

[Barrell, James H.]

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After a long and wearisome illness one of Gainesville's oldest and most respected citizens, James H. Barrell, died July 5, 1896.

Mr. Barrell was born in Vermont in 1818, having attained the age of 78 years at the time of his death.

His father Alfred Barrell was a soldier in the war of 1812 and in the engagement at Lake Champlain was invalided and died [in] 1822.

Mr. Barrell left his birthplace in early childhood and spent his youth with relatives in Pennsylvania or as was termed in those days, "went west to live" in 1823.

In 1845 he came to Gainesville and was married to Miss Sarah Reynolds, a daughter of Judge Reynolds.

With the exception of three years' residence in Pennsylvania he has spent his life in that town since that time. On Nov 4th 1895, Mr. and Mrs. Barrell were given a "golden wedding" by their children, friends and neighbors. He leaves a widow and two children, Nyrum A. Barrell, the postmaster at this place and Laura J. Barrell.

The older son Nelson was a soldier in the Civil War who enlisted at sixteen, served a term of three years, was wounded several times and died at El Paso, Texas in 1894.

A daughter Mary died several years ago.

The funeral services were held at the residence of his son at whose home he had in his last illness received most faithful and tender care. Rev. Charles Palmatier [Universalist] of Perry officiated at the service. Old neighbors and friends whom knowledge and appreciation of his quiet manly and noble character, reserved, though always pleasant, in his communications with them in his daily walk of life, congregated at the home and participated in the last sad rites by which they might show to his family their sympathy for them, their great regard and respect for him. Flower tokens were sent in in great abundance and the music by a quartette of neighbors, aided to make a beautiful and impressive service.

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