

### DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN.

**Christopher Mann, Aged 111 Years, Died at Independence Yesterday—Brief Account of His Life.**

Christopher Mann, the centenarian, died at Independence Saturday, in the 111th year of his age, and was followed to his grave yesterday by a large concourse of relatives and friends. He was born in Virginia Sept. 15, 1774; was taken with his family to Kentucky in 1776; moved to Ohio in 1788, at the age of 24, and was there married to Miss Bessie Lusk; afterward he moved to Indiana, and in 1838 came to Missouri, settling in Jasper county. In 1843 he moved to Jackson county, where he has lived ever since. He was the father of twenty-six children, seventeen by his first marriage and nine by his second, which occurred in 1849. He leaves a wife and fifteen surviving children. His eldest child is a son 83 years of age, who lives in Portland, Ore.; his youngest, Lydia Anson, is a beautiful girl of 17 still unmarried. Besides his fifteen own children he leaves forty-two grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, six great great grandchildren, and one great great great grandchild. At each anniversary of his birth, there has been for years past such a gathering of the clan as is seldom seen in these degenerate later times. His stately house would hardly hold the army of descendants who flocked from all parts of Missouri to reunite beneath the paternal roof.

The remarkable old man preserved in a wonderful degree his powers of body and mind until a few years ago. He was in the habit of walking four or five miles every day, carrying himself erect, and striking a gait that was surprising in one of his years. In going anywhere, he would never ride if it was possible to walk. It is a singular fact that his eyesight held out to the last, and he never knew the need of glasses. He had been a man of remarkable bodily strength, standing over six feet high and of powerful build. He was accustomed to boast, and with good show of probability, that he had never been worsted in a personal encounter. Since boyhood, he had been accustomed to the use of both liquor and tobacco, but never used either in excess.

Like other centenarians, "Uncle Chris," as he was called, had a fund of anecdotes of the early times and of the prominent people he had met, which he never refused to tell to a listener. Although he almost lost his hearing toward the last, he retained his full powers of speech, and would talk for hours of the wars and political events which have transpired since the creation. He was personally acquainted with many persons of historical note, among them President Harrison, Dick Jameson, Thomas Benton, and Daniel Boone.

With the death of Mr. Mann, not only Jackson county, but the whole country, loses one of its most interesting characters. He was a relic of those grand old days when men were giants, and women were maids familiar with the use of the bible than the fan. His years were many, and full of strength; none equaled in pace.