

[Glidden, Thomas]

In Memoriam.

Thomas Glidden, of Clarendon, died at his home Oct. 31st, after a long and painful sickness, aged 85 years.

Mr. Glidden was well known in this part of the state. His long residence in the town had made him one of the land marks. When but a lad he came with his parents into this then, western wilderness, from one of the eastern states, and was identified more or less with all the changes that have taken place for the past seventy years—has witnessed the wilderness subdued and turned into a garden.

In his early manhood he married Miss Betsy Matson. Five children were born to them. Four are still living, Mrs. Akeley, Mrs. L. A. Lambert, Smith and Jefferson Glidden.

His wife survives him, but her failing mind renders her unconscious of her great bereavement. Mr. Glidden was most highly respected as a neighbor and good citizen. He was naturally quiet and non-aggressive yet public spirited, and positive in his religious and political opinions and free to express them. His honesty and integrity of principle were unquestioned, and it is said that he literally fulfilled the scripture injunction, "loving his neighbor and doing to others as he would that others should do to him," often denying himself for the comfort of others, even the strangers in his home.

Thrice blessed is his memory in the hearts of all who knew him best. His funeral services, conducted by his pastor, Rev. F. [Francis] B. Peck [Universalist], on Friday, Nov., 2, were largely [well] attended by friends and neighbors.

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