

old time friend, W. F. Buschman, and trimmed by J. F. Eden. It was constructed out of white oak lumber which had been sawed from a tree on his farm several years ago and had been laid away in the loft of his porch for that purpose. It had been Mr. Waggoner's wish that Joseph Hoke and Thomas Davis build his coffin but were unable to do so.

The burial was at the Old Linn Creek burial ground where the first sermon preached in Whitley township was preached by a Methodist minister and where the baptists worshiped until in 1880 when the Waggoner church was built in one corner of Mr. Waggoner's orchard near his house at his request that he might be able to attend church. The church and the church-building were the pride of the old man's heart and will long stand as a monument to his memory.

He was an honest, upright citizen, a man well liked by all his neighbors and acquaintances, for his fair and honest dealings, his hospitality and sociability. He enjoyed picnics and social gatherings and was the originator of the Waggoner reunions but when he could no longer go and attend them they were dropped. In 1894 he attended the Old Folks reunion at Sullivan and received a gold headed cane as a prize for being the oldest resident present.

He voted for president seventeen times, casting his first vote for Andrew Jackson and the last one for Grover Cleveland in 1892.

This clipping was given to me by John Garland Waggoner.

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