

JOHN C. SHIRK.

FRANKLIN COUNTY, INDIANA.

MARCH 14, 1858.

BROOKVILLE, INDIANA.

APRIL 21, 1924.

John C. Shirk, son of Andrew Shirk (son of Samuel and Elizabeth Stout) and Sarah Wright, daughter of William and Ann Bardsley Wright, was born in Springfield Township, Franklin County, Indiana, March 14, 1858, and died at Brookville, Indiana, April 21, 1924. He was educated in the rural school near his home and at Indiana University, graduating in the class of 1881. He at once entered the Brookville Bank and has been active in banking, manufacturing and merchandising since that time.

In college he had among other teachers, Daniel Kirkwood, T. A. Wylie, Richard Owen and David Starr Jordan. The introduction they gave him to the sciences was one of his cherished memories.

March 3, 1886, he married Miss Lura Chafee, a daughter of Rev. John G. Chafee, D. D., a prominent minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They were the parents of eight children, seven of whom survive.

At the time of his death he was president of the following: the National Brookville Bank, the Franklin Furniture Company, the Brookville Telephone Company. He has been treasurer of the Indiana Bankers' Association and had served both it and the American Bankers' Association on committees.

He was a leader in the activities connected with the World War; in all work for the benefit of his community—the Business Men's Association, Kiwanis Club, the schools, library, historical society, literary clubs, the church, the I. O. O. F. and Masons.

His devotion to his family was known to all. Theirs was a beautiful family life. It was made more manifest in the devotion of its members to him during his last long illness.

We recall his excellent address to this Academy at Brookville at the Spring Meeting, 1923. Notwithstanding his ill health and the inclement weather he was on hand and fulfilled his assignment. That was typical of the man. When a duty was assigned he could be counted upon to be ready at the appointed time.

In his passing, our Academy has lost a valued member. We desire to record our testimony of the worth of this man, of our appreciation of his life and his efforts, that his family and his friends may know our regard for him.

AMOS W. BUTLER.