

Obituary of  
Robert R. Woods

(July 8, 1826 - February 20, 1885)

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Obituary taken from the Princeton Clarion dated 2/26/1885:

The dangerous illness of Mr. **Robert R. Woods**, which was announced in this paper last week, resulted in his death on Friday morning, the 20th, at 2:20 o'clock. Mr. Woods had been in bad health for some time and was soon prostrated when his ailment assumed an acute form. His impaired constitution did not long withstand the attack, and he died as above stated.

Robert R. Woods was a son of **Samuel H. Woods**, an early settler of Gibson County, whose death occurred but a few years ago, at an advanced age. The subject of this sketch was born in this county, at the old homestead near which he spent his entire life, on July 8, 1826, making him nearly 59 years of age. On the 17th of March he was married to Miss **Mary A. G. McClurkin**, daughter of the late **Joseph McClurkin**, and a sister of the Messrs. McClurkins, of this county and of Evansville, who are known to most of our readers.

The fruits of this marriage were five children, four sons and one daughter, three of whom - two sons and a daughter - are still living. Mr. Woods had the advantage of the training and instruction of a pious father and mother from early childhood, and on October 24th, 1845, he gave evidence of this by identifying himself with the church of Christ. At that time he united with the Reformed Presbyterian Church, **Dr. Gilbert McMaster**, pastor. In the latter part of the year 1861 he was elected and ordained a ruling elder of that congregation, and continued in that office until his death. In 1870, when a large part of the Reformed Presbyterian United Presbyterian church, Mr. Woods went with the majority and has been identified with that church since. In his church, family and social relations, Mr. Woods maintained an exemplary life. He was quiet and unassuming in his manner and was a man most highly esteemed by those who knew him best. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

Obituary taken from Princeton Clarion dated 3/12/1885:

Mrs. Maggie W. Sweetland, wife of **George N. Sweetland**, died at the residence of her mother, **Mrs. M.J. Wilson**, in this city, Sabbath, the 8th inst., at 6 p.m. of consumption, in the 27th year of her age.

It is seldom that the grim monster, Death, appears more cruel and remorseless in his dealing than he has done in this visitation. Here was a young wife and mother, with a reasonable prospect of a bright and happy future before her, with every desire to live and share the happiness of her young husband and child, and to enjoy the pleasures of a home of her own, stricken down by an insidious and lingering disease, that slowly and surely wears away her life, - her death adding to the sorrows of a family that has already experienced more than the usual share of afflictions. Maggie Wilson, as she was more familiarly known, was possessed of a most cheerful and lovely disposition, and was the favorite among all her acquaintances. For some time she was employed as a clerk in **Mr. Brownlee's** dry goods store, in this city, and made many new acquaintances and friends while there. In February 1884, she was married to Mr. George N. Sweetland, a salesman in a Chicago store, and she went to that city to make her home. She had been there but a few months until her health failed and last fall she returned to her mother's hoping to regain her health. But it was not to be. The mark of consumption appeared, and her friends realized that her days of health were past, and that her death was only a question of time. While this event was not unexpected, it is nonetheless sorrowful to her bereaved friends who had so tenderly cared for her through a long period of suffering. These friends may feel assured of the sincere sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement."

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