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Death of Andrew J. Jones
Another of the Early Settlers Passes
Away

It is with deep regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Andrew J. Jones, which occurred on Wednesday morning at an early hour. His death was not unexpected, as he had been ill all winter and had continued to decline until no hope of his recovery was entertained. The funeral was held at the M. E. church, Rev. R. C. Meter condoning the ceremonies. A large assemblage was at the funeral, as Mr. Jones was a man of the highest character and was held in highest respect by all who knew him.

The herald extends to the grief stricken family its sincere sympathy.

Obituary

Death has claimed another pioneer of Bonnors Ferry in the person of Andrew J. Jones, who died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Anna B.

Bishop, on the morning of April 11th and was interred on the following day. The immediate cause of death was jaundice, aided by a general decline.

The deceased was born in Vige County, Indiana, October 17, 1830 and was thus in his seventy-sixth year.

Mr. Jones emigrated to Iowa about the year 1850, and was married to Mary E. Starbuck who survives him, on August 22, 1855, at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Four children were born to them all of whom are living. Constance, residing in Iowa, Valentine at Newport, Washington, and Thos. J. and Mrs. Anna B. Bishop, at Bonnors Ferry.

From the time he settled in Iowa in 1850, he lived in different parts of that state and Missouri until 1885, when with his wife and the two young children, Thos. J. and Anna B. he moved to Kansas; remaining there until 1888, when with the same members of his family he came to Kootenai county and located in what is now Bonnors Ferry. For a time he kept a small hotel in Eaton, now a part of Bonnors Ferry.

After a few years betook a homestead adjoining the town of Bonnors Ferry, where he continued to reside until his last illness.

In 1861 Mr. Jones became a member of the Masonic Lodge of Lovilia, Iowa, but after

removing from there, allowed his membership to lapse, and did not get reinstated until within the last few months, when he did so with the intention of uniting with the local Lodge of Masons, but ill health prevented him from doing so.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church at Riverton, Iowa in 1879 and was an active member until he removed from them in 1885, but for reasons known to himself he never transferred his membership to any church in Idaho, although he maintained his faith to the last.

He leaves to his widow a fifty acre homestead adjoining town, a part of which is in orchard and which is of considerable value. He was of the class which is no prominently before the public, and yet which I find one of the strongest elements of society. The common citizen, honest, industrious, and patriotic. A faithful husband, a kind father, a true friend, in his daily life he was a Mason and a Christian.

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