

DEATH OF SAMUEL P. INLOW and ISABELLA INLOW his WIFE

For many years a typewritten one page piece on the death of Samuel and Isabella Inlow has circulated among family members. It appears to be a transcription of a newspaper article/obituary written immediately following their deaths. To date we have not been able to locate that piece in any newspaper, So we remain unsure of its origin. We have, however, found this piece which is similar, but longer While the banner of the newspaper was not included in this clipping, it almost certainly seems to have originated with the Pike County News (see end of the article).

Hartford Inlow
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Great great grandson of Samuel
and Isabella

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Death of Samuel P. Inlow and Isabella Inlow his Wife.

It is a weekly thing for us to read of some of our dear ones, who have been called away but not in the memory of the writer has such a death occurred. Mr. Inlow and his wife have been in falling health for several years, but were not confined to their bed but a few days prior to their death. They had journeyed together for 61 years last Christmas day, and when their Master was ready to call them, they were both called at once, there being but a few hours between. They died on the same bed and were buried in the same grave. The dear old grandmother passed away at 1 o'clock on the morning of the 16th of January.

The sleep of death held her in its silent but long embrace. The sleeper was at rest and the light of the early morning disturbed not her repose, and at 6 o'clock of the same day, the dear grandfather followed his companion to that home that is prepared for the pure in heart, where there is no more sorrow, no more sickness nor death. Mr. Samuel Inlow came with his parents to Missouri at an early day and settled near Pleasant Hill church, where he grew to manhood. When 20 years of age he became acquainted with a neighbor's daughter, Miss Isabella Bonham, to whom he was united in marriage Dec. 25, 1834. She was a true, loving, kind hearted woman: ever ready to do good for her Master. She was 82 years old and every year of her life was spent usefully and for the happiness of her family and her companion. She was a sister of the late F. H. Bonham, of Lancaster, Wis. Samuel Inlow was 81 years old and a brother of Mr. John Inlow, of Bowling Green, and was known to almost every one in Pike and Ralls counties. Few, if any who read this sketch will ever witness such a scene or read of it again. Truly their prayers were answered, for they had prayed to be taken together, and not one be left too long for that peace and rest and companionship that could not be found on earth. When the end was near, their children proposed that they take sep-

children proposed that they take separate beds. They said why separate us now, when we have journeyed together so long and never been separated? They were spending the winter with their son Riley Inlow, near Madisonville; near where they had spent the most of their married life. This union was blessed with 6 boys and 3 girls: James Harvey, Henry Riley, John, M. W., of Texas and A. O. Inlow, who preceeded his parents 30 years ago, and Rebecca South and Mary Rice, the latter of Maxwell, Cal. All were present at the bedside of their parents except William and Mary, who will learn of their parents death with deepest sorrow. But they will realize too that their days have been many, full of peace and happiness. During their sickness at the home of their sons, he and his good, kind wife, nothing was spared in caring for their wants. They ministered to their every comfort. They watched over them day and night till death came and took them to that

glorious home in heaven. It is hard to give up our dear parents one at a time, but in this they were compelled to give up both at once. But it is the work of the blessed Master. His will not ours be done. When they were taken sick they said they did not want to take the medicine; said they were prepared and ready to die; that their days were spent and they were willing to go. They were members of Walnut Grove Baptist church and taught their children to love their Savior and lived to see them all followers of the Lamb, and then death came at last, falling like a deep sleep upon the aged sufferers, they passed to death without a struggle. Their remains were placed in separate coffins and taken the next day to Pleasant Hill cemetery, where after appropriate services, were laid to rest in the same grave, side by side to await the resurrection morn.

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While this article includes almost all the substance of the piece we continue to look for, and adds many details not found in that sought-after article, it clarifies that both died of pneumonia, Isabella dying at 2:00 p.m., while Samuel died at 6:30 p.m., about four hours later. There is also one especially poignant line missing from the above memorial...the very last sentence:

"Their remains were followed to Pleasant Hill cemetery by a long procession of mourning relatives and friends, and they sleep there, side by side, in one grave, in plain view of the old Inlow mansion, where 61 years ago last Christmas day they came home a happy young bride and groom."