

OBITUARY

Death of Hon. David M. Woodson.

A Carrollton dispatch of Sunday last announces the death, at that place, at noon of that day, of Hon. David M. Woodson, for more than a quarter of a century a prominent citizen of Greene county and Central Illinois, having in that time occupied many positions of trust and profit. Judge W. was a brother-in-law of Dr. McDowell, of St. Louis, by first marriage, and Hon. Wm. C. Kennett by the second. His disease was ulceration of the bladder. A special to the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* gives the following sketch of the deceased:

He was born in Jessamine county, Kentucky, May 19, 1806; was admitted to the bar before he reached his majority, and was elected a member of the Kentucky Legislature as a Whig in 1831. He was the youngest member of the body, and cast one of the votes that elected Henry Clay member of the United States Senate. In 1833 he came to Carrollton, and in 1837 was elected Probate Judge of the county. A year later the Governor appointed him States Attorney for the district. In 1849 the Whigs elected him as a member of the Legislature, although the county was strongly Democratic. In 1848 he was a candidate for Congress, but was defeated by Stephen A. Douglas. In 1847 he was chosen as a member of the Convention to revise the State Constitution. The next year he was elected Judge of the First Judicial Circuit, a position which he held for eighteen years, declining a fourth re-election in 1867. The Governor in 1848 appointed him to fill a vacancy in the Supreme Court for a short time. (This vacancy was caused by the resignation of Judge S. D. Lockwood, whom Judge Woodson succeeded. — ED. JOURNAL.) He was for the third time chosen a legislator, in 1868. While he held this position his son, John M. Woodson, was in the Senate from Macoupin county. Judge Woodson was married in 1836 to Miss McDowell, of Kentucky, who died in 1838. Two years later he married Miss Julia Kennett, formerly of Kentucky, who died early in 1876. By his first marriage he had one son, Hon. John M. Woodson; by his second marriage, one daughter, now the wife of H. O. Withers, his law partner. Judge Woodson was a man of remarkable probity and dignity of character and of great intellectual powers. As a lawyer he has been connected with some of the most important cases known to the jurisprudence of the State; as a Judge, his righteousness was never questioned. The funeral will be conducted by the Masonic fraternity, Tuesday, at 12:30 p. m., in this city.