

Died at his residence near Oakville, Friday morning, March 6th, 1896, Hon John N. Graves. He was born March 11th, 1842, and was therefore nearly fifty four years of age.

His death was quite a shock to the community. Many of his neighbors did not even know of his illness. He was confined to his bed only a few days, though his friends in this section saw that he was in poor health during the winter.

He was a man of considerable force of character and individuality, otherwise, he could never have obtained the prominence that he did under such unfavorable circumstances.

He was well and favorably known throughout the county. Always taking an active part in politics, and having a large circle of warm and active friends, he wielded considerable influence in the republican party of the county. He served as clerk to the County Commissioners in 1876 and

77, and was a member of the legislature of 1880 and 1882. Under the last republican administration he was appointed Deputy Internal Revenue Collector at Washington.

He was a very kind hearted man, and was neighborly to a fault. Often has he been known to greatly inconvenience himself to accommodate a friend or neighbor. He was a devoted husband, and a kind and affectionate father. The high esteem in which he was held was shown by the large concourse at his funeral.

Our warmest and deepest sympathy goes out to the family, in this, their most sad bereavement. Words of consolation seem inadequate to express our feeling. It is said, that the Watchful Ruler of the Universe "suffers not a sparrow to fall" without noting it. How much more then must he care for those made after his own image. "He doeth all things well," should be our faith and our consolation.

FRIEND.

LAUREL GROVE.