

JOHN J. BLINN

John J. Blinn, who died at his home on Main Street, Rochester, Friday, Feb. 24, was born in Ogden, NY in 1840, and was in his 65th year at the time of his death. He came to Michigan in 1850, living in Romeo with his grandparents. In 1866 he was married to Miss Martha J. Vanakin, they removing to Rochester soon after. Two children were the fruit of this union – Mrs. Bessie Bates of Chicago and Clare Blinn of Pontiac, who with the widow, an invalid, are left to mourn the loss of a loving and considerate husband and father.

John Blinn was a useful man, and one who will be missed by the entire community. A man of more than ordinary ability he has served his fellow citizen many many years as village clerk, town clerk, village assessor and assessor of the school board, in which latter capacity he has been a faithful steward for upwards of twenty years. He has also served acceptably as clerk of the Cong'l Society of Rochester for the past six or eight years. Mr. Blinn was a most highly esteemed member of Rochester Lodge No. 65 I.O.O.F., having been it's recording secretary since it's resuscitation three years ago. When the lodge was organized in 1869, he served for many years as recording secretary and was also a Past Grand of the Order. He was also secretary of the local lodge of AOUW at the time of his death. In all his work he was methodical and correct. Mr. Blinn was an honest man, an upright man, a man of ability and worth, and as such, he is mourned not only by his family to whom he was most devoted, but by the community at large.

Funeral services were held from the late home Monday afternoon, and were largely attended, under the auspices of the subordinate lodge, IOOF, the large turnout of a brethren – a testing to the esteem in which he was held by them. The ladies of Rebekah Lodge and the AOUW also attended in body. The remains were laid to rest with the beautiful Odd Fellow Service.

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