

LAST TAPS SOUND

For Civil War Veteran, Joshua R. Parrish
Passed Into The LONG, LAST SLEEP At 9:15 Last Evening
Never Regained Consciousness Since Injury

Joshua R. Parrish, civil war veteran, one of the early educators of the county, descended from pioneer ancestry of the county, passed away last night at 9:15 o'clock at his home on Jefferson Street, never having regained consciousness since injury sustained two weeks ago last Tuesday when he was struck by an automobile, while down town.

Mr. Parrish was past eighty-four years of age. While he was born in Tuscarawas county, OH, August 13, 1835, a son of John and Margaret Johnson Parrish, he was a resident of Adams county since the age of fifteen years. He was the eldest of the family of nine children, seven of whom were already born when the parents came here and located in Washington Township, where the father bought land from the government and built a log cabin for his family. Joshua completed his early education after coming here, and at the age of twenty-two years, entered upon a professional career, taking charge of a public school in Kirkland township, and subsequently teaching in the same school building until 1862.

In August of that year, his patriotism being aroused, leaving his wife and seven months old boy, Jay Newton, he enlisted in Company H. Eighty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under command of Colonel C. D. Murray, and was immediately ordered to the front. At Munfordsville, Ky, he first met the enemy in battle and his regiment, with three others, was forced to surrender, but on certain conditions were allowed to move back to a river under guard. Governor Morton then furloughed Mr. Parrish and his comrades home for twenty days. Being in the meantime exchanged, he was then sent south, and took part in many engagements of importance.

On April 9, 1864, at Pleasant Hill, Louisiana, Mr. Parrish received what was regarded as a mortal wound, a minnie ball passing through his groin and lodging in his back. He was left to die on the battle field, but having fortunately been found by his two brothers, Joseph L. and Abner S. Parrish, who were members of the same regiment and company, he was rolled into an ambulance and carried thirty miles to a hospital, where, four days later, the bullet was removed, and he began to recuperate, the operation by which it was removed, having been performed in New Orleans. When fully recovered from his serious operation, Mr. Parrish rejoined his command, and at the battle of Nashville, Tennessee, helped defeat General Hood. On July 28, 1865, he was honorably discharged from the service, with a record for bravery of which he may well be proud.

Returning home, Mr. Parrish began farming, clearing the timber from 240 acres of land since then, and accumulating a comfortable estate. For nearly thirty-one years he has lived a retired life, having a pleasant home on Jefferson street this city. He was a faithful adherent of the democratic party and for twenty some years served as township assessor.

He was married February 9, 1839, to Miss Deborah Russell, a native of Washington township, with whom he lived most happily until her death, a little more than two years ago, October 19, 1917.

The following children were born to them: Jay Newton, who died in 1913; Ida K., wife of Charles Poling; Mary A., wife of Emerson Beavers; John R., Anna, now deceased, wife of L.C. Annen; Marion Frank, with whom Mr. Parrish made his home after the death of his wife, and three who died in infancy.

Mr. Parrish was a faithful member of the Methodist church; and of the G.A.R. in which he served in an official capacity for many years.

Of the brothers and sisters, three are living: Nancy Crist, Washington township; Margaret Good Merriman, Kansas; James T. Parrish, Pennsylvania. There are also thirteen grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The funeral will be Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the Methodist church. The body will be laid to rest in the Decatur cemetery.