

Obituary.

We are pained to learn by private telegram of the decease of Hon. James Semple, for nearly half a century identified with the best interests of the state.

This bereavement occurred at his late residence at Elmhurst, near Grafton, in Jersey county, Illinois, this morning, at four o'clock.

The deceased was a model gentleman of the good old school, of commanding person, of most courteous manners, and large general attainments.

He filled a number of offices of honor and responsibility in this state, and represented Illinois in the United States senate from 1843 to 1847, to fill an unexpired term.

He was born on the advent of the present century, and was consequently, about sixty-six years of age. Of his fatal sickness, we only learn that it was sudden. He leaves a large and afflicted family, and a circle of acquaintances who are all friends, all over the state to deplore this sudden bereavement. Thus passes away, one by one, the noble generation which bound us to the past. But a little while and nothing will remain of them but the memories of their excellent examples, their private worth and their public service.

An able pen will, doubtless, do better justice to the deceased, whose biography deserves ampler mention than our brief time and limited materials permit.