

John W Craddick - Obituary

No man within the boundaries of Marion County is more popularly known than father Craddick. He was born in bourbon Kentucky October 24th 1812. His parent's John and Sara were natives of West Virginia. when J. W. was in his tenth year, he immigrated to Owen county Indiana where they were engaged in agricultural pursuits and the subject of this sketch was raised to manhood educated and learned the trade of blacksmithing. On the thirteenth of April 1835 miss Kaziah a woods became his wife. She is a native of Tennessee daughter of William. on the twentieth of October located at red rock Marion County where he sojourned until the spring of 1850. When he removed to Pleasantville opened a blacksmith shop and resided until 1860 when he took up his abode in Knoxville. During his residence he has been closely identified with the building interests of the town giving most of his attention to carpenter work. Mr. and Mrs. Craddick encountered all the drawbacks of the pioneer, which were current when they came to this county and can look back with complacence knowing that they took an active part in its development. They raised a family of nine children: W.W. (postmaster, Knoxville), Louisa (wife of M Moore) Fannie (wife of C Scoles) America (wife of L tucker) Mattie (wife of Wm Young) Woodford, Mattie (wife of W.Myers). Samuel M and Jessie F (wife of P K Bonebrake). Mr. And Mrs. Craddick are members of the Presbyterian Church. Politically, Mr. Craddick, in the days of Whigs, united with that party, and his sympathies have been with the Republican Party since its organization.
