John W. Jacks Buried in Montgomery City

Montgomery City, Mo.—John W. Jacks, whose funeral was held here recently, was one of the oldest newspaper men in Missouri. Hon. K. W. Stephens of Columbia, whose career runs parallel with that of Jacks, and who spoke at the funeral in behalf of the Missouri Press Association, has been a newspaper man equally as long, 62 years.

Jacks was a native Missourian, having been born in Monroe county in 1855. His father was a Kentucky Jacks began his newspaper career with the Sturgeon Independent when he was 14 years old. During the Civil War he worked in St. Louis on the Missouri Republican and on newspapers in Audrain, Boone and Cole counties. He established the Sturgeon Leader in 1876. In 1872 he and the late O. B. Hutton, afterwards a congressman, bought the Mexico Ledger, changing the name to the Mexico Independent. Jacks sold his interests in this paper to Hutton in 1874. His next purchase was the Washington Observer, Franklin County, which he published for a year or more. His final purchase was the Montgomery Standard, in May, 1880. For 41 years Jacks was proprietor and editor of this paper.

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