

GEORGE NILES

George Niles, one of the best known politicians in southern Michigan died at his home in Troy Township, about six miles southwest of Rochester, last Tuesday. Mr. Niles had been a sufferer for some time.

He was born at Painted Post, Steuben Co., NY, May 27, 1820. He moved to this county with his parents when 1 year of age, and has since been a resident of Michigan. With the exception of Twenty-five years as a traveling salesman for a Detroit firm, he has resided on the old homestead. When the family came to this state the nearest white family lived thirteen miles from their farm. The only playmates of the Niles children were Indians and he was wont to tell many among things that happened in his boyhood days. His first schooling was received in a little old-fashioned log schoolhouse in Troy Township. Mr. Niles was for four years a member of the common council of Detroit, representing the second ward. In politics he was probably the best posted man in the state. He pinned his faith to the Democratic Party, and no convention, either county or town, was complete unless he was in attendance. In his death Oakland County loses one of its best citizens, and one who will be missed by hosts of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Niles had been married three times, and leaves several children. He was a mason and a member of Rochester Lodge No. 5. Funeral services were held today from his late home.

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