

Transcript of Josephus F. Poe obituary found in the front of his bible. Josephus was born 20 Dec 1822 and died 15 Jan 1897. Josephus is the son of John Poe (1775) and Sarah Frances Harman.

Obituary

Uncle Joe, as he was *{page torn}* called was born in Tenn. and was married to Isabella Rankin in 1842 having come to Pope County in 1839. He professed faith _____ and joined the CP. church at Appleton in 1842 at which time he was made ruling elder in his congregation and which position he honorably filled to the day of his death which occurred Jan. 15, 1897.

He was unusually devoted to the cause of Christ in home as well as in the church work. He filled his place in the Sabath school prayer meeting and church word as few men have done. He did his part nobly and earnestly and what is much better he did it constantly. The weather was never too hot nor too cold for him to engage in the service of the Lord. He lived a useful, therefore a happy life. After a faithful service of over fifty five years when he began to approach the close of life he turned to his aged companion saying in his familiar way, "Mama, I can take care of you no longer, but the Lord can will." Then in a whisper said, "I'm done talking in this world and I'm glad of it." So having lived the life of the Righteous his death was full of joy for two or three days previous to his departure the most of his time was spent in joyous praise for the perfect assurance of the Glorious Heaven to which he was going.

He died praising God and has gone on to his reward. His place in his home and his church is vacant forever and we will hear his council, admonitions and song of joy and praise on earth no more. Let us live by the grace of God that the end of our pilgrim _____ we may _____ ven.