

Obituary

Daniel Stright Barker son of Jordan and Dorcas Gossett Barker was born Oct. 11, 1846 at Avon, Indiana and departed this life April 7, 1925; age 78 yrs. 6 mo. and 26 das.

He lived his entire life in Hendricks county, coming to his late home when about one year of age. He lived away from this place about twenty years, but returned to take care of his parents and spent the rest of his life here.

On the eleventh day of November 1877 he was united in marriage to Emily Ann Mark. To this union were born eight children, three of them died in infancy. The widow and five children Jasper Raymond, Jordan Herman, Dorcas Irene, Ruth Amelia, and Mary Esther survive to mourn the loss of husband and father. Also there are three grandchildren Beula Bell, Ira Gordon, and Lorna Pearl Barker who were a joy to him in his declining years. Three sisters survive: Mary E. Weaver and Mrs. E. H. Ross of Avon, and Mrs. J. S. Cook of Centerville, Iowa.

He became a member of the Methodist church when eleven years of age, when nineteen he was appointed a class leader, and later served as superintendent of Bartlett Chapel Sunday School. As long as his health permitted he was a regular attendant at church, he loved to hear the preaching of the word of God and to hear the good old hymns that sang his praises. No matter what church he attended ~~th~~ he would be called on to lead the singing.

He loved to sing, and had a wonderful voice. Often he would spend entire evenings singing the songs that he loved, one especially was "Meet Me There". Neighbors would speak of his singing and often stop to listen.

His health had been failing for several months, but he was bedfast only one week. He felt his time on earth was short, but said he had no fear of death, and had lived more than his threescore years and ten.

The children can truthfully say that they learned no bad habits from their

father. He tried to teach them to walk the straight and narrow way, and to obey the golden rule.

The community has lost a good citizen, the family a good father, but we feel sure he is at rest in the better land and will only say, "Lord thy Will be Done."