

## John Cook

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A GOOD LIFE ENDED-One of Brunswick's Oldest Citizens Goes to His Eternal Rest.

Mr. John R. Cook died yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at his residence on Union street of consumption.

Mr. Cook had been ill for some time. The dread malady that but seldom allows escape had laid its hand upon him, and with a Christian resignation he awaited the final summons.

Mr. Cook was one of Brunswick's pioneer business men. He was born at Worcester, Mass., on January 15th, 1838. His wife, who survives him, was Miss Mary E. Bellows, Holliston, Mass. In 1866, Mr. Cook came to Brunswick, and cast his lot with our people, then just emerging from the disasters of the civil war. He established Cook's Mill, for a long time the most extensive business in the city. As alderman, mayor pro tem, pilot commissioner, Mr. Cook made an admirable record for the good service and devotion to the city's interest, and in his business, set a high standard of fidelity that made him a model to his associates.

Mr. Cook was one of the charter members of the Presbyterian church of this city, and has served almost continually either as deacon or elder.

Three children survive him; Cashier W.B. Cook, of the Merchants and Traders Bank, Mr. George Cook and Miss Ada Cook.

The funeral will occur tomorrow at 12 o'clock, from the Presbyterian church, Rev. R.C. Gilmore conducting the services. The interment will be in Oak Grove cemetery.

A good Christian, a valuable citizen, a true man-such is his epitaph. All of Brunswick will join in mourning the loss of one of the city's staunchest upholders and one who was ever without reproach.

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HONOR TO BRUNSWICK'S DEAD-The Funeral of Mr. John R. Cook Today-Large Attendance.

The representative citizens of the city of Brunswick turned out at noon today to honor the memory of one of Brunswick's oldest and most prominent citizens-the late John R. Cook.

At noon, the funeral procession moved from the residence of the deceased on Union street, to the Presbyterian church, the house of worship which stands as a monument to the memory of Mr. Cook, its most influential builder. Three of Brunswick's ex-mayors, Messrs. A.J. Crovatt, J.J. Spears and M.J. Colson, the present mayor and aldermen and the other city officials in carriages formed an escort of honor to the remains. The pall-bearers were Messrs. T.W. Dexter, A.B. Rose, C.S. Tait, J.A. Butts, G.A. Middleton and W.F. Winecoff.

At the church the choir, consisting of Mrs. A.B. Rowe, Mrs. Dyer, Messrs. Tupper and Moore, precluded the solemn service with an appropriate dirge. Rev. R.C. Gilmore paid an eloquent and feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased, laying especial stress on his great service to the church and the many virtues which made his life a model.

At the conclusion of the sermon the casket, by request, was placed in the lobby of the church and uncovered, so that the many friends of the deceased, in passing out, could look for the last time on his face. The scene was an affecting one, as business associates and friends gazed on the still features of him they had known so well.

The long funeral cortege then followed the remains to Oak Grove cemetery, where they were interred.

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