

## OBITUARY.

DR. J. J. SHIRK.

Dr. J. J. Shirk passed away at his home in this city at 11:50 o'clock Saturday morning after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Shirk had been an invalid for over a year, and although at one time during the past year his life was despaired of he recovered so as to be able to be out upon the streets again. Nine weeks ago he was again confined to his bed, but he never rallied from his last illness, and on Saturday he answered the summons of his Master.

John J. Shirk was born in Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, Feb. 17, 1826. In 1852 he moved to Freeport, Ill., coming later to Chickasaw county, Iowa, and settling at Old Chickasaw. After living there six years he returned to Freeport, and in 1879 he came to Nashua, where he made his home until his death. He was married May 7, 1846, to Miss Phoebe Stocks, who survives him. To this union there were born twelve children, nine who are living, and who are as follows: Mrs. H. M. Hills, of Little Falls, Minn., Mesdames R. C. McLees and H. T. Lawson, of Freeport, Mrs. C. M. McGilligan, of Ridott, Ill., Mesdames W. H. Tucker and Frank Shufelt, of Nashua, Albert, Charles and William, of Washington. He also leaves to mourn his death two brothers, J. B. and D. B. Shirk, of Freeport. When the Civil war broke out he enlisted as veterinary surgeon, a profession he followed throughout life.

The deceased was one of Nashua's most highly esteemed citizens. He was a man who had no enemies, and the quiet, unassuming life he led, won for him a legion of friends. He was a member of the G. A. R. Post of this city, being Past Commander, and was faithful in the performance of his duties.

The funeral was held at the M. E. church at 2 p. m., Monday, Rev. A. W. Smith officiating, and the remains, escorted by his comrades of the Grand Army Post, were laid to rest in Greenwood cemetery.