

Death of David Meade Woodson.

On Sunday last our town was thrown into a state of mourning over the announcement of the death of Hon. David Meade Woodson. Notwithstanding it has been almost daily expected for several weeks, the blow came heavy when it was announced. He died at his residence in this city at 12 o'clock, m. and was 71 years of age. His was a malignant disease of the bladder. Judge Woodson was born in Jessamine county, Ky., in May, 1806, but removed to Greene county and settled in Carrollton in 1838. He began the practice of law before he had arrived at the age of 21. At the age of 25 he was elected to the Kentucky legislature as a whig; in 1837 he was elected probate judge of Greene county; in 1838 he was appointed state's attorney. He was a member of the Illinois legislature as a whig in 1840; in 1844 he ran against the late Stephen A. Douglas for congress and was defeated. And in 1845 was an active member of the convention that revised the constitution of the state. In 1848 he was elected judge of the first judicial circuit, and the same year was appointed by the governor to fill a vacancy in the supreme court. He continued to act as circuit judge until 1867, when he declined a re-election. He served his last term in the legislature in 1868, since which time he has followed his profession as a lawyer in company with his son-in-law, Hon. H. C. Withers.

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The following resolutions were passed by Carrollton Lodge and Hugh DePayen Commandery:

ASYLUM HUGH DEPAYEN'S COMMANDERY, NO. 29, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.—
At a stated convolve held on Monday evening, August 27, A. D. 1877, A. O. 759, the committee appointed for the purpose, presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, An alarm has come to the door of our asylum, and the messenger has removed Sir Knight David Meade Woodson from his warfare on earth, to receive his reward in the Grand Council of Heaven; in token of our esteem for his many virtues and knightly character

Be it Resolved, That in his death our Commandery has lost a valiant and magnanimous Sir Knight, who was ever ready to draw his sword in the cause of truth, justice and national liberty.

Resolved, That we hereby tender his family and relatives our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

Resolved, That the Commandery banner be draped in mourning for ninety days, and the Sir Knights of this Commandery wear grape on the hilt of their swords for the same period.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of the Commandery, and furnished for publication in the city papers, and that a copy

under seal of the Commandery is hereby
alated of the family of our deceased
brother.

CLINTON ARMSTRONG,

Eminent Commander.

ALBERT WILLIAM LINDSAY GUN,

Recorder.

WHEREAS, The doors of our Lodge
have been invaded by the great leveler,
Death, by whose hand our late Past
Master, David Meade Woodson, has
been removed from our midst; therefore

Be it Resolved, That we fully realize
our loss in the removal of our brother;
but, whilst we deplore such loss, we
will cherish a vivid recollection of his
social qualities and Masonic virtues.

Resolved, That we tender the sym-
pathy of our fraternity to the relatives
of our deceased brother, in this their
deep affliction; and we assure them
that we deem it our sad pleasure, as
well as our Masonic duty on this occa-
sion, to comply with the admonition of
Holy Writ, in its direction to "mourn
with those who mourn."

Resolved, That in attestation of our
grief at this affliction, the craftsmen
will wear the usual badge of mourning
for the period of thirty days, and that
our lodge room be draped in mourning
during the same period.

Resolved, That these resolutions be
spread upon the lodge record, and that
our Worshipful Master and Secretary be
requested to certify the same to the
relatives of the deceased.

Resolved, That our Secretary furnish
a copy of the above to each of the
newspapers published in our midst for
publication.

JOHN RAINEY,

J. G. REED,

GEO. W. DAVIS,

W. P. MARMON,

Z. A. MORROW.