

David, son of John and Catharine Werking, was born at Emmetsburg, Frederick county, Maryland, February 9, 1823. In 1837 his parents moved in wagons to Indiana, settling at Cambridge City. At the age of about seventeen, he came to Milton to learn the saddler and harness maker's trade with Mordecai Hiatt, a pioneer Friend of this place, and at the age of twenty went to Bentonville, where he commenced business for himself. Here he was married to Miss Rebecca Sangston, March 15, 1847. Soon after he moved to Tipton county, settling at New Lancaster where he carried on his trade.

In 1862, he enlisted in Company C, 101st Ind. Vol. Infantry and was 1st Sergeant.; He was with Sherman and was engaged in seven important battles, among which was that of Look-out Mountain. He was twice wounded; the most serious wound being received at the battle of Chickamauga, where he was shot in the shoulder, the scar of which he carried through life. At this time when the dead and wounded were in such numbers that all that could were obliged to care for themselves, Mr. Werking marched forty miles before his wound could receive proper attention.

At the close of the war he returned to his trade but, owing to the stiffness of his shoulder, was never able to ply his business as before.

In 1872 Mr. Werking moved to Milton where he followed his trade as long as he was able. Several months ago he became greatly afflicted, gradually growing more feeble. Last Tuesday he was in W. P. Moore's grocery, when it was seen he was about to fall. He was tenderly carried home. The case developed into paralysis and in an unconscious condition he grew weaker until Friday; then at 3 o'clock, as the breath of morn stole silently over the horizon, his spirit took its flight, leaving only the image of cold clay that becomes the emblem of man's mortality. He passed away January 8, 1904, aged 80 years, 10 months, 29 days.

To the union of David and Rebecca Werking were born nine children, of whom four, with their bereaved mother, survive him. These are Minnie, who is still at home, Mrs Lafayette Rayle, and Sherman Werking, of Milton, and Mrs. John Ohmit, of Cambridge City. These mourn a loving husband and devoted father. Besides these he leaves nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, two half-brothers, Jonathan Werking, of Indianapolis, James Werking, of Anderson, and one half-sister, Mrs. Emily Johnson, of North Manchester, with numerous friends.

The deceased was a member of Rob Callaway post G. A. R. and during the first administration of the late ex-president Benjamin Harrison, he was postmaster at Milton.

He was a member of the I. O. O. F. over fifty years and loved the principles of his Order. And true to its teachings of friendship, exhibited that close attachment, strong regard, and kind feelings that prompted to good actions. He recognized all men as brothers under a common Fatherhood and based his life on the Golden Rule; and whatever of the threefold cord of Friendship, Love and Truth that binds men's hearts into an unbroken union, was made manifest in his life, let us emulate, that they may be the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and end of our lives.

The funeral service were conducted at the Christian church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Jensen of the M. E. church delivering a short discourse, after which Milton lodge No. 111, I. O. O. F., were in charge. Burial at Westside cemetery.