 years with rheumatism which finally caused his death. He leaves an aged wife and one son and several grandchildren also a nephew,— James Vandever who lives near Westville, and Mrs. P. N. Frazier, a niece, of this place.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Robert Marshall of the M. E. Church, he was laid to rest in the Beaty graveyard in the presence of a large crowd of friends and neighbors. While we are all filled with sorrow at his death, we have the assurance that he has won a crown of glory and henceforth will rest from his labors while the good that he did during his pilgrimage here will go on. Blessed are they that die in the Lord, Oh! what a comfort in time of trouble those words are. And now dear sorrowing ones let us not weep for he weeps no more. I remember how he said to me the last time I talked with him, and tears ran down his cheeks "I long to go my body is so worn out, and I am so tired" so let us not weep, but rather rejoice that he is free from pain. N. B. FRAZIER.