

J. F. Smith, Former Cooper Countian Dies

Succumbed to Heart Disease at
Home Near Jasper—Funeral
Here Wednesday

J. F. Smith, a former Cooper Countian, died at his home near Jasper, Mo., Monday following an illness of heart trouble. He was 84 years old. The body was brought to Boonville Wednesday afternoon, and taken to Walnut Grove Cemetery, where short services were held by Rev. H. J. Rand of the Boonville Methodist church. Pallbearers were Fred Neef, John Fisher, W. F. Bleckman, Archie Elchman, Mitt Helm, and Henry Day.

Mr. Smith was born in Cooper County July 12, 1866, the son of John A. and Mary Kessler Smith. On Nov. 13, 1888, he was married to Miss Sophia M. Rhirie. Two children were born to them, Ethel, now Mrs. W. H. Liddle of Bethany, Mo., and Vera, who died in infancy. Mr. Smith spent most of his life in Cooper County. He engaged in farming for several years and then engaged in business at Blackwater. From Blackwater he moved to Johnson County near Holden, staying there about two years. He then moved to Boonville, and from there went to Barton County, where he died.

He is survived by Mrs. Smith and one daughter; by five sisters, Mrs. Josie Martin of Washington; Mrs. Rose Widel, Blackwater; Mrs. Anna Berry, Boonville; Mrs. Bertha Schneck, Joy, Ill.; Mrs. Minnie Meyer, Boonville; by two brothers, Albert Smith, Boonville; George Smith, Pilot Grove. He also leaves one grandson, John William Liddle.

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