

Centralia, Illinois

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CENTRALIA COUPLE WILL OBSERVE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.



MR. AND MRS. J. M. WAGGONER.

Who will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at Centralia, Ill., on March 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Waggoner of Centralia, Ill., will celebrate their golden wedding on March 17.

Their fifty years of wedded life has been exceptionally happy.

Their answer to the question, Is marriage a failure? is a negative.

It is intended to make the celebration memorable in the history of the Waggoner homestead. All the members of the family, widely scattered as they are throughout the country, will be on hand to congratulate the venerable couple.

J. M. Waggoner was born in Brown County, O., in 1827. His wife, who was a Miss Isabel Greenough, was born in Boston, Mass., nine years later. They were mar-

ried in Pendleton County, Kentucky, on March 17, 1853, and after various changes of residence they finally located at Centralia, Ill., in 1895, where they now live.

Four children of Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner are living, the eldest Mrs. C. F. Jones of this city. The three remaining are sons, two of whom are engineers on the Illinois Central Railroad, while the fourth is connected with a large iron foundry in Gerard, O.

There are fifteen grandchildren, and when all the relatives are gathered their number will reach an even fifty.

Mr. Waggoner is a well-known figure throughout Southern Illinois. He has been a Mason for forty years. He and his wife are members of the Christian Church at Centralia.

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