

ISAAC N. HOLADAY

Obituary

Isaac N. **Holaday** a well known and highly respected citizen of Flora, passed away at the family residence on the corner of Locust and Fourth streets from peritonitis. He had also been a sufferer with rheumatism for some time, but his illness was not considered dangerous until the past week or two.

He had been a resident of Flora for almost eight years, coming here with his family from Louisville.

Isaac Newton **Holaday** was born in Marion County, Illinois, September 3, 1854, and died February 10, 1917, aged 62 years, 5 months, and 7 days.

September 5, 1878, he married Mary Virgilia **Treat**. They then came to the farm near Iola, IL, where their three sons were born. They were Dr. Charles H. **Holaday** of Detroit, Michigan, and Dr. William N. and Francis D. **Holaday**, both of Flora.

He served in many capacities of public life, having distinguished himself as sheriff and police officer by fearless and relentless performance of his duties. The last few years of his life were spent with his farming at Iola and his business in Flora.

He was a kind and loving husband and father. At the age of 14 years he was converted and joined the Methodist Church, to which faith he remained constant unto the end.

Though afflicted nearly two and one-half years ago he accepted his suffering with patience and was hopeful and cheerful through many trying days.

EXTRACTS FROM DR. **EDWARDS'** ADDRESS

On occasions like this one's feelings seem to impose silence rather than to call for words. In this spirit I desire to speak a few words, concerning our dear friend and departed brother. We come to pay our respect to one who was an honest, straightforward citizen. One who was deeply interested in the public welfare of Flora and all that pertained to the good of this community.

In the few years that I have known him, I saw in him a loyal friend, a devoted father and husband and one who will be greatly missed by not a few, most of all by the family, in the midst of which he was counselor, comrade, ruler and king. His individuality was marked and powerful, even emphatic. He had a strong will, a clear sense of what he himself and all about him should be and do—upright—resolute, decisive and distinctive. He was an upright man, fearless in his convictions. I feel we are poorer today because we have lost one of our sterling citizens.....

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church with Rev. M. C. **Foltz** officiating, and Dr. W. W. **Edwards**, of the Presbyterian Church, assisting. He was buried in the Elmwood Cemetery as was his wife who died two years later.