

GEORGE GUILD

Born June 9, 1812 in Hartford, Conn., he died at his home near Medaryville Nov. 29, 1886, aged 74 years 5 months and 20 days. He is buried beside his wife and descendants in the south section of the Independence cemetery.

He was united in marriage April 8, 1838 to Miss Sarah Hull, sister to Rev. John H. Hull. There were ten children of this union. He was converted to God at the age of 31 and received into the traveling connection of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the North, then Northwest Indiana Conference. (Northwest Ind. Conference Obituary)

Brother Guild served churches at Bluffton, Leesburg, Manchester, Pleasant Grove, Rochester, Rossville, Rensselaer, Battle Ground, Pine Village, Morrocco and Medaryville. Quite early in his ministry, under the hard service and great exposure implied in the itinerancy of those early days, his health showed signs of failing. In time he was placed on a superannuated basis (part time) or supply minister. By resting for awhile, he was able to recuperate his energies. The all controlling love which dominated his life would not allow him to rest in retirement. Again and again, during the next twenty years, he re-entered effective ranks, and often broke down again. In 1872 came final retirement. However, as long as strength permitted, he was busy for God.

Rev. George Guild was a frank and honorable man; as a Christian he was spiritual and energetic, without ostentation, and faithful; as a Preacher, he was Biblical, clear and effective. During his last illness, he was unable to carry on conversation, but often in broken sentences, would speak of the goodness of God and quote his promises. The end was peaceful, he rests in hope. Large crowds who had known him, came to his funeral. Sister Guild, the sharer of his labors, his sorrows and joys, awaits their reunion on high. Their four sons are filling missions as Christian men in the world; George S. and James R. as influential members of the church; Rev. Thomas M. Guild as a member of the North Indiana Conference and pastor at Hagerstown; and Daniel H., as school teacher with the Christian ministry in view.