

JOSEPHUS SMITH

Died, at his late residence in Troy, Saturday night, May 10th, 1890, of Bright's disease, Hon. Josephus Smith, aged 68 years.

During the past year Mr. Smith had suffered from a severe illness from which it was thought he would not recover, but a robust constitution sided by a strong will and careful nursing, brought him safely through and it was thought that a long and useful life was yet in store for him. Congratulations upon his returned health poured in on all sides from sincere friends and Mr. Smith told us that he never was happier in his life for he felt that a new lease of existence had been awarded him. But he was not permitted to enjoy this condition of things for long, for Bright's disease seized him, and although everything that skill, tender care and loving hands could do was done to stay the process of the malady. It finally got the mastery over him and he succumbed, passing quietly away Saturday night.

The funeral services were held at his late residence on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. C. Miller of Pontiac conducting the same. There was a large attendance from different portions of the county, for deceased was widely known and held in high esteem. He leaves a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Dr. Jerry C. Wilson, of this village.

We clip the following in regard to Mr. Smith from Tuesday's Detroit Tribune: "Mr. Smith was born in New York in 1822, came to Michigan with his parents in young boyhood, settling in the township of Troy, Oakland Co. He possessed those sterling qualities of manhood which made him greatly respected by all who knew him. For 20 years he represented the township of Troy on the board of supervisors, holding this office for 19 consecutive terms from 1869 to 1888, although as a rule politically he was in the minority. He possessed great influence and his opinion upon matters of interest to the county was highly appreciated, and in the matter of public buildings and other county interests to him was always delegated important committee duties. In 1882 he was a prominent candidate before the republican state convention for the nomination of Secretary of State, receiving 76 votes. In 1884 he was a presidential elector for the 6th district. He was a man of large proportions, morally, socially and physically. His heart was large, his hospitality unstinted and his home an open door to friends. In politics he was a staunch, hard working sacrificing republican."

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