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ABIJAH CAGWIN.

A Native of Verona Dies in Joliet, Ill.—Sketch of His Life

The Joliet (Ill.) Republic and Sun of Oct. 3, contains a notice of the death in that city of Abijah Cagwin, a native of Verona in this county. The deceased was born on the place occupied by the late Silas Cagwin and has many relatives in the town of Verona, with whom he visited quite frequently. The notice of his death is as follows:

CAGWIN—At his home on East Cass street, of paralysis, at six o'clock P.M., Thursday, October 2, Hon. Abijah Cagwin, aged eighty-three years, four months and thirteen days. Mr. Cagwin was born in Verona, Oneida county, N.Y., May 19, 1807. He was married to Miss Hannah Scribner in Brockport, N.Y., September 7, 1827, whom he leaves a widow with eight children living. These are Merritt O., Lockport; Thomas P., Milwaukee; Hamden A., Joliet; Abijah S., Fort Smith, Ark.; Mrs. Helen A. Harwood, Mrs. Sarah A. Barrett and Miss Nancy A. Chagwin, Joliet; and Mrs. Louisa R. Briggs, Morton Park. There are also sixteen grand-children and six great-grand-children. Mr. Cagwin located in Joliet in 1835 where he has since resided. He held the office of judge of probate four years. He has been a supervisor, city collector and city treasurer. He was a charter member of the I.O.O.F., Powhan Lodge and also a member of the Masonic order. He has always been prominent in business as a merchant, banker and grain dealer. The sad news of Uncle Abijah's death will cast a gloom over the entire community, where he is so widely known, his genial face will be missed, and his absence mourned by the wide circle of his acquaintance, the result of the many years of his honorable business career. No sketch of his life could do justice equal to that which is written in every man's heart that knew him. He died as he lived, peaceful and happy. He was one of the founders and a devoted member of the Universalist Church Society. His illness was of short duration. The suddenness of his death was a shock to the members of his family, and to his friends, who scarcely had time to realize that he was ill.

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