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The Jefferson Union Church will be dedicated on Sunday January 30, 1876. The place is known as Skinner's Burying Ground. All ministers of the Gospel, and others, are invited to attend. Good speakers are expected.

We shall soon have the pleasure of announcing the dedication of the M. E. church on South Orange Street, as the structure is nearly completed.

Suicide

An old citizen of this County blows his brains out with a revolver.
A sad affair.

On Tuesday morning of this week our citizens were startled by the announcement that Mr. Barzilla T. Black, an old citizen of this county, who resided on his farm in north east Jefferson township, had committed suicide by blowing out his brains with a revolver. Mr. Black was a man of perhaps 55 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

Death of David B. Herriman

We find in the Kendallville Standard a biographical sketch of the life of Dan B. Herriman, who died at his home in Iowa, in December last, written by Rev. E. Fothregill, who preached the funeral discourse.

Mr. Herriman came to Indiana at an early day, settling in this county, and soon became one of the leading citizens of the county and a prominent politician of his day. He was repeatedly elected to the State legislature and State senate, where he made an honorable record as a faithful and hard working member. He will be remembered by many of the older citizens of this and adjoining counties, who will be pained to learn of his death, which occurred near Wadena, Fayette county, Iowa, on the 19th day of December, 1875.

At the time of his death he was 67 years and 2 months old.

We make the following extract from the sketch of his life above mentioned which will be read with interest by our readers: In the fall of the same year he became acquainted with Miss Mary Judy, who, with her parents had emigrated from the State of Ohio, and early in the following year, they were united in marriage, and soon thereafter moved to their home in the timber, their dwelling being a log house, (sweet remembrance of log house days to the early years of we Pioneers of Northern Indiana,) with plenty of Indians, wolves and deer, and other wild animals. Here he lived for a number of years clearing away the timber, plowing and cultivating the soil, until he made a model farm for that country. This farm lies close to the village called Rome City, on the Ft. Wayne and Grand Rapids R. R. Not many years passed away until the log house and other log buildings gave way for better and more substantial buildings.

In the meantime he became the favorite of his party, and was elected to the state Legislature, where he remained for sixteen unbroken years, save one, he refusing to let his name go before the people. He said "I wanted to stay home with my family." Soon after the opening of the session, he received a letter from a friend stating he wished him to come immediately to the

Legislature, and he went. The Southern Michigan Railroad wanted him to get a grant to pass through a portion of the State on its way to Chicago. He was employed in working up the bill, and it passed. He was gone from home two months, and had sixteen hundred dollars for his services when he got home. No man ever worked harder for the interests of his people, than did D. B. Herriman, though at no time in his life was he able to make a speech. While others were speech making he was doing the work, and scarcely ever failed to carry his measure through.

He was, a part of his life, a great joker, and when he could get a political joke on his opponent, he enjoyed it hugely. And, finally, his political career in Indiana was a success."

After moving to Iowa, he was elected to many positions of public trust. His life was a long and useful one, and he died leaving a large circle of friends who mourn his departure to the mysterious land beyond the dark river of Death.

From Albion New Era, Jan. 13, 1876

In regard to the biographical sketch of the life of the late David B. Herriman, formerly of this county, which was published in the county papers some weeks the following: Mr. Enoch Fothregill, in his biographical sketch of David B. Herriman, mis-represented the facts (ignorantly, I presume) when he says, and "was" elected to the state legislature, where he remained for sixteen unbroken years, save one, he refusing to let his name go before the public. He said "I wanted to stay at home with my family."

The facts are, he was not elected to the legislature to exceed three terms, which at that time was but one

year each, and the last time he ran for the office of legislator, he was badly defeated by a whig, his opponent, but not, however, without making a desperate effort on his part as well that of his party, to accomplish his election. The facts in the case would not seem to indicate that he wished to stay at home with his family as above expressed, but rather that he stayed at home for want of votes.

Dave, as he was familiarly called, was not one of that kind. He was an aspirant and lover of office. He, like Falstaff, carried a big belly and was full of fun. He could run a foot race, blow out a candle, jump over a rake stale, play euchre, drink whiskey, say grace, and do many good things, all in twenty four hours.

Verite sans peur' H. S.

Albion New Era, Feb. 3, 1876

Joseph Cox, County clerk, is able to be about town, but is yet too weak and enfeebled to do much business.

We last week received a pleasant call from Mr. Owen Black, in company with his brother, Amos Black, who is a well-to-do farmer residing near Kendallville.

Obituary.-Died, at Cromwell, Ind., Jan. 27, 1876, Rachael Deluslee, aged 76 years 9 months and 23 days. She was born in Kentucky, in 1799. Was left an orphan at the age of three years, when she was

taken into the family of her uncle Benj. Laikins, from whom she received religious instructions. She was converted when 13 years old in Mt. Carmel church, Clermont County, Ohio, and was a faithful member of the M. E. Church up to the time of her death. She left four sons, and two daughters to mourn her loss. Discourse by Rev. Jacob Masemore.
Feb. 3, 1876, New Era, Albion.

The New Era of last week was full of crisp local matter. Among its other news, we noticed that the workmen at the foundry had commenced breaking up the old Sea Serpent press that the Goshen Democrat was first printed on. It was too bad to let that old relic be thus destroyed.-Goshen Democrat.

Locals in New Era, Albion, Feb. 17, 1876

It is said that the M. E. Parsonage at Kendallville was sold for delinquent city taxes a few weeks since.

The Ft. Wayne Gazette, of recent date, contained the following scrap of history of the old printing press that was broken up a short time since at the Albion foundry: We notice by The New Era, published at Albion, Noble County, that the "Old Sea Serpent" printing press, upon which the old Goshen Democrat was first printed, has been broken up at the foundry at that place. It was brought to Goshen about 1838 and 1849 was moved to Warsaw, where the former, and also present editor of the Gazette were first introduced to the art preservative, the first as typo and the latter as editor. It was afterward taken

to Albion, where it by some means was placed upon the retired list.

The "Sea Serpent" was a press of peculiar construction, invented by Benjamin Franklin, and was said to be the second of the pattern ever cast. Were it today set up and placed on the sidewalk, it would attract more attention than a double-cylinder Potter press. Its weight, if we remember correctly, was about 1400 pounds, and was a perfect model of ugliness and strength. As a hand press, it was a man killer. From sixty to eighty sheets per hour was its capacity. It was fully a hundred years old at the time. It should have been preserved and sent to the centennial as a relic of the past.
From New Era, Feb. 17, 1876.

Death of Hon. Thos. Wilson.- Of the death of this old and respected citizen of Noble County, which occurred a short time since, the Warsaw, Indianian says: One day last week, the Rev. Geo. W. Wilson, the pastor of the presbyterian church, at this place, was called to the home of his parents in Noble County, on account of the serious illness of his father, Judge Wilson. He remained until Monday evening, when he was called home on account of the serious sickness of his little son, leaving the Judge in a dying condition. In about an hour after he left, the father died. Judge Wilson was in the eightieth year of his age, and had long been a citizen of Noble County. There was no more honorable and upright man in the county. He was repeatedly elected by the people of that county to important offices, and no man in the county had the confidence and esteem of his neighbors to a greater extent. A good man has passed away.

Hon. Henry D. Wilson, of Goshen, formerly Mayor of that city, is also a son of the deceased.
New Era, Feb. 17, 1876.

Obituary.- Joseph C. Lash died of pneumonia at his residence in Orange township, Noble County,on the 6th day of February 1876, aged 38 years, 2 months, and 11 days. He was the oldest son of William and Mary G. Lash-born in Mifflin county, Penn., Nov. 26th, 1837. When about two years of age he was taken by his parents to Wayne County, Ohio, whence after a residence there of some nine years, he removed with his parents to Noble County. They settled on the farm (now known as Lash's Addition to the city of Kendallville) where his father died in the year 1855, leaving Joseph, then a youth of 18, as the virtual head of the family, then consisting of the mother, himself and four brothers and two sisters. Prior to the death of his father, he had united with the Baptist Church, manifesting at that early age, (not quite 17,) the maturity of religious conviction and moral sentiment which characterized his whole life, thence forward; and which, with his rare amiability,fidelity and industry enabled him to so guide, govern and support the little flock thus left in his care, as to mitigate the severity of their affliction, and win for himself the lasting gratitude, love, and deep respect of his young brothers and sisters, as well as of the entire community, who witnessed his young career, so beautiful and useful in all the relations of life. In July 1860 he united himself in marriage with Miss Sarah Willover, a most estimable young woman, and soon afterwards purchased and settled upon the farm where he died and where his family now reside, about five miles northwest of Kendallville. Kind, faithful and exemplary-ever after his union with the church a consistent humble follower of Christ-he was in all respects a good and useful citizen, an exemplary and loving son, brother, husband and father. His mother Mrs. M. G. Isbell, his brothers, James J. and Elijah P. Lash, his sister Mrs. Lizzie Lester-all of Albion, a sister, Mrs. Jewell in Chicago, and his wife and four children, are left to mourn an irreparable loss and charist the tender, grateful memories which such a life inspires.
Albion New Era, Feb. 17, 1876.

Dedication of the M. E. Church, on South Orange street took place on Sunday evening. Rev. T. N. Campbell of Greencastle, Ind. preached a very able sermon.
Albion New Era, Feb. 17, 1876

The centennial chair, manufactured by J. K. Lautzenhiser, of Goshen, formerly of this place, contains pieces of 100 different kinds of wood. (all of Elkhart County). Goshen is making an effort to purchase it and have it sent to Philadelphia during the centennial exhibition.

Died.- In Ligonier, February 21st, 1876, at 9:15 A. M. of consumption, Dr. D. W. C. Denny. Aged 47 years, 5 months and 16 days.

We understand that Mr. Jacob Kitt, a well known and respected citizen of the south part of this county, was buried at Wolf Lake on Monday.
Albion New Era, Feb. 24-1876.

Thomas Maltheus, of Wolf Lake, died Saturday last at the age of 49 years, and was buried on Sunday. He was a much respected citizen of Noble County.
Albion New Era, Feb. 24, 1876.

The Ligonier Banner say: The wife of Jonathan

Hammett, Professor of Meadville (Pa.) College, died on Sunday last, aged 54 years. Deceased was a sister on Hon. Geo. W. Chapman, and mother of Wm. C. Hamnett, formerly of this place, but now a citizen of Toledo, both of whom attended the funeral, at Meadville yesterday.

Mr. Vermilyea, whose death we recorded last week, was buried on Thursday. The funeral discourse was preached at the Methodist church, and a large number of our citizens followed the remains to its last resting place in the cemetery. He was an old and much respected citizen.
Albion New Era, March 2, 1876.

In March, 1876, the physicians in Albion were: Drs. Leonard, Lemon, Hays, and Spencer.

Thos. D. Evans, attorney and Counselor at law, established 1875.

Samuel E. Elvord, attorney and counselor at law
J. M. Denny " " " " "
Thos. M. Eels " " " " "
Tousley & Prickett " s " " s " "
Wm. S. Kiser, abstract of titles of Noble County.
R. J. Harkins, shoe shop. established in 1858

The oldest establised business of the kind in Albion.

The dry goods store of C. B. Phillips, northest corner of Main and Orange Streets, is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in town. It was established by William N. Clapp in 1856. In 1862 the firm name was changed to Clapp & Phillips, and on the 16th ult., Mr. C. B. Phillips became sole proprietor. It is one of the old and reliable institutions of Albion.

The Albion New Era was established in October 1872, by Samuel E. Elvord. On the first of January last it was purchased by Prickett & Starr, the present proprietors, who enlarged it to a nine column folio.

The following biographical notice of Dr. D. W. C. Denny, who died recently at Ligonier, we clip from the Kendallville Standard of last week:

Dr. D. W. C. Denny was born in Preble county, Ohio. His father, Col. Wm. Denny, removed with his family from there about the year 1834, perhaps a year or two earlier, and settled in Elkhart county, where they remained three or four years, then came from that County to this and settled in the Haw Patch, some three miles northeast of Ligonier.

When young Denny was about sixteen he went to Wolf Lake and engaged for a time in teaching school. At the latter place he began the study of medicine with Drs. Nimmon and Sheldon, who were then the most prominent physicians in the county. After a few years preparation, the subject of our sketch entered regularly upon the duties of his profession at the place last named, where he continued until 1860, when he removed to Albion,and pursued his business until about 1870, going from there to Ligonier.

Dr. Denny was a graduate of one of the Cincinnati colleges-a good physician, having a wide circle of friends and patrons throughout the county, among whom he had practiced about 27 years. He was a member of the American, North Eastern Indiana and Noble County Medical Societies.

"Clint", as he was familiarly called, had his faults. Who has not? We point to them as a warning to the living and throw the mantle of charity over the grave of our dead friend, whose geniality, kindness, ability, and

and general accomplishments in his profession, won for him a strong friendship in the hearts of those who knew him best. T.

Biographical.- Isaac Smith was born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, July 5th, 1801, being at the time of his death 74 years, 7 months and 19 days of age. He emigrated with his father (his mother having died when he was yet a small child), at the age of ten years to Licking County, Ohio. His father buying a large tract of land in Licking and the adjoining county of Muskingum, he was early put to hard work, and consequently had not the advantages of an education, but could calculate and transact business readily. He remembered the war of 1812, two of his older brothers engaged therein. In 1819 he became a member of the Old School Baptist church, in which he lived a consistent member until his death, and, as has been frequently remarked, was a "pillar and a post."

In the year 1864 he removed to Noble County with his wife and three children, leaving one son and a daughter in Ohio; the oldest son having removed to the State of Iowa many years before. There were born unto his wife ten children, most of whom lived to be men and women.

His wife was called to depart this life July 9th 1871. Subsequently he married Mrs. Lucinda Holmes, of Elkhart township, this county, who was indeed a wife to him, and to use her own language, when the accident above narrated occurred, she said, "I could have jumped out, but seeing Mr. Smith could not do likewise, I felt like going with him."

He was an affectionate husband and a kind and indulgent father. This the history-and thus ended the life of our father.

J. B. S.

Quite a number of our subscribers visited our office on Friday last. Among the number we recall the names of Stanfill Corbin, Rome City, Chas. Law, Wolcottville, Christian Weaver and John Potts, of Brimfield, and James Drake of Laotto.
New Era, April 6, 1876

The Kendallville Standard says: Lake Ihrie has been assigned to the White Line, between Chicago and Toledo, and took his first run out of Chicago last Sunday night. Lake will make an efficient postal clerk if he can stad the physical labor and loss of sleep. He is on six days and off six.
Albion New Era, May 18, 1876.

We received a pleasant call on Friday, from Dr. L. C. Schutt, of Avilla. He is an enterprising citizen of the county and reports business moderately good in that village.
New Era-June8-1876

Ligonier and Noble County, lost one of their most prominent and best citizens on Sunday last in the death of Mr. Charles G. Vail, a gentle man who has been long and favorably known as an homest, straight-forward business man, and respected citizen. Our acquaintance with the deceased dates back to our childhood's days, and has extended through a period of 30 or 40 years. In all his relations of life, he was honest and just, and possessing an indomitable will and positive convictions as to right and justice, he wielded an extensive influence in moulding the opinions of those by whom he was surrounded. He came to Elkhart

county about 1835 or 1836, from Uniontown, Pennsylvania we believe, where he continued in business until his removal to Ligonier, several years since. He was about 71 years old at the time of his death. A good man has fallen.
New Era, June 8, 1876.

Address of Mr. Nelson Prentiss, Delivered before the Old Settler's Association of Noble County, on Saturday, June 3rd, 1876.

Another year has passed and gone since we assembled here, and its history is written upon the record of the past, and today we meet according to appointment to review the past, to talk of the present, and to contemplate upon the future. The year that has just passed has been to some of us one of uninterrupted peace and prosperity, and we rejoice and give thanks that the same Divine Providence that has shaped our destiny through every lane of life has still kindly smiled upon us.

Our lives and our health have been graciously preserved, and we enjoy the privilege of again looking upon faces that were familiar in days gone by; of grasping the warm hand, and assured that our hearts have not grown cold toward each other. We meet as a little band, small indeed today, and becoming smaller each year, and we realize the fact that in a few short years the last of our band will be removed from the scenes of earth. Each revolving year leaves our number less and as I gaze over this audience and see before me faces so well remembered, but oh! how changed by time, the solemn truth is impressed upon my mind that "Time is winging us away to our eternal home."

The raven locks of forty years ago have given place to the frosted hairs of age. With us "the silver

cord will soon be loosed, the golden bowl be broken, and finis be written upon the history of our lives." But let us be truly thankful that so many of us are spared to meet again, and let us each endeavor so to live that when called hence we may leave this world in the joyful anticipation of unending bliss in the rest that remains for the faithful.

This is an important era in everything that pertains to American history. It is the centennial birth-year of our nation, and we in common with all others may rejoice that we have lived to see it. One hundred years seem like a long time, yet some of the pioneers of Noble County have lived nearly half that time here. But let us briefly review the past year.

I remarked in the outset that to some of us this year has brought prosperity and peace, and that no dark shadows have crossed our paths, but to others the year has produced far different results. Today, as old settlers, we look in vain for familiar faces that were wont to gladden our hearts. Today there are vacant seats at our social board. Today there are aching voids in hearts, that cannot be filled, and homes where the light has gone out, never to be re-kindled on earth. So far as I have learned, the following friends have left us: Mrs. Mary A. Clapp, Dr. D. W. C. Denny, Hon. Thos. H. Wilson, Mrs. Nancy Cummings (late Mrs. Broughton), John Davis, and Mrs. Frances Galloway.

Mrs. Mary A. Clapp was born in Huron county, Ohio, in 1824, and died at Albion in 1875, and was, at the time of her death, over 51 years of age.

She came to Noble county in 1836, and with her father's family lived in Jefferson township until her marriage to Hon. Wm. M. Clapp, since which time she resided in Albion. In early life she embraced religion, and united with the Baptist church, and continued a worthy member until her death. She leaves a husband and

three children to mourn her loss.

Thomas H. Wilson was born in Westmoreland county Penn., Feb. 20th, 1797, and died at his house in Washington township, Feb. 7th, 1876, being at the time near 79 years of age.

At the age of 14 years he removed to Ohio with his parents and continued there until 1836, when they settled in Noble county, where he lived until his death. On the day day of August, 1821, he was married to Miss Neal, with whom he lived happily for more than fifty years; rearing a large and respectable family who are living examples of proper paternal care and early training. Three of his sons are prosperous and intelligent farmers, two are lawyers, and one a minister in the presbyterian church. In early life, living as he did on the frontiers, he did not enjoy the advantages of education which are now so abundant, but his native good sense and observation made him more than the equal of many whose scholastic acquirements were superior to his.

Soon after his settlement in Noble County, at the earnest solicitations of his neighbors he accepted the office of Justice of the peace. He was subsequently elected one of the Associate Judges of the Noble Circuit Court and discharged his duties on the Bench in an acceptable manner. He also represented Noble County in the legislature (once or twice) and his record there shows without a stain. He had enemies, as every man will have who has the moral courage to do right regardless of consequences, but even these never charged him with official misconduct. All the places of trust he ever held were thrust upon him unsolicited and frequently against his protest.

He was a member of the first Presbyterian church organized in Noble County, but the church having been dissolved, and there being no organization of his choice in his vicinity, he united with the Evangelical Lutheran church, of which he was a member at the time of his death.

John Davis was one of the pioneers of Noble County having located here in 1836, on the farm where he died in 1876, at an advanced age. He lived and died a member of the M. E. Church, and I need not say that his death is regretted by all who knew him. His memory is enshrined in the hearts of his old associates, and the world is better for his having lived in it. "The memory of the Just is blessed."

Mrs. Mary Cummings of Swan township died Feb. 27th, 1876, at the advanced age of 81 years. She was born in the State of New York and emigrated thence to Ohio, where she lived several years, and where she buried her first husband, Mr. Broughton. She came to Noble County in 1836, and settled in the township where she died. She was the mother of William and Samuel Broughton, who reside among us, and who are justly held in high esteem among their fellow citizens, and who owe their success in life to the wise counsel of a mother, for being left fatherless in their childhood their training depended upon the mother. She was the mother of ten children, of whom eight are living. She was a member of the M. E. church from early youth until her death, and when she became aware that the time for her departure was at hand, her mind was tranquil and serene, and with full assurance of unending bliss above, she fell asleep to wake amid the glories of Heaven.

Mrs. Frances Galloway was born in Vermont in the year 1814, and died August 16th, 1875, being at the time, sixty one years of age.

She came to Noble County in 1836, with the family of Mr. Rolin Stewart, the father of James C. Stewart, now auditor of Noble County. She was married to Joseph

Galloway, one of the first settlers of the county, with whom she lived until his death, in 1861. She was the mother of eleven children, several of whom have preceeded her to the spirit world. Her house was ever open to the weary, and no needy or hungry one went empty from her door. Her industry was proverbial and she accomplished more in her day than a score of modern women, who look upon labor as beneath their notice.

The writer was called upon a short time before death to prepare her will, and found her calm and even joyful in the prospect of bliss beyond the tomb. At the sick bed, in the house of mourning and affliction, and wherever she saw suffering humanity, she was found the tender nurse, the sympathizing friend. No danger deterred, no toil daunted. She pursued the even tenor of her way, quietly and silently, and when the work was done, she gladly hailed the King of terrors, as a kindly messenger, sent to call her to the higher enjoyments of heaven.

And now having imperfectly delineated the lives and services of our departed friends, let us turn our attention to the present, and may our meeting today be pleasant, and a time to be membered while memory remains.

Let me also call your attention to the necessity for a change in the officers of this organization. You are all aware that there has been much comment upon the question of a third term for president of the United States, and the country seems to have settled down to the conviction that it would be highly improper to establish such a precedent. And yet the old settlers of Noble County, who are all good, law abiding citizens (Although they did hang a black-leg), have elected the same president, not only for a third term, but a fourth term. Beward, friends, lest your liberties be endangered.

OLD SETTLERS MEETING

Pursuant to adjournment, a large number of old settlers convened at the court house in Albion, June 3rd, 1876.

James C. Stewart presented the society with a part of the stone of the first mill erected in Noble County, by John G. Hall, upon the Goshen road in Noble township.

The meeting was addressed by James McQueen, Jacob J. Grunlich, Mrs. H. F. Bassett, Mr. Huff, John Bowman and Mrs. Hathaway.

By invitation of the society, S. E. Alvord, Esq., addressed the meeting in an eloquent manner, and was listened to with close attention.

On motion the president appointed the following persons to report to him the deaths of old settlers, during the ensuing year:

James Wilson, Washington; L. B. Eagles, Sparta; Jacob Wolf, Perry; I. Tibbett, Elkhart; Charles Wright, York; Dr. E. Jones, Noble; Charles G. Weeks, Green; J. L. Foster, Jefferson; Wm. B. Dunn, Orange; A. Crofoot, Wayne; E. B. Spencer, Allen; Samuel Broughton, Swan.

On motion, the meeting adjourned to meet at Albion on the 1st Saturday of June, 1877.

James M. Denny, Secy.

Death of Joseph S. Cox.- A telegram was received on Tuesday morning announcing the death of Joseph S. Cox, clerk of Noble County, which occurred at Three Rivers, Michigan at 9 o'clock of the night previous. He had gone to Three

Rivers some weeks previous to his death, for the benefit of his health. Mr. Cox has been in feeble health for a long time, and his death was not unlooked for, although for a short time after visiting the Magnetic Springs at Three Rivers, it was thought that his condition had improved, and hopes were entertained that his life might be prolonged for years perhaps. His remains were brought to Kendallville, his former home, for interment. He was buried yesterday at 10 o'clock. In his death Noble County has lost one of her best citizens.
Albion New Era, June 22, 1876

Hiram Bradley of Albion, obtained a wagon load of potatoes in this locality last Saturday. Hi says he could have got them for 5¢ per bushel, but felt ashamed to offer less than 10.-
Ligonier Banner.

Why should Hiram Bradley go all the way to Ligonier to purchase potatoes at 10 cents per bushel, or even at 5, when they can be purchased much cheaper right here in Albion. A gentleman from the country came into town, we are informed, a few days since with a two-horse wagon loaded with potatoes and finally sold the entire load for two and one-half plugs of tobacco worth ten cents per plug.
Albion New Era, June 22, 1876.

Many of our readers will remember Bill Hill, who escaped from the county jail in this place years ago, since when we believe nothing definite was ever known of his movements. The Lagrange Standard of last week published the following in regard to his final taking off:

We heard, recently, a story in respect to the death of Bill Hill, a some what noted character, who left this section of the country during the Regulator excitement.

The story is, that he went West, settled in Arkansas, and put out a shingle announcing himself as a doctor, and that he succeeded in gaining a lucrative practice. When the war broke out he found himself surrounded with rebels, but giving out the impression that he was on their side, was not troubled. But sometime during the war, just when, our informant did not know, Union troops took possession of the locality, and Hill formed an acquaintance with the Commander. A report soon after became current that he proposed to the Union Captain, to do away with the rebels in that locality through the contents of his pill-bags. Whether so infamous a proposition was made or not, the rumor struck a community ready to meet it with equal barbarity. He was soon waylaid, shot, and his body literally slashed to pieces.

The Elkhart Review says that Rev. J. H. Hutchison has had a stroke of paralysis, but is convalescing. Mr. H., we believe, formerly resided in Albion.
Albion New Era, Aug. 24, 1876

Died-At Ligonier, Ind., Sept. 11th, 1876, George Teal, Sr., aged 77 years.

Deceased was born in Franklin County, Va., July 28th, 1799; removed with his parents early in the present century to Preble county, Ohio, thence to Noble County, Ind., in 1837. He resided near and in Ligonier from that date until his death. He leaves a widow, the companion of fifty years. Of his surviving descendants

there are nine children, twenty-three grand-children, and one great-grand child. The funeral services took place at 1 o'clock P. M., Thursday, 14th, ist., at the M. E. church, in Ligonier.
Kendallville Standard.

Mr. George Teal was the father of county clerk, Geo. B. Teal, and Drs. Milton and N. Teal of Kendallville.
Albion New Era, Sept. 21, 1876

Capt. Hiram Iddings has lived on his present farm 40 years. Forty years ago last Sunday he commenced "housekeeping" in his new home in the wilderness, as one of the pioneers of this county. Quite a number of friends were assembled at his pleasant home last Sunday, among whom were Senator O. P. Morton, R. R. Hitt of Mt. Morris, Ill., Secretary of Legation at Paris, France; Gen. Geo. A. Sheridan, of New Orleans, who were hospitably entertained by the Captain and his accomplished lady. Their residence is one mile south of the city, and is a delightful and favorite resort for their many friends.
Kendallville Standard copied in the New Era, Sept. 21, 1876.

It has been generally supposed, even by some of our old residents, that Bixler lake is very deep; the usual guessing as to its depth, ranging from one hundred to three hundred feet. A fishing party, one day last week, in order to gratify their own curiosity, sounded the lake in a number of places, and the

greatest depth of water they could find was 35 feet. The depth varies from 20 to 35 feet; which is much less than it was generally supposed.-
Kendallville Standard. Copied in New Era, Sept. 28, 1876.

John D. Black and Richard L. Stone are contending for the Treasurer's office.
New Era, Sept.28, 1876.

Samuel E. Alvord, George B. Teal and W. W. Skillen are the candidates of the various parties for the clerkship.
New Era, Sept. 28, 1876.

Rev. B. A. Wood and wife, of New London, Conn., are spending a few weeks in Albion. Mrs. Wood is a daughter of Judge Tousley.
New Era, Sept.28, 1876

Mrs. J. R. Rheubottom, of Wolcottville delivered an address to the citizens of Albion on Woman's rights, on Saturday evening.
New Era, Sept. 28, 1876

There are but two candidates for recorder in this

county, although there are four separate tickets in the field. John Baughman is the republico-demo-anti-secret-society candidate, while our friend D. E. A. Spencer is the greenback candidate for the position. "Dick" is determined to make a gallant fight for the place.
New Era, Sept.28, 1876.

A Remarkable Relic.-A young man brought a stone in to Charley Latta on Monday which was dug up on the farm of Stephen B. Smith, of Clinton township, and which is something very curious. It has on it a writing dated 1760, in which the author says he was a prisoner in the hands of a noted warrior called "Bloody Knife", and was to be burned the next day. He says ten others were captured with him, but were put to death in the struggle. They were a trading party from away beyond the lakes, and this was their sad fate as they were returning home. This is about the substance of the writing as we understood it. The stone can be seen at the News depot-Goshen Democrat.
In the New Era, Oct. 12, 1876.

Father Woodruff was brought to the polls in a buggy. He was the oldest man who voted at the polls in Albion, if not in the county.
Albion New Era, Oct. 19, 1876.

The Kendallville Standard says: Among the incidents of the election in this city yesterday, were several ludicrous mistakes. One man voted the printed circular of Mrs. Isbell's Millinery Store. One man passed in his ballot and lit out so quick that his name could not

be learned. (One democrat less.) Another anxious democrat voted two tickets, nicely folded together. He had, probably, money upon Blue Jeans. Teal lost two votes by Alvord's name not being scratched off the ticket. Both names being on, of course neither were counted.

Notwithstanding the large vote, the Board finished counting at noon, Wednesday, Oct. 19, 1876.

Mrs. Beckley, wife of McClure Beckley, of Avilla, died October 12th, of heart disease. Formerly Mrs. B. was a frequent contributor to the different papers of the county, and doubtless many can recollect her able poetical productions over the name of Arcella Prentice. The remains were taken to Cromwell, her former home, for interment, on Friday, Oct. 13th, 1876

Died.-On Sunday evening, Oct. 22nd, 1876, at his residence near Albion, of lung fever, Mr. Adam Dingman, well known to every citizen of Albion and vicinity. Mr. Dingman was an old citizen of Noble county, and had, we believe resided in Indiana for the last 52 years. New Era, Oct. 26, 1876

Chas. DeWitt, charged with maiming Johathan Shuttleworth, by biting off a portion of his ear in a fight some months since, was put upon trial in the circuit court on Tuesday, and after hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty", fixing his punishment at confinement in the county jail for six months, together with a fine of $150. Albion New Era, Oct. 26, 1876

Died.-Nov.16th, 1876, at her residence in Jefferson township, Mrs. Azubah Scovil, aged 90 years, 8 months and 25 days. She was born in Connecticut, February 22nd, 1876 (?) 1786. She experienced religion many years ago, and for the last 50 years had been a member of the old School baptist church, and for nine years a worthy and faithful member of the Mount Salem church in Jefferson township. Her pastor Eld. Z. Thomas, delivered a very impressive funeral sermon. She outliverd the companion of her youth many years, and lived to see the fifth generation of her family.
New Era, Nov. 23, 1876

Mr. H. R. Shirk has returned to Albion from a visit to the centennial and to friends in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania.
New Era, Dec. 7, 1876

Jacob Wolf, of Ligonier, was in town for a day or two last week. Mr. Wolf is one of the first settlers of Noble county, and retains the vigor of mind and body to a remarkable degree.
New Era, Dec. 7, 1876

We see by the Hoshen Democrat, that Mrs. John D. Scoman, of Kearney Junction, Nebraska,is visiting friends in that city. Mrs. D. is a relative of the Carrs, of Ligonier, this county.
New Era, Dec. 7, 1876

Items taken from the New Era of Albion for the year 1878

Orval Johnson, a son of Ambrose Johnson who was killed in the army, was buried last Friday.- Standard

Hon. Wm. M. Clapp was united in marriage on Tuesday evening, Dec. 25th, 1877 to Miss Angeline Skinner, of Albion, Rev. Preston McKinney officiating. The marriage was a quiet, unostentatious one, and was but little known until the next day. Both of the contracting parties are well known throughout the county, Mr. Clapp being known throughout the state, and especially in the northern part.
New Era, January 3, 1878

Another Land Mark Removed.

Jarrett Weeks died at his residence in Albion, December 26, 1877, aged 64 years, one month and twenty five days. Mr. Weeks was one of the very early settlers of Northern Indiana, having settled in Allen County, about the year 1830, when a youth. His father, Charles Weeks, was one of the first white men in Allen county outside of Ft. Wayne.

Most of the old settlers will remember the old Weeks place where many a weary traveler found a hospitable welcome when most of Noble County was a wilderness. It is not to be supposed that under such circumstances the subject of this sketch enjoyed the advantages of education with which the young men of

of the present are blessed.

Inured to toil from early life he contracted habits of industry, and the privations endured by him in common with all early settlers taught him economy, which traits were prominent through his life. Hence unaided and unassisted, he rose from poverty to a competence, and at the time of his death he was in possession of enough of this world'd goods to satisfy him. But better than this he had sought and obtained the true riches which alone can bring peace in a dying hour. He was at one time a member of the United Brethern church, but I have been informed that he had withdrawn recently from that organization. About two years ago he had a severe attack of lung fever, from which he never fully recovered. Mr. Weeks was the father of eight children, six of whom and his widow, reside on the homestead,-the other two having preceeded the father to the other shore. He was buried in the cemetery at Albion, on the 28, the services being conducted by the Rev. Preston McKinney, and was followed to the grave by a large concourse of his friends and neighbors, among whom were twelve of the old settlers of Noble county, who acted as Pall bearers. Mr. Weeks settled in Noble county about 1842, and has since resided here. By his industry and economy he acquired property, by honesty and fair dealing he won the confidence of his neighbors, and the old settlers of Noble will miss his pleasant face, and the cordial shake of his hand at our next annual meeting.

Communicated.

New Era, Jan. 3, 1878.

An excursion to Kansas will start from Kendallville on the 15th of this month.

Goshen Democrat says: "We received a call on Monday from Rev. Mr. Hutchison of Elkhart. He has retired from the ministry and is now Justice of the peace. It will be remembered that he married Miss Mary Kiblinger, formerly of this city."
New Era, Jan. 3, 1878

Mr. Philip Wolf, a saloon keeper, presented George Chambers, a reformed drunkard, with a valuable pipe on New Years day for keeping his pledge. Well, Phil is a gentleman in every respect. How many saloon keepers are there in Indiana who would take the fallen by the hand and encourage them as Mr. Wolf has done.
Kendallville locals in New Era, Jan. 3, 1878.

Mr. Geo Gretzinger of Jefferson township informs us of the death in Ohio, on Sunday of last week, of Mr. Thomas Spence, a well known resident of that township. He was in Ohio visiting friends, when he was taken sick with typhoid fever from which he died in a few days. He leaves a wife and family in this county.
New Era, Jan. 17, 1878

Mr. Bradford B. Longyear died of consumption at the residence of his father in Wayne township, Jan. 9th 1878, aged 32 years and 7 months.
New Era, Jan. 24, 1878

Mr. Thester Taylor, of Kendallville, died at his home in that city on January 14, 1878. He had been a resident of this county for more than 40 years.

There will be another excursion to Kansas on the 5th of February. Several Noble County men have purchased land in that state within the past few months, some of whom will make it their future home.
New Era, Jan. 24, 1878

Libbie Stewart's scholars wear the palm when it comes to declamations. Wish we were a schoolboy again.
Avilla items in New Era, Jan.31, 1878

Mr. William Simpson, the first settler of Elkhart county, died a few days ago in Benton township at the age of 75 years. He came to the county in 1828, when a young man, from Tennesee, and settled on Elkhart Prairie, on the farm subsequently owned by the late Col. John Jackson.
Locals from Elkhart County in New Era, Jan. 31, 1878

Mr. John Wiles, an old citizen of Kendallville, died at that place last week. He came from England when a small boy.
New Era, Feb. 7, 1878

Mr. Dunshee, a former citizen and Medical practitioner of Albion, but now of Southern Iowa, has been spending a week or two with his old friends here.
New Era, Feb. 7, 1878.

Bill Groh, well known to the people of this and adjoining counties, died at his home in Kendallville on Tuesday morning last, of consumption, we believe. Mr. Groh at one time was quite wealthy and carried on one of the largest grocery houses in this part of the state.

We received a call on Thursday from Rev. B. F. Stultz, formerly of this place, but now located at White Pigeon, Michigan. The many warm friends of Mr. Stultz in this vicinity will be happy to learn that he is well pleased with his new home.

Mr. Jonas Bortner of this vicinity, has a hat that is pierced by three bullet holes. They were made at the Fort Fisher fight, during the rebellion, and the hat was on the head of Mr. B. when the bullets passed through it. Strange to say neither of the balls touched his person.
New Era locals, Feb. 14, 1878

William Groh, whose death at Kendallville, we noticed last week, was but 37 years old. He was born in Germany, and upon landing in New York when a mere

boy, commenced work in a machine shop in New York City. He came west with his parents in 1859, and since that time he has been identified with the business of Kendallville, excepting a few months during the war in which he served in the 44th regiment, and was severely wounded. He had joined the Catholic church a short time previous to his death, and was buried in the Catholic cemetery in Avilla, on Wednesday of last week.
New Era, Feb. 21, 1878

Never do we visit a school but that, upon leaving it, we wonder why we do not make them a more frequent occurrence, and by so doing not only benefit ourselves, but also others, perhaps.

On Friday afternoon last we paid Mr. Skinner's school a visit, and after recess we were entertained by the Lyceum, composed of the scholars of that room. The president of the society, John Decamp, called the society to order, and Ella Prentiss, secretary, immediately called the roll, while Mr. Skinner took a "back seat", being no more than a member. The principal feature was the paper, which they call "The Student's Journal." It is edited, or arranged, by Misses Flora Woodruff and Albie Love, who had their paper nicely arranged, while the pupils are the contributors. The articles contributed were all good, some of them possessing real merit, but we have not the space to speak in detail.

Misses Woodruff and Love both did their part well. The exercises were interspersed with music and declamations. The music, by Misses Flora Woodruff and Belle Cook, with Miss Hattie Lemmon at the organ, was also good. The exercises throughout were very entertaining.
New Era, Feb. 21, 1878

Hon. Orlando Kimmel has been called to Canton, Ohio, to attend his step-mother, who is lying dangerously ill at her home in that place.
Feb. 28, 1878.

Albion will be represented at the Paris exposition in the person of Owen Black. He will probably spend a portion of the summer on the continent.
New Era, Feb. 28, 1878

Avilla locals, New Era, Feb. 28, 1878.

Mrs. N. I. Hill, Avilla's first landlady, is paying her relatives here a visit, after an absence of many years. She is a sister of the late Judge Randall, of this place.

Kendallville Locals
Mr. Henry Cummings, an ex soldier, was buried with Military honors last Saturday.
From New Era, March 7, 1878

DeKalb county items.
The German population of Corunna attend church at Kendallville every Sunday. They go there by hand car on the railroad.
March 7, 1878

Burning of the Rome City Woolen Mills.
On Friday last the intelligence reached Albion that

the Rome City woolen mills had, on hat morning, been totally destroyed by fire. The Rome City Mills were built by G. W. Geisendorff, about 1870, and in 1872, Judge Clapp, of Albion, Capt. E. H. Fisher, of Rome City, and Hon. J. C. Zimmerman, of Ligonier, formed a partnership, and purchased the buildings and machinery, since which time they have been operating it, adding at different times, valuable improvements. The original cost of the factory was about $25000 and since the factory has been under the new management considerable improved machinery has been added. Making due allowance for the present prices of machinery, etc., the loss will be about $24000. There was no insurance.
New Era, March 7, 1878

Dr. W. H. Nimmon, of Wawaka, died on Wednesday of last week, at his home in that village, aged about 60 years. He was a native of Ohio, we believe, but immigrated to Noble County at a very early day, nearly 40 years ago, and was the oldest medical practitioner in the county at the time of his death.

When first reaching Noble county, Rochester bid fair to become the leading town of the County, and Dr. Nimmon settled there, but afterward moved to Augusta, then the county seat, thence to Wolf Lake, thence to Albion, and finally to Wawaka, where he had resided for a number of years previous to his death. A short time after his arrival in Noble county he was elected to the Indiana legislature, in which body he served for one or two terms. The Doctor was rough in his exterior, but possessed a kind disposition and was generous to a fault, giving his services to the poor and needy with the same alacrity with which he attend the summons of the wealthy, even when there was no prospect of securing any remuneration for his services. Although having a large practice, which extended through nearly a half century in this county, he died comparatively

poor. In his death the medical profession of the county has lost its oldest member, and the poor and needy one who never turned a deaf ear to their call for help. His remains were buried at Eden Chapel, in the Haw Patch.
New Era, April 18, 1878

Died

March 28, 1878, at Middlebury Station, Elkhart County, Robert Officer; aged 64 years. Mr. Officer was a resident of Albion, and at the time of his death was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Kyte, living at Middlebury.-Banner

This is a mistake. Mr. Officer was not a resident of Albion at the time of his death, but some years ago was a well-known resident of Noble County.
New Era, April 18, 1878

The Port Mitchell Woolen Mills Laid in Ashes.
The Only Mill of the kind in Noble County Destroyed.
An Incendiary's Work.

Since the burning of the Rome City Woolen Mills a few months ago, the factory at Port Mitchell has been the only establishment of the kind in Noble County. Messrs. West & Campbell were making preparations to do an extensive business there this season in the line of wool carding, spinning, etc., and in addition were preparing to start a few run of burrs to do grinding for the people of that portion of the county.

Early on Sunday morning, between two and three o'clock

we believe, the woolen mills were discovered to be on fire, and when discovered the flames were under such headway that it was found impossible to save any thing. There is not any doubt whatever that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

These woolen mills were built twenty or twenty five years ago, and were, perhaps, the first mills of the kind erected in Noble county.
New Era, May 16, 1878.

Mrs. Catherine Hill, mother of Nicholas Hill, Lawrence Hill, and Mrs. Peter Ringle, died Tuesday evening, May 7th, 1878, at the residence of Nicholas Hill, four miles north of this city, aged 93 years. Mrs. Hill was buried in the Catholic Cemetery at Avilla, last Thursday.
Copied from Kendallville Standard.

A drove of Gipsies, numbering 60 or 70, and having 14 wagons, 22 horses, 6 mules, 1 colt and 6 dogs, recently camped in the woods near Ligonier.
New Era, May 23, 1878

Last Sunday was a day set apart in the Roman Catholic Calendar for the dedication of the new church at this place. Although the day began with a drizzling rain, at an early hour, people began pouring into town. The trains on the B. & O. road unloaded vast multitudes, but when the train on the Grand Rapids came up to the station and unloaded, its human freight was immense.

Here the Ft. Wayne brass band was met by the Avilla band and took their line of march for the church grounds. It looked like a vast military company. The large church was filled to overflowing, and hundreds remained on the grounds outside.

We would like to comment on the Rev. gentleman's sermon but space forbids.

Among the visitors, we noticed from Ft. Wayne, Dr. D. D. Wisell and lady, G. D. F. Ohneck and lady, Mrs. Amy Seavy, daughter of the late Judge Randall, of this place, Frank Magers and lady and many other old acquaintances. From Albion we noticed John Pepple, W. S. Kiser, Jno. W. Smith, Dr. Clark and others.
Avilla items in Albion New Era, May 23, 1878

In excavating for the cellar of Dick Stone's new buildings on West Main street a piece of the old "Sea Serpent" printing press, which was formerly used in the Goshen Democrat office was unearthed. We did think of expressing it to Beanex present propriator of that paper.
New Era, May 23, 1878

John Cramer, aged 60 years, an old citizen of Washington township, died a short time since.
New Era, May 30, 1878.

Jos. D. Whitford, living a few miles from Kendallville, died on Thursday of last week.
New Era, June 6, 1878

Mr. Nathan Frink, father of Mrs. Sheriff Eagles, is very ill at the residence of his son in Elkhart. Mrs. Eagles has been there attending upon him during a portion of the past week.
New Era, June 6, 1878

Benjamin Shew died at his residence in York township, Noble County, Indiana, on Sunday, June 2nd, 1878, aged 64 years, 11 months, 10 days. The subject of this sketch was born in Ohio, in Stark County, we believe, June 22nd, 1813, and immigrated to Noble County in the autumn of 1844. He lived during the winter of 1844-45 on Adam Kimmel's land, in Jefferson township, but the following season moved on to his own land in York township where he lived and died, beloved and respected by all who knew him. He lived a quiet, unostentatious life, and although belonging to no church organization, practiced a strict observance of the Golden Rule. He never held a public position, but was a candidate for sheriff of Noble County in 1856, we believe, in which a tie vote was cast, and his competitor received the position.

He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his departure, one of the latter being Joseph M. Shew, now a resident of this place.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Christian Weaver, at the Dunkard Church in the Weaver neighborhood, on Monday, and his body was buried in what is known as the Osborn burying ground.
New Era, June 6, 1878.

Biographys of Old Settlers given at Old Settlers Meeting, June 1st, 1878 at Albion.

First biography was that of Jarrett Weeks which was practically the same as obituary copied a few weeks ago. One paragraph we will give concerning his father, Charles Weeks. "Most of the old settlers will remember the old Weeks place, north of Huntertown, where many a weary traveler found a hospitable welcome when the most of Noble County was a wilderness."

Hannah Roberts,

was born in Ohio, July 10, 1800, and died at Ligonier, August 31, 1877, being at the time of her death a little over seventy-seven years of age. In 1817 she was married to John Voris by whom she had nine children, only two of whom survived her. Two of her sons gave their lives for our liberties, having died in the army during the war of the rebellion.

Capt. Wm. N. Voris, her son, who now resides in Washington township, was the first soldier mustered into the serivce of the United States from Noble County, in 1861.

She came with her husband to Noble County in 1835, and in November of the same year the husband died and was the first one buried in the cemetery at Wolf Lake. Thus she was left with a family of nine small children, most of them helpless, without means and almost without shelter (for Mr. Voris died before he had finished his cabin) in the wilderness, without neighbors near. She struggled on with a will that laughsat difficulties, and with an abiding faith in the help of God until she saw her family grow up and become useful and exemplary members of society. At a subsequent period of her life she was married to Wm. Roberts who died many years ago and during the last years of her life whe found a home among her children and grand children, and among them all she was ever welcome.

From early life until her death, she was a member of the Freewill Baptist church, and by her exemplary life and christian deportment, was a living epistle of the religion she professed. Her early trials and privations, her struggles with sickness and poverty will never be written; the record would fill volumes; but her life is closed; her end was peace, and today she enjoys that rest prepared for the faithful.

Lydia Bray

was born in Maryland, May 25, 1805, and was called hence on the same day as Mother Roberts. Thus those two aged mothers who for nearly half a century had lived near each other as neighbors, were on the same day and nearly the same hour, transplanted from this world of suffering to one of eternal rest. Mr. Bray died Dec. 25, 1854. She was the mother of seven children, of whom six are still living. She with her husband, emigrated to Noble county in November, 1835, and settled on the farm where both died. In early times they kept a hotel, and all the old settlers know the place. She attended strictly to her own business, never interfering with the affairs of others.

Old Settlers' Biographies Continued

Mrs. Abigail Seeley

was born in Orange County, New York, April 22, 1799, and died at Brimfield, September 30, 1877, being at the time 78 years, 5 months, and 8 days of age.

Her maiden name was Abigail Reynolds. She was married to Ephraim Seeley in 1821, with whom she lived until his death which occurred at Brimfield, but the date of his death has not been furnished me. In the spring of 1824, they removed from the state of New York to Defiance, Ohio, and in 1828, removed to Goshen, Indiana, and in 1830 they settled on English Prairie, Lagrange county, where they lived until 1860, when they then settled at Brimfield, where both died, beloved and respected by all who knew them. I have reason to remember with gratitude this aged mother. When I first visited Indiana, having been taken sick on the road and not possessed of much means, I found myself, when able to travel, reduced very low in the region of the pocketbook, and the day I reached Indiana I had 68 cents left. I was in a strange country, among strangers; had never been much from home, and knew but little of the ways of the world; was trying to reach Lima where I expected to find some persons with whom I left home. I was not yet fully recovered from my sickness of body, and was sick at heart. I regretted that I had left home. About dusk, tired and discouraged, being about 8 miles from Lima, I called at a cabin on the south side of English Prairie, and inquired the distance to Lima. Being told that it was 8 miles, I knew that I could not reach it without rest, for I was almost exhausted, hence I asked the privilege of remaining that night. My request was promptly complied with, and I was asked if I had had supper. I told them I had not, but did not add that I had no dinner that day, which was the fact. But said I, "I have but little money", an in candor told the extent of my means and said that

I did not want to go beyond my means unless I could work it out. I can still see the good man and woman as both assured me that they were not the kind of people to take the last cent from a poor boy. In short I was made welcome and the unaffected hospitality of these good people made me forget that I was away from home. I was at the home of Abigail Seeley. She furnished the first food I tasted in Indiana, and seasoned it with such motherly solicitude that, although it was plain, no king ever enjoyed his royal banquet as I enjoyed that meal. The next day I left for Lima as rich in purse as when I came. From that time until the day of her death, I have felt for her a feeling akin to veneration. The foregoing sketch shows as clearly as words can convey one leading trait of her character. She was the mother of ten childre, eight of who are living. She was a pattern of propriety and industry, and well would it be for the world if we had more like her. She has left the impress of her character upon those of her family that survive her, and her children are worthy of such a mother.

By Nelson Prentiss

Samuel Barkwell

died at his residence in Allen township, Noble County, during the year, but the exact date I have not been furnished with. He was a native of England, and came to Noble county in 1833, where he lived until his death. He leaves a widow but no children. At the time of his death he was 72 years of age. He was a quiet unassuming man, scarcely known out of his immediate neighborhood, but was known to be an honest conscientious man.

Hannah Kern

was born in 1813, and died in Sparta township, Noble County, in October, 1877, being at the time of her death, 64 years old. Her father Andrew C. Douglass, emigrated to Noble county in 1833, when the subject of this sketch was 20 years of age, and she lived here the remainder of her life. She was twice married, first to Wm. Baker, by whom she had two children, both of whom are living. Baker died many years ago, and she subsequently married Isaac W. Kern, who died several years ago, and at the time of her death she was a widow.

Henry Shobe

was born in Ross County, Ohio, June 12, 1812, and came with his parents to Elkhart county in 1830, and Noble County in 1831, where he resided until his death, which occurred September 22, 1877. He was married to Amanda Neeley, December 31, 1840. He leaves a widow and six children. His father was one of the very early settlers of the county, and died many years ago. Henry continued to live upon the old homestead until within a short time before his death, when failing health induced him to sell his farm and remove to Ligonier, where he died. Most of his life was passed in Noble County, and most of you knew him. He never knowlingly wronged any one.

Isaac Bartley

died at his residence in York township Nov. 2, 1877, aged 64 years, 10 months and 10 days. He came to Northern Indiana at an early day. I think that he once

informed one that he worked for Col. Jackson, on Elkhart Prairie, in 1834. He came to Noble County in 1837, and has resided here since that time. At the time of his settlement in Noble County he was poor, but his industry and economy enabled him to accumulate a good property, and at the time of his death he was far above want. Energy and perseverance were prominent traits in his character. He knew no such word as fail, and what-ever he undertook he usually accomplished. At the time of his death he was a member of the Dunkard church.

Aaron Wood

was born in Jefferson County, New York, March 14, 1814, and died Feb. 28, 1878, in Swan township. He came to Noble County in 1835. In 1845 he was married to Mary J. Straus, who, as well as six children survive him.

Rachel Hoff

died at her home in Swan township, Nov. 19, 1877, aged 63 years. She was born in Licking Co., Ohio, and came to this county about 1836, with her father, Adam Fulk, who died in Swan township a few years ago at the age of 105 years. Mrs. Hoff experienced her full share of hardships in the early settlement of the county, and in the main, the history of one is the history of all, but occasionally something transpired out of the ordinary routine of pioneer life. This was the case with Mrs. Hoff. One evening she left home for the purpose of finding the cows, and either in consequence of a late start, or that she was compelled to go further than usual, night overtook her in the woods. While trying to find her way she was followed by a pack of large wolves, and followed so closely that she was

compelled to climb a tree to save her life, where she remained the greater part of the night, but was finally relieved by her brother who had gone in search of her and when found the wolves had nearly cut the tree down with their teeth.

Mary McMann

was born in Greenbriar county, Virginia, February, 1802, and died during the year 1877. She was married to James McMann in 1820, who died about eight years ago. She was the mother of ten children, of whom five are living, four having died at an early age, and one at his post in the War of the Rebellion. She settled in Koscuisko county where in 1839, and soon after moved to Noble county where she died. She was a member of the universalist church at Ligonier, while that organization was kept up, and she lived and died in the belief of that doctrine.

Dr. W. H. Nimmon

(Practically the same obituary as copied before with only this addition): "He settled in Noble County in December, 1839. He was twice married; to Mary Coon, in the spring of 1849, by whom he had two children, both of whom died in infancy. Several years after the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Tumbleson, who survives him. He left two children by his second wife both of whom are nearly grown."

Rev. George W. Wilson.

died at Cassopolis, Mich., on the 29th or 30st of May, and his remains were yesterday brought to this county for burial beside his father and other friends who have gone before. He was the son of Hon. Thomas H. Wilson, who was long a prominent citizen of the county, and who died a little over two years ago. His aged mother still lives in Washington township. Nearly all his life was passed in this county. Several years ago he entered the ministry in the Lutheran church, but subsequently united with the Presbyterians,of which church he was a minister at the time of his death. A short time ago he took charge of a church at Cassopolis, Mich., and entered upon his work, no doubt anticipating a life of usefulness in the Master's cause.

These obituaries were read by Nelson Prentiss, Esq. at the Old Settler's Meeting, June 1st, 1878.

Mrs. Amanda Crocker wrote a poem to commemorate the event.

Speeches were given by Isaac Tibbett, Steadman Gray, and J. W. Leonard. Later on more speeches were made by Jno. Bowman, Harvey Adair, Jacob Wolf, Jas. McQueen, A. Humphreys, Daniel Ahlwine, Harrison Wood, Wm. Crispell, Nelson Prentiss and others.

Joseph Whetzel, an old resident and citizen of Swan township, died on the morning of June 4th, 1878, aged 71 years, 3 months and 7 days. He had been a resident of Noble county for about 21 years.
New Era, June 13, 1878

J. B. Kelley, of the Kelley House, Kendallville, has purchased the brick hotel on the corner of Main Street, recently known as the Jackman House, and it is said will move the house he now occupies near the L. S. railroad to the former location, making a first class hotel building.
New Era, June 13, 1878

In regarding to the burning of the residence of Capt. Hiram Iddings, near Kendallville, last week, the Standard says:

The residence of Capt. Hiram Iddings one mile south of this City, was burned Tuesday night. The fire was discovered about eleven o'clock, in the roof of the one story wing, used for the kitchen, by Mrs. Iddings, who had not retired, and the household aroused, but as there was but one man about the premises-Walter Schutt-and he turned his attention persistently in endeavoring to put out the fire, there was but a small portion of the furniture and household goods saved. The parlor furniture and that of one bedroom, was mostly saved, through the efforts of the three or four ladies of the household. There was no wind, at the time, and the woodhouse and other outbuildings were not burned, and the trees and shrubbery but slightly damaged. The loss falls heavily upon Mr. And Mrs. Iddings, as most of their books and private papers were burned, and innumerable souvenirs which cannot be replaced with money. Mr. Iddings was absent at the time, in attendance at the State Convention at Indianapolis. The house was one-and-a half stories with numerous additions, built in 1852, but was one of the old fashioned heavy frames, consequently was quite good yet, and about $400 had been expended in repairs during the past year. There was $700 insurance on the house, $700 on the furniture, which covers but about one-half the loss.
New Era, June 13, 1878

In regard to the death of D. W. Pike, at Kendallville, and the subsequent proceedings of the Coroner's inquest, the Standard says:

Divine W. Pike died at his residence in this city Saturday morning, June 8th from the effects of a shot which he received on the 18th of May, 1877, aged 32 years. He had suffered severely from the wound, most of the time during the year, although at one time he had so far recovered as to resume his business as clerk in the store. An inquest was held before Esq. Wildman, who appointed Doctors Williams, Teal, Gilbert and Vincent, to make a post mortem examination-the jury consisting of Geo. B. Teal, John Smith, Reuben Miller, Louis Leibrentz, H. D. Kime, J. H. Van Arnum, O. Forker, Freeman Taber, Wm. M. Cushing, L. Kingsley, J. P. Bungen and A. K. Moyer. A careful and thorough examination was made by the physicians, and it was discovered that the ball had worked its way down through the brain and was found in the base of the posterior lobe. An encysted tumor had formed where the ball first lodged-about two and one half inches inside the skull-which was filled with pus, and was the cause of much of the pain and hastened his death. The verdict of the jury was to the effect that he came to his death from the effects of a wound inflicted with a revolver in the hands of J. W. Bixler, May 18th, 1877.
From the New Era, June 13, 1878

Captain Iddings will not re-build on the site of his old dwelling, but will erect a neat residence on a piece of land which he owns just beyond the corporation limits of the city of Kendallville.
New Era, June 27, 1878.

The people of Albion and vicinity were shocked on Saturday last to hear of the sudden death of Mr. William Bonham, who lived in Jefferson township, about two miles from Albion. His death occurred on Saturday afternoon, after a brief illness of a few days, with lung fever. Mr. B. was a well-to-do farmer, and a highly esteemed and respected citizen. He was perhaps 45 or 50 years of age. 1878

Capt. Iddings will build a block of brick business rooms in Kendallville this season.
New Era, July 4, 1878

The grand jury found an indictment against J. W. Bixler, but as to its nature we are not informed.
July 4, 1878, New Era

The widow of the late W. D. Pike, of Kendallville has gone to Phoenix, New York, to live with her mother.
New Era, July 4, 1878

Died-In Ligonier, June 23rd, 1878, Anna, relict of Charles G. Vail, deceased, aged 72 years, 11 months, and 7 days. Mrs. Vail was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, and was married to Mr. Vail in the year 1871. Her maiden name was Woodward.
New Era, July 4, 1878

A drive around Bixler Lake is the latest project in consideration at Kendallville.
New Era, July 18, 1878

There were five acres of wheat raised this year within the corporation of the city of Kendallville.
New Era, July 18, 1878

Obituary.

Died at his residence near Cold Springs, in Noble township, Noble County, Indiana, July 13, 1878, Mr. Francis R. Davis, aged 57 years, 9 months and 26 days. Mr. Davis was attending his ordinary business on Thursday. During the night following he was attacked with the Cholera Morbus, and died about 10 o'clock Saturday evening. He settled upon the farm where he died, on the 5th day of Octover, 1844. Although not classed as an old settler under the present rule, he has seen much and passed through many of the hardships incident to the settling up of new countries. By a consistent course of industry, ability and economy, he had accumulated a sufficiency of this world's goods to supply the wants of himself and family. Of late years his mind has been almost exclusively engrossed in the culture of bees, and at the time of his death, scores upon scores of stands of bees were standing about his premises. He leaves a wife and one son. A very feeling and appropriate discourse was delivered upon the occasion at the church at Cold Springs, by Elder Peter Winebrenner, after which his body was conveyed to its final resting place at the cemetery near Cold Springs in Washington township.
New Era, July 18, 1878

John Weston, of Kendallville, donated eight building lots in Elkhart to the school trustees of that city for school purposes.
New Era, July 25, 1878

Nathan Frink, an old resident of Noble county, but of late years a citizen of Tama county, Iowa, died at the home of his son, Dr. C. S. Frink, at Elkhart, on Sunday. He was the father of Mrs. N. P. Eagles, of Albion, and Mr. A. P. Frink, of Kendallville.
New Era, July 25, 1878

Obituary

Nathan Frink died at the residence of his son, Dr. Charles S. Frink, at Elkhart, July 20th, 1878, in the 78th year of his age.

He was born in Oneida County, New York, December 19th, 1800, and came to Noble county in the spring of 1836, and settled near Port Mitchell, where he lived many years. In 1860, having sold his farm, he removed to Iowa, where he had his home until quite recently. He spent most of the past winter here, and in the early spring returned to Iowa, but his failing health seems to have admonished him that the end of his labors was near, and he wrote to his children that he wished to return and die among them. He returned about two months ago as far as Elkhart, where he died. He was twice married; his first wife died in 1837, and was buried at Wolf Lake.

By her he had five children all of whom are now living, three of whom reside in Noble County, one in Illinois and one in Elkhart.

He subsequently married Miss Achsah Kent who was called to the other shore a little over four years ago. By her he had seven children, four of whom survive him. He was intimately identified with, and took part in all the important events connected with the early settlement of Noble county, and was honored with many public positions by his fellow citizens, and discharged his official duties with credit and ability.

He was modest and retiring in his habits; courteous and affable in his deportment; and like all the pioneers of Noble county, was hospitable and kind. He was for many years before his death a member of the M. E. church, and by his daily walk and conversation, a pattern worthy of imitation.
New Era, July 25, 1878

Conrad Cramer, of Swan township, one of the old residents of the county, died on the 17th at the advanced age of 79 years and 28 days.
New Era, August 1, 1878.

Elkhart County items in Albion New Era, August 8, 1878

The Elkhart Review says that "the school Board yesterday decided to name the building in Northwest Elkhart the Weston school. The selection of the name is appropriate and deserved by the grantor of the site of the building."

Obituary.-

George Ray died at his residence in Brimfield this

county, July 31, 1878, aged 57 years, 6 months and 10 days. The funeral sermon was preached at the United Brethern church, in Albion, on the 1st inst., after which his remains were buried in the Albion cemetery. Mr. Ray was born in Virginia, and moved to Ohio at an early day, thence to Indiana in 1861 or 1862. He had suffered terribly with inflammatory rheumatism, and for years had been almost helpless. The deceased was a brother of the late William Ray of this county, and was an uncle of our townsman Ed. P. Ray. He leaves a wife, six sons and one daughter. One of his sons is an engineer on the Bel River railroad, while one or two others are living in the west, we believe.
New Era, August 8, 1878

George Mitchell, of Cadillac, Michigan, is dead. He was well known in this county and was a brother of the late Hon. William Mitchell, of Kendallville.
New Era, August 22, 1878.

John Stahl, a member of the Ft. Wayne bar, died on Saturday evening at his residence in that city. He was formerly a resident of this county, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The following biographical sketch is taken from the Ft. Wayne Gazette. It says:

Deceased was the son of John and Annie Stahl, and was born in Juniata county, Pa., in October, 1837. He lived in the western part of that state until about fifteen years of age, when he moved to Avilla, Noble Co., Indiana. Until twenty-three years of age he worked on a farm; he then attended the Ft. Wayne high school; his study there was so thorough that he easily

secured very remunerative positions as teacher, and was in turn, principal of the Auburn, Waterloo, and Decatur schools. While at Waterloo he studied medicine with Dr. Stowe, and about that time united with the Presbyterian church.

In 1869 he graduated from the law department of the Michigan University, and was one of the best scholars in his class. For two years he practiced law with Judge Wildman of Kendallville.

In May, 1872, he was married to Miss Sarah Hillegass, and shortly after he moved to this city and began practicing with his brother-in-law J. D. Hillegass. Since the latter's death which occurred three years ago, he practiced alone, and worked up a very fine business, and was highly esteemed by the members of the bar.

Mr. Stahl leaves a wife and three children, two daughters and one son.
New Era, August 22, 1878

The Standard says:

It is highly interesting to listen to the conversation of such old pioneers as Capt. Iddings and George Moon-who have resided in this country over forty years-and hear them tell their stories of pioneer life, log houses, punchen floors, driving oxen, coon stories, and thousands of incidents that sound like romance to the young people of the present day. We now talk about "hardtimes", but we have not the most remote conception of the term as compared to the trials of pioneer life; and yet, the old pioneers did not complain of "hard times". Nearly every family of today squanders more in worse than worthless luxuries each week, than it cost the pioneers to live a year. They were happy and contented,

whilest we of today, are terribly miserable. What will the next forty years develop.
New Era, Sept. 5, 1878

Obituary

George Domer died in North Manchester, of inward dropsy, Aug. 12, 1878, aged 61 years, 1 month and 13 days.

Mr. Domer was born near Shanesville, Tuscarawas county, Ohio, from whence, at the age of 22, he came with his brother-in-law to Noble County, Indiana. In the spring of 1843 he was married to Caroline Steinbarger, and settled on one hundred and sixty acres of land which he purchased, near the present site of Wawaka. Here he cleared nearly one hundred acres of heavy timber such as characterizes Noble county, and here it was that he received the germ of sickness which led to his death. In 1856 his wife died leaving him with five children, the youngest being a little more than four months old. He was afterward married to Lydia Culler who had three children at the time of marriage, and by whom two children were born to them after their marriage.

Mr. D. spent about four years in Kansas and Missouri, but returned in 1874, to Kosciusko county, where he resided until he removed to North Manchester last October. He was a member in high standing of the German Baptist church for near 30 years. He leaves a widow and seven children.
New Era, Sept. 5, 1878

Eli B. Weston, of Chicago, died a few days ago, at his residence in that city, and his body was

brought to Kendallville for interment. He was a son of John Weston of Kendallville, and was well known to the people of this county of which he was formerly a resident.
New Era, Sept. 12, 1878

In regard to the death of Eli B. Weston, of Chicago, the Elkhart Review says:

Mr. Eli B. Weston, well known to our older citizens, died at his residence in Chicago yesterday. While a resident of this city Mr. Weston nearly lost his life at the hands of a burglar whom he had chased out of his house, the case exciting much comment at the time because the would be murderer was never discovered. He has been a sufferer from an incurable disease for a number of months, and his death was not altoether unexpected. Mr. Weston leaves a wife(nee Minnie Rosselwin) and a daughter.
New Era, Sept. 12, 1878

Mr. George C. Seymoure, of near Wolf Lake, showed us the other day, an official document issued by the first clerk of Noble County. This document is dated May 25, 1839, and is signed "Isaac Spencer, Clerk, by W. White, Deputy Clerk", and certifies that McIntyre Seymoure took an oath to support the constitution of the United States and also that of Indiana, and that he would "well and truly perform the duties of a constable of Noble township, in said county, agreeable to the best of his knowledge and ability." The document is in a good state of preservation.-Banner.
New Era, Sept. 12, 1878

Died

Weston.-On Sunday, Sept. 15, 1878, John Emory Weston.

John Emory Weston was born in Troy, Geauga County, Ohio, August 29, 1838, being at the time of his death forty years and seventeen days old. He came with his parents to this state in March, 1851, settling at Rome City, in this county. For about two years previous to 1861 he, with his father's family, resided in the city of Elkhart, in this state.

At the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion, his father was appointed a sutler in one of the regiments, and Emery assisted him in this position.

He was married to Miss Matilda Wilson on December 20, 1864, at which time the young couple settled on the farm, where he has since lived and died. The deceased leaves a wife and two children his survivors, and a number of near relatives to mourn the loss of one they loved. In all conditions of life he has received and retained the warmest friendship and perfect confidence of his associates in business. He was free and generous to a fault, often suffering loss himself rather than seem over anxious by exacting what was only his due. New Era, Sept. 26, 1878.

Died.-In Jefferson township, September 21st, 1878, Polly Potts, aged 69 years, 1 month and 26 days.

Polly Potts was born in Morris county, in the State of New Jersey, on the 25th day of July, 1809. Moved with her parents-David and Prudence Jackson-to the state of Ohio in the year 1814, and settled in Knox county, where she was married to her now bereaved husband, John Potts, on the 20th day of November, 1828. Moved to the State of Indiana in 1841, and settled on the farm where

she died on the 21st of September, 1878. She raised a large family. She was 69 years, 1 month and 26 days old at her death. A very large concourse of friends attended the funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. O. W. Bowen, at the Jefferson Union Church.
New Era, Sept. 26, 1878

Obituary

Died, near Brimfield, Sept. 26th, 1878, Mr. John Bradley, aged 72 years, 2 months and 16 days. Mr. Bradley was born in York county, Pa. He removed to the state of Ohio in the year 1836, thence to Allen County, Indiana, in 1845, where he resided until the year 1869 when he removed to Noble County, in which county he died. During his residence in Ohio, he united with the Presbyterian church, and soon after his removal to Allen county, Indiana, he was elected and ordained a ruling elder in the church with which he was connected, and continued to serve in that capacity during his long residence there. He also did long service as a colporteur scattering the seed of divine truth which we trust may bear much fruit.

Mr. Bradley leaves a wife, now past her three score years and ten, and suffering upon a sick bed, four daughters and one son.
New Era, October 3, 1878

Died-on October the 19th, 1878, after a long and severe illness, Eli Waldron, aged 52 years, 1 month and 8 days.

The deceased was born in Delaware county, Ohio, Sept. 11th, 1826. He came to Noble county in the year 1836, where he has been engaged for many years in buying and shipping stock, and his transactions in this line at times were quite extensive. He bore the reputation among his neighbors as a fair dealer and an honest man. He leaves a wife and four children. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church in this place. The Rev. Cone preached the discourse. The body was interred near Brimfield, where friends have been buried.-News.
New Era, October 31, 1878.

Mr. Thomas Inks died a few days ago, at Springfield, this county, aged 66 years and 2 days.
New Era, Nov. 7, 1878.

Joseph Homsher, of Jefferson township, is dead.
New Era, Nov. 14, 1878.

Obituaries from Albion New Era

Early Settlers

Jan. 1, 1880-taken from Albion New Era

Mr. James Roscoe, So. west of Albion one of the well to do and prosperous and intelligent farmers ret'd on Friday from a visit to his old home in Erie Co., Ohio where he gad been attending a family reunion at his Mothers residence. The latter is an aged lady of 70 years and was not aware that a reunion of the family was contemplated until her Sons 7 in number-who live in various parts of the country-began to arrive.

Obituary Albion

Mrs. Martha Riddle Hadley died at her home near Albion, Indiana, Jan 17-1880 in the 76 year of her age. She was born May 3, 1804 in Washington Co. Penn.

The Black brothers (there are seven of them in this county,) had a reunion at the residence of James Knox in Elkhart Township, on Christmas.-New Era, 1880

Wolf Lake Local. Albion New Era, Jan. 8, 1880

One by one the early pioneers of our county are passing away. Barney Scarlett, formerly an early settler here, but of latter years a resident of Albion County, died December 18th, 1879, aged 78 years.

Scarcely one year ago he lost his companion. They were early connected with the F. W. B. and remained with them until death. They will be long remembered in this county.

The Past Speaks

A Remarkable Inscription is found upon a stone which was picked up in Sparta township, and which purports to have been made One Hundred and Twenty years ago by a white man held captive by the Indiana

Quite a Relic

When the first white settlers came to Indiana, large Indian villages were found scattered at intervals all over the country. One of these was located on the south side of Elkhart Prairie, in Elkhart County, on the farm now owned by Hon. John E. Thompson, and another near the present site of Indian Village, in Sparta township, this county. Occasionally, at this day, evidences are discovered that long before the white settlers invaded this portion of the red man's hunting ground, white men were held as captives, by the savages. These had evidently been captured in the far east, on what was then the western border of Civilization and in being transferred from tribe to tribe, in their intercourse with each other, had finally found their way into this country, far beyond the reach of civilization. One of the most remarkable of these relics of the past was shown to us on Wednesday of last week by ex-sheriff N. P. Eagles and his brother, Leander, who were in town on that day. It is a stone which was plowed up in one of the fields on the farm of Mr. Alvin Randall, in Sparta township, adjoining the farm of ex-sheriff Eagles, and upon which is the following inscription:

"Taken prisoner by the Indians in 1760. I
am here all alone.
By the Delaware Tribe and taken west to the
Big Waters.
But here is A White man. He was taken five
years before me. His name is Allen, and
that is mine. He was treated hard.

E. Allen. J. Allen."

There are many things connected with this seemingly ancient relic that cause us to think that it is genuine, and that the inscription was cut upon the stone by some person who was held a captive by the Indians long before there were any white settlers in this western country.

We know that the Messrs. Eagles would not be parties to an attempt to humbug the people, and we have their assurance that Mr. Randall, who picked up the stone last fall, would not engage in anything of the kind. The stone is a piece of slate rock about 4x6 inches in size, and about one half inch in thickness. One side is rough and undressed, just as it came from the ledge, while the other side, which bears the inscritpion, is polished smooth, and the words cut into it with some kind of a sharp instrument. The stone has evidently been carried a long distance, as slate rock of this species, is not found in this country. One evidence of its genuineness is the fact that rock of this description was no rarity in the region of country occupied by the Delaware tribe of Indians at the time this man Allen claims to have been taken prisoner by them, viz.: in 1760. They then occupied the country in which Pittsburg is now situated, and there, we believe, slate rock, such as this piece, is very abundant. In the vicinity of where this stone was picked up, in the first settlement of this country, a large Indian encampment, or village was found, and it is very probable that a prisoner being carried westward to the "Big Waters" would have been taken to this village.

In this connection it is well enough to state that the Delaware Indians were originally located on the Delaware river, and were embittered against the whites by being cheated out of a large tract of land by what is known in history as the "Walking Purchase", which took place in 1737. In this transaction the unsophisticated Delawares agreed to sell to the whites, for a mere trifle, lands on the Delaware as far as a man could walk in a day and a half. The whites stationed their best runners at regular intervals, to relieve each other, and in this manner go tenfold more land than the Indians had intended to sell to them. In describing the swindle, one of the tribe, in the expressive language of the red man, said: "White man no walk, no drink, no stop to rest or shoot squirrel, but run, run, run the whole time."

This was in 1737. Subsequently they removed westward and occupied the country in which "Fort Duquesne" (now Pittsburg) stood, just previous to or at the time this man Allen was taken prisoner by them.

In 1756, John McCulloch was taken prisoner by the Indians, while a child of eight or ten years, in the State of Delaware, directly east of Pittsburg, and remained with them eight years, being carried westward into the State of Ohio by them. In describing the manner of his capture, he says: "on the morning of July 26, 1756, my parents and oldest sister went home to pull flax, accompanied by one John Allen, a neighbor, who had business at Ft. London, and promised to come that way in the evening to accompany them back.

Allen proceeded about two miles toward London, when he heard that the Indians had killed a man that morning about a mile and a half from where my parents were at work; he then, instead of going back to accompany them home, agreeably to his promise, took a circuitous route of about six or seven miles for fear of the Indians". When Allen returned, young McCulloch started to go to his parents, was captured by the Indians,

and remained a captive for eight years. He says nothing more about Allen, but the similarity of the name of one of these on the stone, and that of John Allen, and the further fact that the year 1756 would have been about the time the "J. Allen" referred to in the inscription on the stone, was taken prisoner, strikes us a a strange coincidence. Might not the captive "J. Allen" referred to in the inscription have been the "John Allen" spoken of by John McCulloch, or some member of his family?
New Era-Jan. 15, 1880

Obituary

Mrs. Martha Riddle Hadley died at her home near Albion, Indiana, January 17th, 1880, in the seventy-sixth year of her age. She was born May 3, 1804, in Washington County, Pennsylvania; removed with her parents in 1826 to Richland County, Ohio; was married March 27, 1827, to Savannah Hadley, who still survives her. She was the mother of twelve children, ten of whom are now living. In the year 1864, she removed with her husband and family to Jefferson township, Noble County, Indiana, where she has since resided. She was a faithful, devoted and affectionate wife and mother, and a woman of far more than ordinary intellectual ability. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of Albion, and as to her christian character it was a noble enconium upon it when a daughter remarked. "Our mother's christianity seemed to us as natural as the air she breathed; born and brought up in the Church, she grew up a christian and always lived her religion."
Albion New Era. Jan. 22-1880

Passing Away.

One by one the first settlers of the county are passing away, and soon none of the old pioneers will be left to tell the tale of the hardships and privations of those early pioneers who came to this country when it was the home of the redman, and the forests were almost unbroken by the woodman's ax. Mary Dingman, widow of Adam Dingman, who died in 1876, departed this life on Thursday of last week, Feb. 26th, 1880. She was one of these early pioneers, but we have not the date of her coming to this county. Her maiden name was Cleland, and she was born in the State of Ohio, Jan. 6th, 1823, and at the time of her death had reached the age of 57 years, 1 month and 23 days. Her husband, to whom she was married January 31st, 1840, came to Allen County in 1832, and to Noble County in 1835, and hence they were among the earliest settlers of Noble County. Mrs. Dingman was the mother of nine children, quite a number of whom survive her. Her remains were buried in the Albion cemetery on Saturday, and were followed to their last resting place by a large number of her friends and acquaintenances.
Albion New Era, March 4, 1880

Death of an Old Citizen.

Another one of the aged citizens of the county has fallen. On Saturday last Mr. George Easterday, Sen., of Jefferson township, died after a long illness, and we believe was buried on Sunday. Mr. Easterday had attained a good old age, but we are without particulars in that regard. He was the father of George and William Easterday, of this county, and of Sylvester R. Easterday, of Albion. One by one the old pioneers are falling.

P. S. Since the above was put in type we learn that Mr. Easterday was born Nov. 15th, 1800, and came to Noble County in 1853.
Albion New Era-March 4, 1880.

Death of Mrs. Foster.

On Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Foster, wife of Jehu Foster, of Jefferson township, departed this life at a ripe old age. We have been unable to gather any facts connected with her precious history from which to write up an obituary notice, as we should have otherwise done, as the deceased was one of the very oldest residents of the county, having immigrated to this state at a very early day in the settlement of the Country. We understand, however, that she was born in Pennsylvania. She was the mother of our townsman, Samuel M. Foster, and leaves a wide circle of relatives and acquaintenances to mourn her departure. She had been ill for quite a long time, and breathed her last on Wednesday last as stated above. Her remains were interred on Friday, Rev. Blanchard, of Wolcotville, preaching the funeral discourse.
Albion New Era-March 4, 1880

Mrs. Halferty, wife of John H. Halferty, of Jefferson township, died after a brief illness, on Wednesday of last week, and was buried on Friday. She was a daughter of Mr. Benjamin Melvin, and leaves a husband and four little children to mourn her departure.
Albion New Era-March 4, 1880

Sophronie Applegate, administratrix of the estate of James M. Applegate, deceased, will have a sale of the personal property of said estate at the late residence of the deceased, in Green township, on Friday April 2nd, 1880.
Albion New Era-March 4, 1880

Mrs. Frances Imes, mother of Wm. Imes of Orange township, died Tuesday morning, aged 85 years. The funeral services were held yesterday at Jefferson Union Church, and the remains were interred in the Skinner Cemetery.
Albion New Era-March 11, 1880

An Old Settler gone.

Died, at his residence in Noble County, Ind., Isaac Pancake, Thursday evening, Feb. 26, 1880. Father Pancake was one of the oldest settlers of the Hawpatch and elder in the Ev. Luth. Church. The funeral services were held in the Salem Church, on Saturday, and were largely attended by a sympathising community. Rev. J. Shaffer, his pastor, officiating.-
Lagrange Democrat
Copied in Albion New Era-March 11, 1880

In Death they were not Divided.

Mr. and Mrs. Zaccheus Butler, an old couple who had sojourned together for more than sixty years, the last 49 of which were spent in this county, died within four days of each other-Mrs. Butler on the 26th

of February, and her husband on March 1st-and were buried side by side in the Jackson cemetery in Benton township yesterday. Zaacheus Butler was born in Culpepper County, Va., Aug. 19th, 1795, and his wife Sarah, in London County, of the same state, May 11, 1803. They were married Feb. 28, 1820, and removed to this county in March, 1831. Mr. Butler had been a member of the Baptist Church for 40 years previous to his death. They have numerous descendants living in this vicinity, and were highly esteemed by all their neighbors and acquaintances.

Copied in Albion New Era from the Goshen Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler were the parents of Mr. A. I. Butler, of near Wolf Lake this county.
Albion New Era-March 11, 1880.

Obituary Notice.

Died, at his residence in Troy township, DeKalb County, Indiana, Sunday, Feb. 15th 1880, Samuel Learned, aged 67 years and 11 months.

The deceased was born in New Hampshire, February 29, 1812, and after a long and useful life, over forty-four years of which was spent in this and the adjoining county, his spirit has sought its final above in the land of the blest.

Auburn Courier. copied in New Era.

Mr. Learned was a brother of J. W. Learned, of this county, and came to this country in 1836, with barely sufficient means to enter 80 acres of land, but at the time of his death was the possessor of between three and four hundred acres, and had acquired a

handsome competency, by industry and frugality. He held the office of Justice of the Peace in his township, for many years, and was regarded as one of the most worthy, generous, and respected citizens of that county. He was elected assessor under the law when there was but one assessor for each county. His son has been his successor as Justice of the Peace, for several years past.-Kendallville Standard
Copied in Albion New Era-March 11, 1880

In Memory of Mrs. M. Halferty

By Manda L. Crocker.

In days agone we loved thee well.
When girlhood crowned the years,
And in the sterner years that fell
The love still lived, that life endears.
We knew it not, when last we met,
That soon would fall the last regret.

When last I kissed the sweet good-by,
The blush of health was thine.
The light of love was in thine eye;
I held thy hand in mine.
"Come and see me-good-by;" I hear it yet,
I cannot come; oh; sad regret!

Not now; Oh had I thought of this-
How gladly I would have "come;"
How fervently given another last kidd,
On lips now cold and dumb.
"Come and see me." I am powerless now;
The way is dark-I know not how.

Can you think in your beautiful home?
Can you think of those you have left?
That the hearts full of love cannot come,
But ache in sorrow-bereft!
But the love that gathered thee to the Throne
Will not leave the broken hearts alone.

We'll come and see thee, dear friend,
If the Lord wills-perhaps soon.
We cannot tell when the probation ends;
In the morning, at night, or at noon.
We'll come and see thee; yes, dear one.
In the light of the love of God and the Son.

Rest the well-the flowers will bloom
By the paths that are missing thy fee.
They'll spread their fragrance, too o'er thy tomb
And make the solitude sweet.
We will be by them when tears fill the eye,
But we'd wipe them away and "come" by and by.

Albion, March 8, 1880.

John M. Sticht, of Kendallville, died a few days ago at the age of 56 years. He had been a resident of that city for about thirteen years.
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Catherine Eley, of Jefferson township, died on the second of this month, at the age of 72 years. She became a resident of Noble county in 1853.
Albion New Era-April 15, 1880

Biographies of the Old Settlers of Noble County who have died during the past year as read by Nelson Prentiss, Esq., at the Old Settlers Meeting in Albion, Saturday, June 5, 1880

Henry Cramer

I regret that I am not able today to present you with a more complete biography of Henry Cramer. He came to Noble County, with his parents, I think, in 1835, and lived all his life in Swan township, where he died last winter.

Mary Dingman.

Mrs. Mary Dingman was born in Ohio, Jan. 6, 1823. Her maiden name was Cleland, and she was the sister of Mr. John Cleland, of York township in this county. She came with her parents to Indiana in 1834.

She was married to Adam Dingman, Jan. 21, 1840, and from that time until her death she resided in this county. She died on the 26th day of March, 1880, aged 57 years.

She was the mother of 8 children, all but one of whom are living, and most of them in this county. Her husband died over two years before, and from the time of his death she lived on the homestead at Port Mitchell.

During the life of her husband they were always present at our annual gatherings and took a lively interest in our exercises, and another blank is left

in our little circle. She had an influence for good over her family, and her husband was frequently heard to say that she made him a better man, than he would otherwise have been.

John Baker

John Baker was born in Franklin County, Ohio, May 14, 1807, where he lived until the year 1833, when he moved to this County at the age of twenty-six years, being one of the earliest settlers. He was married to Jane Thompson, in Fayette county, Ohio, by whom he had five children, three of whom are living, and who are all well known to the most of the citizens of the west part of the County. His first wife, after having shared with him the hardships and privations of frontier life for thirteen years died in 1846. He was again married to Abigail Smith, by whom he had five children of whom four are living. He died August 26, 1879, at the age of 72 years.

Mrs. Mahala Hostetter is well worthy of a place among our records, and I can but regret that the task of recording her virtues has not been left to one more able to do justice to her memory. She was the daughter of John H. and Betsey Ramsby, and a sister of John H. Ramsby of Lagrange county and Robinson Ramsby late Sheriff of Noble County. She was born in Fairchild Co., Ohio, Jan. 19, 1812. Married to John Hostetter Oct. 21st, 1830. Moved to Noble County in May, 1832, and in the fall of that year her second son, Simon Hostetter, was born, who is claimed to be the first white child born in this county.

In the spring of 1833, her husband moved on the

Haw-patch. She died April 19, 1880, having with her husband 49 years and 6 months. She was the mother of fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy, and one, having lived to manhood, gave his life for our country. Seven sons and four daughters remain. Ten of these visited her during her last sickness, and nine attended her funeral.

Mrs. Margaret Foster

The subject of this sketch was born in Bedford County, Penn., Oct. 26, 1804, and died at her home in Jefferson township on the 25th day of February, 1880, at the advanced age of 75 years and four months.

When about twelve years of age she removed with her parents to Morrow county, Ohio. In March, 1824, at the age of twenty years she was married to John Foster, with whom she lived fifty-five years, and who is still with us. In 1837 they removed to Jefferson township, in this County, where for forty-three years they have lived on the same farm. She was the mother of nine children, of whom seven are living. She was an exemplary and consistent member of the New School Baptist Church, and while she was devotedly attached to the church of her choice, yet she was ever ready to accord to others that liberty of conscience she claimed for herself. Her cabin was the shelter of the itinerant preacher in early times, as Bro. Blanchard can testify.

Biographical.

The Ligonier Leader last week contained the following biographical sketch of Andrew Humphreys, one of the earliest settlers of Noble County, whose

death at Ligonier we noticed briefly last week

The paper said:

At his home in Ligonier on Monday, June 28, 1880, Andrew Humphreys passed peacefully to rest, in the 69th year of his age. He was born in Clark county, Ohio, November 27, 1811, where he resided until the family came west. On the 22nd of February, 1833, he married Mary Jones, and in the following October, in company with his father, they came and settled at Wolf Lake, Noble County, Indiana, where he afterward resided and still owned the homestead at the time of his death, but for the past seven or eight years he has lived in Ligonier.

At the time he and his father came to Wolf Lake there were only two white families there, and only four white families in the township, but plenty of Indians. In 1840 he joined the Free Will Baptist Church, and became a leading member, in fact, the main stay of the society, remaining as such up to the time of his death. So much had he the interest of the church at heart that at one time he very strongly of selling his farm and clearing the church of debt. The first corpse that was deposited in the old cemetery in this place he hauled there, a Mrs. Hanshaw, of Port Mitchell, probably in 1835. He was a strong anti-secret society man, but was very philanthropic.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son. His funeral took place on Wednesday and was largely attended, the services being held at the church at Wolf Lake and conducted by the pastor.
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Obituary.

Hannah Carr Wheeler passed from her earthly home to the life beyond, November 20th, 1880, in the 97th year of her age. She was born in Greenwish, Rhode Island, in the year 1784. In 1801 she and her father and mother's family removed to Wayne county, Pennsylvania. There, in the year 1804, she married Truman Wheeler. They settled in a dense forest, as was all of northeastern Pennsylvania at that time. Together they wrought until their home became cultivated fields, and their children men and women. Both were widely known for their strict adherence to principle and their firm belief that right will finally triumph over wrong and good over evil.

In the year 1841, they, with their farmily, emigrated to Noble county, Indiana. Together they traveled through the checkered scenes of life for sixty-four years. Then Death called him up higher, and now she, too, has passed over the great Divide to meet her loved ones who have gone before.

No one who knew her will say that she ever failed in all Life's Drama to act well her part. She dealt out kindness, and at the same time, strict justice to her family and those with whom she had to deal. She was one of those who make the world better for having lived in it.

Had she lived until the 28th of January, she would have been 97 years old.

She leaves six daughters and one Son. Her home for years has been with her son-in-law and daughters-Mrs. E. B. Spencer and Mrs. Mumfert
Albion New Era-Dec., 1880

Death of Judge Clapp.

The readers of the New Era will be pained to read the announcement which we are called upon to make, that William M. Clapp, of Albion, is no more. His death occurred early on Wednesday morning, January 5, 1881, and as we went to press at noon of that day it was impossible for us to make more than this brief announcement of his death, with the following additional facts. Mr. Clapp was one of the early settlers of Albion, and one of the prominent men of the state, having served the people in many official capacities among which were Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, for a number of years, member of the State legislature, and delegate to the Chicago convention of 1880, which nominated Garfield for the presidency.

In the early history of Albion, Judge Clapp engaged in merchandizing, in which avocation he accumulated a nice little fortune. In later years he abandoned mercantile pursuits and engaged in banking, which was more congenial to his tastes, and in this business he became one of the wealthiest citizens of Noble County. He was unassuming in manners, and possessed of a kind and genial disposition which made him respected and loved by all, and he will be greatly missed.

Judge Clapp was married twice, and leaves a widow, and three children (two sons and a daughter) by a former marriage, to mourn their great loss.
Albion New Era, Jan. 6, 1881.

In the memorial and Resolutions adopted by the Bar of Noble County we find the following concerning Judge William M. Clapp: He was born in Ellington, Tolland County, Connecticut, on the 18th day of

December, 1817, from which place he removed with his father in 1822, to Ashtabula County, Ohio, and lived there and in that vicinity until sometime in 1842, when he went to Peru, Indiana, and entered a law office and read law until the last of March, 1843, when, having been admitted to practice, he removed to Augusta, then the county seat of this county, and commenced the practice of law, and has from that time to his demise been a resident of this county.

Nov. 14, 1847, he married Mary A. Skinner, one of the most estimable women in Noble County. She died Nov. 14, 1875. She had two sons, W. Frank and Charles M., who are both residents of Albion, and one daughter, Adella, the wife of Thomas A. Starr, Editor of the Hicksville (O.) News.

On the 25th of December, 1877, he married Angie Skinner a cousin of his first wife, who survives him.

Died.- On Saturday, January 1, 1881, at his residence in Jefferson township, this county, Alexander Montouth, who had reached the advanced age of nearly 97 years. His remains were taken to Ohio for interment, and placed in their last resting place on Monday. Mr. Montouth was born in the State of Delaware, but subsequently moved to Pennsylvania, and thence to Ohio where he resided for a period of about sixty years. He moved from Ohio to Noble County, Indiana, about two years ago, where he lived until his death.
Albion New Era. Jan. 6, 1881

A family reunion of the Black family of Jefferson and Allen townships, was held in this city last Saturday, at the Brock House, and was a very enjoyable

affair.

The following were present: F. A. Black, aged 67 years; Owen Black, 6 years; O. P. Black, 61 years; Cyrus Black; Davis Black, 55 years; Benj. Black, 52 years; Jas. M. Black, 41 years.

Among the ladies present were Mrs. O. P. Black, Mrs. Davis Black, Mrs. Benj. Black, Mrs. Jas. M. Black and son. Also ex-County Treasurer, John D. Black. There are twelve voters in the combined families, and they all vote the straight democratic ticket, except John D. Black, son of Amos. It has been their custom for a number of years to hold a re-union at the residence of one of the brothers every Christman, at which a sumptious dinner is served, and the day spent in a good social time. They are all among Noble County's most honored and respected citizens, all of them owning fine farms, and are well fixed in life. May they all live to enjoy many more family re-unions.

Hon. Jacob Shauck, as mine host, was equal to the emergency, and served up an excellent dinner of turkey, and other fixins.

Copied from Kendallville Standard in Albion New Era, Jan. 6, 1881

1881

Allen Green, the land king of Sparta township, departed this life on Tuesday morning, January 4, aged 55 years. Mr. Green had been ailing for a year or more, principally heart trouble, but was in town on last Friday. He was the richest farmer in Noble County, owning nearly 2000 acres of land in Noble and Whitley Counties and in Michigan. His demise was rather sudden, but he will long be remembered as one of the wealthiest farmers in this section. He made no will.
Albion New Era, Jan 13, 1881.

Died-at his residence, in Rome City, Ind., Jan. 9, 1881, of congestion of the brain, Mr. Wm. Dixon, Esq., in the 64th year of his age.

Mr. Dixon and wife came from Ohio to Indiana in 1853. He was a broad humanitarian in his religion, and engaged in every good work; was the great motor power of Rome City, for years in every benevolent enterprise. Funeral services conducted at the Methodist church by Dr. T. H. Stewart.-News.
Copied by the Albion New Era, Jan. 20, 1881.

William Dixon, who died recently at Rome City, was one of the most respected citizens of Noble County, and well known to all the old residents.
Albion New Era, Jan. 27, 1881.

Mr. P. O. Black and Miss Carrie Elma Tyler were married at the residence of and by Rev. J. N. Barnett, Jan. 13, 1881, both of Kendallville, Ind.
Copied from Columbia City Commerical by Albion New Era, Jan. 27, 1881.

The bridegroom is a son of F. Amos Black of Jefferson township, and a brother of ex-treasurer John D. Black, while the bride is a sister of the wife of county recorder, John Baughman.

The New Era extends congratulations to the young couple, and in the language of Van Winkle, may they "live long and prosper."

From Steuben County items in Albion New Era, Feb. 10, 1881.

"In noting the death of the oldest resident of the county, and probably one of the oldest residents of the state, the Republican of last week said: "Last Friday morning, at a little past midnight, Uncle Willard DeWitt, the oldest surviving soldier of the war of 1812 and the oldest person in this section of the country, closed his eyes on the scenes of this world. According to the best authority obtainable he was born March 25, 1776, therefore was about 105 years of age at the time of his death. He served for some time in the war of 1812, being a member of Capt. I. Bartlett's New York militia. For the past nine years he has received a government pension of $2 per month, obtained for him by Lawrence Gates. He was married a few years ago to a woman many years his junior. She bore him several children. She still resides with them on their farm in Scott township.
New Era, Feb. 10, 1881.

From the local news from Avilla published in New Era, Feb. 10, 1881.

"News has been received that Willard DeWitt, of Steuben county, has just died at the age of 107 years. He had formerly lived near Avilla, and was known by many of our citizens. His relatives here say that he is ten years younger than the age reported, thus making his correct age 97."

Died.- Tirey Huber, one of the old residents of Washington township, and a well known citizen of the county, died on the 24th day of January, 1881, at the age of 57 years. A correspondent of the Banner, in speaking of the death of this honored citizen, says that his affliction was almost past forbearing during several weeks prior to his death, which was caused by indigestion. In his death Washington township loses one of her most substantial citizens, a man of sound judgment, whose knowledge was extensive and composed of all general topics and whose council and decision were considered law. He had filled the office of justive for some twenty odd years up to last spring, when he was re-elected but refused to qualify, thinking he had served the people long enough. He leaves a family of five-wife and four children to mourn their loss, well provided for. His remains were interred at Salem by the Free Masons, of which order he was a member. Services by Rev. Jabez Shaffer. Peace to his ashes."
Albion New Era, Feb. 10, 1881.

Mrs. Isaac Tibbott of Wawaka, fell upon the ice and dislocated her right hip, last Tuesday A. M. Dr. Bartley of Wawaka, and Dr. Teal, of this city were called, and the hip was adjusted. Mr. and Mrs. Tibbott are the oldest living pioneers of the county. They were married and settled where they now live in 1834.-Kendallville Standard.
Copied in Albion New Era, Feb. 17, 1881.

Obituary

We clip the following obituary notice of one of the old and well known citizens of the county, from the Kendallville Standard of last week,

John Weston was born in Middlesex, Ontario county, N. Y., August 15th, 1809. In childhood his parents moved to Geauga County, Ohio. At the age of 21 he was married to Fidelia Lamb. They lived in northern Ohio until March, 1851, when he removed with his family to Home City, Noble County, Indiana. In 1862, they came to Kendallville, where he died, February 9th, 1881- aged 71 years 6 months and 24 days. His companion survives him. Together they have shared the joys and sorrows of life for 50 years and 2 months. During his illness for the past two years she has watched over and cared for him entirely herself-it being her one great desire to do so. They reared a family of nine children, three of whom are living. The Methodist Episcopal church was the one of his choice, of which he was a strong and liberal supporter.

His friends know best what disappointments he has encountered in his long journey, what bright hopes blasted, what sorrows felt, what agonies endured, how many loved one he has covered up in the grave.
Albion New Era, Feb. 24, 1881.

The death of Israel Cooper, one of the early settlers of Washington township, is announced at the age of 78 years.
Albion New Era, March 3, 1881.

Our Kansas City Letter

Personal Reminascences-Noble County at an early Day-Then and Now.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 6, 1881.

Ed. New Era.-I have often wished,of late, that some one who is well posted in the early history of Noble county would write up a history of the early times in that county. If truthfully done, it would read like a romance. Noble has made about as much history as any county in the state, and some of it of the most thrilling kind.

My first acquaintance with that county was in the spring of 1838, and from that time until 1850 I was in the county quite frequently, and made the acquaintance of many of the old pioneers who laid the foundation of civilization in that county. The memory of my early rambles in the county often come back to me like a romantic dream, as, when I first saw it, I was in the prime of early manhood and saw things in a much more rosy light than I do now, and I cannot repress a feeling of sadness when I remember that all those who were then the leading active citizens, and gave character to society there have all passed off the stage of action and are nearly forgotten. Peace to their ashes.

In those early times the old road from Goshen to Ft. Wayne was a thoroughfare of no small importance, and during the rush of immigration, nearly all the settlers, along the road went into the hotel business, and some of them made it a source of considerable revenue. This fact tended to render many of those rough and ready, old pioneer landlords quite famous on account of their odd ways and eccentric habits. But as to that I think I never knew a place in all my experience that so abounded in eccentric characters as Noble county did then. I made about my first acquaintance in that county with old Jacob Shobe, who was then postmaster, and I took my first lessons in postoffice business under him. I used to go out there from Benton to make out his quarterly report for him, as he was not scholar enough to do it himself. About

the same time I made the acquaintance of old Adam Engle, and old Mr. Hostetter, old Niah Wood and Gid Schlotterback, and I remember, also, that on my first trip out to Ft. Wayne in the spring of 1838, I first met my friend, Nelson Prentiss, at Stone's Tavern, where they had a small stock of goods, amongst which were some fluids, kept, of course, for "strictly medical purposes."

I remember I invested five cents in a glass of wine "for the stomach's sake." I expect Prentiss don't remember the circumstance now.

On the same trip I made the acquaintance of old Humphrey Nichols, and staid over night with him. About the first thing after I went in and took a seat, Nicholas went into another room and brought out an old fashioned quart bottle, which was about half full of whiskey, with, if I remember right, about half a dozen flies floating on the top of it, and taking the bottle by the neck with his right hand, he gave it a brisk stamp on the palm of his left hand, and then holding it up to the light as if to show what a splendid "bead" it carried, remarked: "There's a little left in the old bottle yet," and offered me the bottle, to drink. As I wasn't used to whiskey with that kind of a "fly" in it, I declined. Nichols then proceeded to give me a history of his connection with making bogus money, and all about his being sent to the Ohio penitentiary for it; in fact put in the whole evening talking on that subject, and I rather thought drew largely on his imagination, in order to make himself out a sort of a hero, which, I was afterward told, he was in the habit of doing with everybody, especially strangers. He was a queer old case.

Those were the days when Dave Herriman was King of Noble County, and Lotta and Bill Hill flourished, and the Tamarack House was a noted place. A history of the doings of the gang of outlaws that infested that neighborhood in those days, in connection with the

history of their final overthrow by the "Regulators," would fill a good sized volume. It is gratifying to know that a better state of things prevails there now, and that a neighborhood once the shame and reproach of the county, is now looked upon with quite as much pride, for its order, good morals and refinement. S. Webster
Albion New Era, Feb. 17, 1881.

Kansas City Letter

Personal Reminiscences-Some Traits in the Character of one of Noble County's early citizens.

Kansas City, Mo., March 15, 1881.

Ed. New Era.-When I wrote you some weeks ago, some reminiscenses of the early history of Noble County, I did not design saying anything further on that subject, but on looking over what I wrote, I feel impelled to add a few words more, partly by the way of explanation of some things I said in my former letter, and partly because there is a great deal more to write about.

The reader may wish to know what I meant in speaking of Dave Herriman as the "King of Noble County." I would say, as to that, that I alluded to his great and almost irresistable influence as a politician. There probably has never been a politician in the county that so thoroughly controlled the political elements of the county, as Herriman did, for some ten or twelve years before he left there. It seemed as though if he wished to have a certain position, that all he had to do was to let his wishes be known, and his election followed as a matter of course. I believe I never knew him to be beaten, for any office he sought for, until he aspired to a seat in congress, when his prestige all at once seemed to desert him; when he could have truth fully said with Cardinal Wolsey-

"Nay then, farewell;
I have touched the highest point of all my greatness;
And, from that full meridian of my glory,
I haste now to my setting."

He very soon after that abdicated his throne of political power, and his kingdom passed into other hands.

In many respects Herriman was more than an ordinary man. He possessed, in a remarkable degree, shrewdness and force of character that go to make up, not only the successful politician, but also the man who succeeds at anything. He was one of that kind of men that can't be kept down. They may be compelled for a time to succumb to adverse influences, but they are proverbially hard to kill. Herriman was a most genial companion, and had, withal, a kind of personal magnetism that seemed to disarm prejudice, and make friends, even of those who disapproved of much of his doings. His career as a public man would doubtless have been much more brilliant but for his lack of education, but he certainly made good use of what he had, and his native good sense, and shrewdness, well supplied the lack of learning. As a neighbor, he was generous and accomodating; his hospitality was unbounded, and differ as we may, as to the correctness of political teachings, I think he was fairly entitled to the credit of having wielded the scepter of political power as judiciously as could be expected, and that his reign was, upon the whole, beneficial to his subjects. He had, however, one peculiar trait of character that I always thought detracted somewhat from his usefulness as a public man, and that was his inveterate waggery. While that trait evidently stood him in good stead in his bush whacking style of electioneering, yet, as water will never rise above the level of the fountain whence it flows, so, while his taste led him to stoop to the level of the buffoon, he could hardly expect the world to regard him in the dignified character of a statesman. His waggery and hilarious disposition, however, if they

detracted from the dignity of character to which he might otherwise have attained, had, at least, the compensating effect of keeping everybody around him in a good humor, and, I have no doubt, caused his departure to be greatly regretted by his old neighbors and associates.

Such is a brief review of the character of the man I invested with regal honors, as I remember him. He acted the part of a political leader without making enemies; wore his regal honors with becoming modesty, and will long be remembered as a public-spirited and humane citizen of the old pioneer days.

S. Webster

Albion New Era, March 24, 1881.

Three of the old settlers of Noble county passed away and were buried on one day last week. These three were: William Crispell, of York township; Jackson Sawyer, of Wayne, and David Law, of Orange. Verily the old pioneers are rapidly passing away to that unknown land beyond the dark river of death.
New Era, March 24, 1881.

David Law died at his home in Orange township last Sunday. Mr. Law was one of the oldest residents of Noble County, and one of our most highly respected citizens. The funeral services were held Tuesday, with Masonic honors.-Kendallville Standard.
Copied in New Era, March 24, 1881.

William Crispell died at his home in York township, March 20th, 1881, aged 77 years, 7 months, 22 days. The deceased was born in Ulster county, N. Y., July 25, 1803, and settled on the farm where he died, in May, 1837, having lived on the same farm for nearly forty-four years. In early life he became a member of the presbyterian church, and at the time of his death was one of the Ruling Elders of the church at Albion.

In 1848 the first Presbyterian Church was organized

at Albion and Father Crispell was the first Elder, and from the time of his election until near the time of his death, he was never absent from his place at a communion season, and rarely was he absent from the public services. He was the last of the members uniting with the church when it was organized in 1848.

Settling in this new country at that early date, when Noble county was an almost unbroken forest, and being like nearly all of the early settlers, not rich in this world's goods, we may well suppose, that he endured the privations incident to all, but by honest industry, he succeeded in clearing his farm and surrounding himself with the comforts of home. By his integrity he won the respect of his neighbors, and by his faith in Christ, and by a well ordered life, he was enabled to triumph over every foe.
Albion New Era, March 24, 1881.

The wife of Zemus Wright, of York township, one of the early settlers of the county, died very suddenly on Monday morning of this week. She has been afflicted with dropsy for some time but has been able to be about most of the time, and on Monday morning after partaking of breakfast and seating herself in a chair, suddenly expired. She was well and favorably known by a large circle of friends.
Albion New Era, April 7, 1881.

Gone to Her Home.

Mrs. Frances Swett died at her home in York township, April 14, 1881, aged 63 years and 2 months. She was born in Jackson county, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1818. When she was eleven years of age, her father, whose name was John Oge; removed with his family to Hancock county, Indiana, and settled near the present site of

Greenfield. At that time Indianapolis was in its infancy and the whole country an almost unbroken forest. Hence it is obvious she experienced the privations and hardships incident to a pioneer life. In 1842 she was married to the Rev. Alfred Swett, who survives her. She was the mother of eight children, all but two of whom crossed the dark river before her. Her two children who are left are John C. Swett, of Albion, and a daughter Lizzie C. Swett, who is still at home. She was for many years a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church.
Albion New Era, April 21, 1881.

Capt. G. W. Shears (a brother of Mrs. Chas. Law,) was visiting his sister last week. His home is in Calumet, Michigan.
From Dutch Street Locals in Albion New Era,
April 28, 1881.

Loved and Lost.

Mrs. Julia Alvord died on Sunday morning, May 8, 1991, aged 51 years, 8 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of the Hon. Jerome Sweet and Joanna Sweet, and was born in Camillus, Onandaga county, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1829. In 1834 her parents removed to Huron County, Ohio, where they lived about eight years, and in 1842 they settled in Jefferson township, Noble County, Indiana. Mr. Sweet, her father, died at the homestead, in August, 1869, since which time her mother has continued to live on the same place where they settled in 1842. On the 2nd day of Nov. 1852, she was married to Samuel E. Alvord, Esq., the present Clerk of the Noble Circuit Court, with whom she lived in perfect harmony until she was called "up higher." She was the mother of twelve children, four of whom are living, and eight have passed on before. Elder Blanchard, who performed

the marriage ceremony for this couple, preached the funeral discourse at the Presbyterian church, after which the remains were deposited in the grave in Sweet's cemetery, east of town on Tuesday.
Albion New Era, May 12, 1881.

Another Old Settler Gone.

On Thursday night of last week, after a short illness, William E. Bowen, one of the old and honored citizens of Noble County, died at his residence in Green township, this county at a good old age, leaving a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his departure. His remains were interred in the Albion cemetery. The deceased was the father of Rev. O. W. Bowen, of Albion, pastor of the Lutheran church in this place, and of Mrs. Spencer, wife of our townsman, D. E. A. Spencer. He was highly esteemed by all. Years ago the deceased was elected and served for one or two terms as sheriff of Noble County, and later was honored with an election to the office of treasurer, all of which positions he filled acceptably to the people and with credit to himself.
Albion New Era, May 12, 1881.

From the speech of Nelson Prentiss at Old Setters meeting in June, 1881, at Albion, Ind.

"During the past year the following old settlers have left us: John Barry, Solomon Miller, Samuel P. Smith, David Bidlack, George Swank, Pha. Humphreys, William Inscho, Fidelia W. Barham, David Law, William Crispell, Jackson Sawyer, Tollack Stangland, Mary A. Wright, Frances Swett, Alfred Swett, William E. Bowen, Jacob Baker, Nancy Tumbleson, and James McConnell.

John Barry was the first of our band against whom death leveled his shaft after our last annual meeting. He died at his home in Brimfield, June 9, 1880. He was born in Montgomery county, New York, Feb. 7, 1813, being at the time of his death 67 years 4 months and 2 days old. He came to Lagrange county in 1837. In 1852 he went to California, where he remained six years, and returned to Indiana a cripple and an invalid for the remainder of his life. His disease was rheumatism, and, notwithstanding his suffering, he never by word or deed betrayed impatience, or complained, but bore his suffering with a firmness born only from his unwavering trust in God. He was twice married and leaves a widow and three children.

An additional notice was read among which notes are these: He had been an invalid for twenty three years and for eight years had never stood upon his feet. From early manhood he has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and class leader for many years. When almost gone, after the tongue was silent forever, and lips had spoken their last word, his weeping wife laid her hand upon his brow, calling him by name, he turned his dying eyes upon her, while a smile wreathed his lips, as if he would have said "all is well, I am going home"; again after his eyes were closed, his son called him "Father" that smile came in answer. That was his last farewell, a beautiful smile. The deceased was father of seven children four of whom preceded him.

Solomon Miller came to Noble County in 1834, being at the time 18 years of age. He was born in Pendleton County, Va., in 1816. Moved to Ohio in 1826, where he remained until he came to Noble County, where he lived the rest of his life. He died July 8, 1880 at the age of 64 years. In 1839 he was married to Elizabeth Long, with whom he lived many years, but I have not been able to obtain the exact date of her death. By this

marriage 12 children were born of whom 9 are now living. After the death of his first wife, he married a Mrs. Green, of Ligonier, by whom he had two children, one died, the other is living. He was again left a widower and married as his third wife Miss Kingston, by whom he had one child, who is still living, as is also his widow. He was the father of 15 children, 10 of whom are living. Nearly his entire life was spent in Noble County. Coming into this new country at the time he did, it cannot be supposed that he enjoyed the opportunities for mental culture, which are now open to all, but possessing a well-balanced mind and keen discrimination, he formed his opinions, which were generally correct. He left a fine property to his heirs, and well will it be for them if they inherit the industry and economy of their father. He had the confidence and esteem of those who knew him best. I think he is the last of the family. They were among the first to settle here, and his brother, Henry, (who died two years ago,) was the first Post Master in Noble County.

Samuel P. Smith, died near Rome City, in Orange township, Dec. 13, 1880, aged 76 years, 10 months, and five days. He was born in Butler County, Ohio, Feb. 8, 1804, and came to Noble County in 1840. He was married in Summit County, O., Oct. 9, 1832, and leaves a widow and seven children, all of whom are residents of Noble County. His wife, whose name before her marriage was Catharine Sapp, now resides on the homestead about one mile South east of Rome City. He was a man of a sound and discriminating judgment, slow to form an opinion, but when once formed, he adhered to that which he believed was right, with a fixed determination.

David Bidlack settled in Orange Township, Feb. 9, 1836, and consequently was one of the first settlers of that township and one of the first five voters in Wayne Twp. He was born in Chemung County, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1809. At the age of 18 he removed with his parents to Portage county, Ohio, where they lived until he came to Indiana. He died at his home Dec. 16, 1880, being at the time but a few days short of 72 years of age. He was married in Portage County, Ohio, Aug. 7, 1831, to Miss Abagail Judson, with whom he traveled life's journey for almost fifty years. She with four children, survives him, two children having passed on before. In 1852 he made a public profession of religion and united with the M. E. church, of which he remained a faithful member. The life of our friend and his wife in the early times of Noble county, is the life of most who lived here then; one of toil, privation and sacrifice. As a financier he was not successful; his heart was too large; he felt too deeply the wants of others. His life was worthy of imitation; his end was peace.

George Swank was born in London County, Virginia, November 11, 1791, and died in Elkhart township, Feb. 11, 1881, at the age of 89 years and three months. From Virginia he removed to Muskingum County, Ohio, where on the 22nd of May, 1813, he married Jane Larrison, who accompanied him to Noble County, Indiana, in 1835, when they settled on the farm where they both died. She died Nov. 30, 1850. He was the father of nine children, two of whom are dead and the others are living. He was again married Aug. 24, 1857, and his second wife died March 27, 1873. Father Swank was truly a patriarch, having past the age allotted to man by almost a score of years. He came down to us from a former generation. He was born in another century. Day by day the cords that bound him to the earth were sundered, until the tired wheels of nature ceased to move. He was for many years a member of the Lutheran church, and died in that faith.

Phaortes Humphreys was born in what is now Noble township; in Noble County, before Noble County was born, having first seen the light in 1834. He was one of the first white children born in Noble County. He was the son of Andrew Humphreys and his wife Mary. The father died about one year ago, and his death was reported at our last meeting. He was born on the Humphreys' farm about one mile west of Wolf Lake, and his childhood and youth were spent on the farm. He learned to trade of harness maker, and during a part of his life worked at his trade. On the 27th of May, 1873, he was married to Miss Lamorie King, daughter of Michael King, Esq., of Allen township. She and as well as one child, a son, is left behind. He died suddenly, Feb. 11, 1881. When the war of the Rebellion broke out, he, as well as a younger brother, entered the service and did their duty nobly and well. He was spared to his friends, but the brother gave his life for his country. He sleeps in the quiet grave yard near the place where his life began.

William Inscho died at his home in Jefferson township, Feb. 23, 1881, at the advanced age of nearly 79 years. He was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, Dec. 28, 1802. When quite young his parents removed to Virginia, where they lived a short time, and in 1815 they emigrated to Huron county, Ohio. He was twice married, the first time in 1830 in Ohio. In 1837 he came to Noble Co. where his first wife died, Sept. 14, 1838, one of the victims of that fearful scourge that swept over all northern Indiana during that season. By this marriage three children were born, one of whom is dead and the other two, George and Hugh, are living in Jefferson township. In May, 1840, he was again married, and his widow is still living on the homestead. One child was born to this marriage who is the wife of John Guthrie, Esq., one of the substantial farmers of Jefferson township. His two sons are also residents of the same township, and are both farmers, and men of probity, and are respected by the neighbors.

Our old friend was truly a pioneer. Settling in Huron County, Ohio, at the age of 13 years, and just at the close of the war of 1812-1815, the early settlers for a time dreaded attack from the savages, who but recently were the allies of the British in the struggle. Living here a pioneer life for about 27 years, he came among the first, and by his industry he has helped to transform the then howling wilderness into fruitful fields. He was a blacksmith, and when the country was new it was his custom to work at his clearing or his crops during the day, and spend a good part of the night at his anvil. He was a good neighbor, honest in all his dealings. He had a kind word for every one.

Mrs. Fidelia W. Parham was the daughter of Luke Diggins, who settled in Noble county in 1832. She was born in Windsor county, Vt., June 20, 1819, and died in Orange township, February 15, 1881, at the age of nearly 62 years. She was married to Thomas Parham, of Lagrange county, with whom she lived until his death, about seven years ago. Since his death she has lived with her sister Mrs. L. A. Johnson, at Wolcottville. In a slip cut from a newspaper giving an account of her death, it is stated that she was born in Windsor county, N. Y. which is evidently a mistake, as there is no Windsor county in N. Y. and from the further fact that Mr. Diggins always claimed to come from Vermont. Her father was the first white man who settled in the northern part of Noble county, on the Indian trail from Mongoquinong to Fort Wayne, his house was the stopping place for all who passed that way. I have slept in his cabin at an early date and well remember Fidelia as a young lady possessed of a kind disposition and attractive ways. She died from the effects of a cancer with which she suffered for seven years. During her sufferings Mrs. Parham maintained unshaken faith in the goodness and mercy of her Heavenly Father, and felt all things would work together for good to those who love God.

David Law was born in New Haven, Conn., January 15, 1813, and died at Northport, March 20, 1881, being at the time past 68 years of age.

When quite young he moved with his parents to Summit county, Ohio, where he spent five years learning the trade of the carpenter. In 1834 he was married to Sarah Root, by whom he had three children, two of whom are still living. In 1836 he, with his wife, moved to Noble county and settled in Swan township. Not long after, his wife died, adding another name to the list of those who have given their lives to prepare the wilderness for the abode of civilization. In January 1841, he was again married to Miss Lucretia Shears, a daughter of Deacon Shears, who lived west of Northport near the old Herriman farm. By this marriage he had three children, but one of whom is living. She died in 1859. On the 4th of March, 1861, he was married to Miss Melvina Wright, who is still living. He was well known to most of the citizens, having held the office of Justice of the Peace of Orange township for 24 consecutive years. In his official capacity he was respected, and his decisions were generally affirmed on appeal. He was buried with masonic honors by his brethern.

Jackson Sawyer was born in Knox county, Ohio, May 10, 1835 and when one year old was brought by his parents to Noble county, where he has since resided. His father was one of the earliest settlers of Noble County, and at one time owned a part of the land in the city of Kendallville. The father died in 1838, that ever-to-be-remembered season when disease invaded every house, and Death claimed his victims all over the land. The mother died about two years ago, and her death is recorded in the archives of this society. The subject of this sketch was married in 1858 to Margaret Lauring, whom he leaves as his widow. He also leaves four children. Two brothers and one sister are left, the last of the original Sawyer family.

In 1867 he united with the Baptist church, of which he remained a consistent member until his death. He died March 21, 1881, aged 46 years. His example is worthy of imitation, and it would be well for society if we had more such as he.

Tollock Stangland died at his home in Noble township, April 10, 1881, after a lingering illness of several months. His disease was rheumatism. He was born in Orleans county, N. Y., Feb. 14, 1832 and was over 49 years of age at the time of his death. He came with his parents to Indiana in 1839, where they continued to live for several years, when first the father and afterwards the mother were taken away, leaving a large family of young and helpless children. Several of the children, and among them Tollock, were taken by relatives to the State of New York, where he remained until he was a young man, when he returned to the old farm. He followed teaching during the winters and labored on his land the rest of the time. On the 18th of April, 1861, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Abeams, daughter of James Abeams, one of the early pioneers of Noble County. She is still living on the farm. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom are now living with the widow, the two oldest having died. His father was a Norwegian by birth, and his mother was a native of New York, and he possessed the energy of his father, and the prudence and economy of his mother. He was a member of the Christian church, and he adorned his profession by a consistent life and a chaste conversation. He was deeply interested in the cause of education, and took a lively interest in everything that had a tendency to improve and elevate the standards of morals in society.

Mrs. Mary A. Wright was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Arnold, and was born in Seneca county, N. Y., in 1821, and died in York township, April, 1881, being 60

years of age. In 1837 she came with her father's family to Noble county, where she has since resided. On the 13th of January, 1841, she was married to Zenas Judson Wright, with whom she lived on the farm until her death. She was the mother of 9 children all of whom are living. Her father died in 1858, and her mother in 1860, and father, mother and daughter sleep side by side in the Oak Grove cemetery. She was for years an exemplary member of the Baptist church.

Mrs. Frances Swett, and Rev. Alfred Swett, were married in 1842, and for almost forty years traveled the rugged path together, laboring zealously for the good of others with a truly unselfish devotion. Mrs. Swett was the first to whom the summons came, on the 14th of April 1881. She went but she left him, oh so sad and lonely! The light of his home had gone out! The wife of his youth and the mother of his children had left him. Sixteen days after the death of his wife, the same messenger knocked and was gladly admitted and with joy he followed where she had led the way. Mrs. Swett was born in Jackson county, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1818. Came to Indiana in 1827 and from that time until her death was a resident of northern Indiana. Mr. Swett was born in Butler county, Ohio, Feb. 17, 1816; came to Indiana when a child, and for fifty years has lived in northern Indiana. They were for many years members of the M. E. Church, but severed their conne with that church in 1844, and formed the Wesleyans. The reason of the change in church membership grew out of their convictions of the subject of slavery. Mr. Swett having witnessed the mobbing of Fred. Douglas, in which some of the members of his church participated, left the church as above stated. Mrs. Swett was stricken with paralysis, and became helpless and suffered untold misery. But she bore it with courage and christian fortitude. After her death Mr. Swett could not be said to be afflicted with any disease but he seemed lost, and moved about mechanically, growing more and more feeble until April 30, he too, slept. He

entered the ministry in 1855. Eight children were born to them, and two only survive. John C. Swett of Albion and a daughter who was with to the end. "They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

William Bowen was well known to all the early settlers of Noble county, having settled here in 1837, and during a considerable portion of his life was engaged in public duties that brought him prominently before the people of the county. He was called to serve the public as justice of his township, was twice elected to the office of sheriff and once to the responsible position of Treasurer of Noble county. His whole life, both public and private, was marked by the most strict integrity and honesty and no charge of official corruption was ever breathed against him. He was born in Berks county, Penn., Feb. 7, 1810. Was married to Elizabeth Whitesell in 1831 and settled in Noble county in 1837, and resided on the farm in Green township, where he died, for more than forty years. He died May 5, 1881, aged a little over 71 years. His aged widow survives him. He was the father of 9 children, four of whom are dead and five living. Among them Rev. O. W. Bowen of Albion. He was brought up in the doctrines of the O. S. Lutheran church, and at the time of his death was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church.

Jacob Baker was indeed a pioneer of Noble county, having settled here in 1833, three years before this county was organized. He was one of the few men who voted at the first election held in the county in June, 1836. At that election, Isaac Spencer was elected Clerk and Recorder, and he also discharged the duties now performed by the Auditors. James Hostetter was elected sheriff, Henry Engle, coroner, Joel Bristol,

Henry Hostetter, Sen., and Abraham Pancake, Commissioners. Two of the commissioners were from the same township. About the first act of the Clerk after receiving his commission was the issuing a marriage license for the subject of this sketch, which was the first issued in Noble County. Mr. Baker was one of the petit jurors at the first court held in the county, which was held on the farm now owned by Esq. Schlotterback, on Perry's Prairie and which was presided over by Hon. Samuel C. Sample, with James Latta and Elisha Blackman as his associates. At the next term of court held the following spring at the house of Richard Stone, there occurred a bloody fight into which Mr. Baker was drawn, and in which about a dozen persons participated. Of those engaged, Mr. Baker was the last living. He was born in 1891, and died May 8, 1881, being nearly 80 years of age. He was married five times, and left surviving him three children. In person, he was tall, and in his younger days was a fine specimen of physical manhood. He was a warm friend, and no sacrifice was too great for him when it would enhance the happiness of others.

Nancy Tumbleson died at her residence in the Haw Patch on the 11th of May, 1881. She was the daughter of William Hilmeth, and was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, in 1818. She came to Noble county in the fall of 1835, and continued to live here and in Lagrange until her death. She was married to William Hamilton, in this county at an early date, but the exact time has not been furnished. Hamilton died in 1849. By this marriage she was the mother of seven children, three of whom are dead, the other four are sons and are living. In 1853 she was again married to James Tumbleson, who is still living at an advanced age. It was my good fortune to make the acquantance of Mrs. Tumbleson and the rest of her father's family at my

first advent into Noble county, as they lived near Rochester where I resided. The family was large, but today I think only she is left. The father was a man of religious feeling, a devoted member of the M. E. church. Mrs. Tumblesom was from childhood a member of the church in the doctrines of which she was brought up, and all who knew her will be as witness to her sincerity and zeal in the cause she loved.

James McConnel, one of the earliest settlers of Northern Indiana, died at the residence of Hiram Bradley, in Albion, May 20, 1881, aged 73 years and 4 months. He was born Jan. 20, 1808, in Muskingum Co., Ohio, and early in the spring of 1832 came with his father and family to the Haw Patch and settled on the farm where, 49 years after, he was buried. They were the second family that settled on the Haw Patch. From the time of his settlement in Indiana until his death, he was actively engaged in business, and his name is familiar to every old settler in Lagrange and Noble counties. He was one of the Commissioners of Lagrange county at a very early day. About 1837 he came to Rochester, in Noble County, and engaged in business as a partner of Albert Powell, of Lima, and your biographer spent two years as clerk in their store, at Rochester. The store was not such as we see in these days, but was built of logs, and all its adornments were in keeping with the outside. One of the staple articles in trade was Indian blankets, and another indispensible article was whiskey, as well as various compounds manufactured from the same by Powell, who was an adept at the business and from whom Harvey Wood learned the art of making pure liquors of all kinds from poor whiskey and poisonous drugs. In January or February, 1838, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Shoup, who died Sept. 24, 1874, leaving two sons, Thomas, who now resides at Ligonier, and William who died Sept. 28, 1874. He was twice married after the death of his first wife, and his last wife died about two years ago.

Thomas is the only one of the family left, and of his father's family, one of his brothers (William) who resides in Wisconsin, is the last left. His father William McConnell, died April 15, 1848, at the age of 67 years, and his mother Agnes McConnell died Aug. 23, 1851, at the age of 66 years. All are buried on the corner of the old McConnell farm, where the subject of this sketch was also buried on the 22nd of May, 1881.

This ends the biographies of Old Settlers deceased in 1880 and 1881 as given by Nelson Prentiss at the Old Settler's Meeting at Albion in June, 1881.

Many fine characteristics of the subjects had to be omitted on account of conserving space. But many give us a clear picture of the early pioneers and their trials.

D. A. R. Committee

Obituary-William S. Stoops was born in the State of Pennsylvania, 1802. He came to Albion, where he has since resided in 1857. He died on Wednesday, June 8, 1881. He leaves an aged widow and a number of grown children to mourn his departure. The funeral sermon was preached at the M. E. Church, on Thursday, by Rev. J. W. Smith to a large concourse of neighbors and friends.
Albion New Era, June 16, 1881.

"Nearly fifty years ago the first settlers in this country, having no road running to the north, through

Rochester, Lagrange and the southern part of Michigan, followed an Indian trail considerable of the distance. This trail and early road passed through the farm now owned by N. Prentice. The places worn in the banks by the ponies, where the trail crossed a swale, are plainly visible at the present time. The banks being too steep to allow vehicles to cross, the road crossed a few rods farther above. A corduroy bridge was made of polls of different kinds of timber. Not long since in cleaning out the swale, it was determined to take the old bridge out. Red oak, linn, beech, and black ash poles were found to be as sound as the day when placed there. For sometime after the field had been plowed, the road could be traced nearly across it. But several plowings have obliterated entirely the location of the road, and the removal of the bridge takes away all traces of the earliest road, probably, in the county."

Signed X. Indian Village Locals
in Albion New Era, July 28, 1881.

Obituary-

William Knox died at his home in York township this county, on Saturday, Aug. 6, 1881. Mr. Knox was born in Washington county, Penn., Sept. 25, 1815; came to Richland county, Ohio, with his parents in 1817. In 1838 he married Isabel B. Beattie. She died in 1854, leaving him with a family of eight children. In 1876 he came to Noble county, Indiana, and married Miss Rebecca Spangle, April 28, 1881, whom he leaves, with three children, together with numerous relatives and friends, to mourn his loss. Mr. Knox was a much respected citizen.
Albion New Era, Aug. 11, 1881.

At the reunion of the old Settlers of Smith township

Whitley county, Isaac Tibbits, of Noble County was present and his "talk" is reported as follows: Isaac Tibbits, of Noble county, was introduced and spoke of many items of interest connected with the early settlement of this section of Indiana. Mr. Tibbits stated that he lived in Noble county for about 53 years; that when he first came to the country there was no house between Ft. Wayne and the city of Elkhart. He said there was neither a brick nor frame house in Ft. Wayne at that time, nothing but cabins. The first election he attended there were but 25 votes cast at his precinct, which precinct was composed of eight townships. In that day Mr. Tibbits said that he had to go fifty miles to mill and corn bread and venison constituted their every day diet.

From Whitley County locals in New Era, Sept. 8, 1881.

The Standard says that "Chauncy G. Waterhouse, of Kendallville, was in town Monday. He has a lively memory of the fugitive slave days. It was said that his father's house in Milford township was on the underground railroad." The old gentleman was once arrested and taken to Indianapolis, and tried in an United States Court, for harboring a run-way slave, fined $50 dollars, and sentenced to imprisonment for 24 hours. We are not sure but we think this was the only penal sentence in the State under that infamous law. The old man has long since gone to his reward, where there are no frowns for those who give food and shelter to the poor and oppressed. There are men, though, yet living in the County, who testified against him in that court. They have lived to see more than the good old man did-to see their repugnance to the liberty of one poor negro overcome by the liberation of 4,000,000 slaves, and the fugitive slave law wiped from the statutes, and become so odious that they would blush to recall their part in enforcing it. The marshal who arrested him, became a filibuster under the noted Walker, and afterwards entered the rebel service, and fought against the flag under which he had before arrested men for feeding slaves."

From Lagrange County locals in Albion
New Era, November 3, 1881.

Died.

On Friday of last week, November 25, 1881, at the home of his son-in-law, James McFarland, near Wawaka, Uriah Franks, Sen., at an advanced age. The deceased had lived in the county for a long number of years, many of which were spent in Albion. He left Albion some years ago, and since that time has resided, we believe with his son-in-law, at whose house he died. He leaves an aged widow and several grown-up children to mourn his departure, among whom are Harry

and Joseph Franks, of Albion. The deceased was highly respected by all who knew him. He was upward of eighty years of age, and had been a member of the Methodist church for many years. The funeral was preached at the M. E. church in Albion, on Sunday, by Rev. J. W. Smith, after which the body was deposited in the grave in the cemetery in Albion.

Albion New Era, Dec. 1, 1881.

Died.

On Monday night of this week, Mrs. Thomas Singrey, of Jefferson township, died after a brief illness and her remains were buried in the Sweet cemetery on Wednesday.

She had lived a long and useful life, and died at an advanced age, respected and beloved by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. She was the mother of John A. Singrey, County Commissioner, J. H. Singrey, superintendent of the County infirmary, Jacob Singrey of Jefferson and A. J. Singrey of Albion. She came to this country with her husband, years ago, from Ohio, and has been among the best, and most respected of our citizens. Her husband survives her.

Albion New Era-December 8, 1881.

Obituary

Mrs. Jane Barnum died at her home in Albion, Feb. 14, 1882, aged 52 yr. 5 mo. 14 da., after a lingering illness of about eight years. She was born in Onondaga County, New York, Aug. 31, 1829, came with her parents to Noble County in the fall of 1842, and has since lived in this County. On the 30th day of April, 1848, she was married to Abel Barnum, Esq., who with two children, a son and daughter, are left to mourn their loss. Upon her marriage she settled with her husband upon the farm where she died. She was the daughter of Hon. Jerome Sweet, who died in Jefferson township several years ago.
Albion New Era, Feb. 1882

"Chloe Ellenor Parker was born Nov. 6, 1836, in Allen township, Noble county and died Feb. 15th, 1882 aged 45 years 3 months and 9 days. Her parents, Elihu and Phebe Wadsworth, came to this country a short time before her birth, and settled for a few months just south of this city, where the deceased was born, soon after which they moved to their farm near Lisbon, where the surviving parent, her father, now resides. At the age of 23, she married Dr. A. S. Parker, of Kendallville, and the union has been a happy one. She was the mother of five children, the oldest one preceding her to the happy hereafter, by nearly fifteen years."

Reproduced in Albion New Era, March 2, 1882 extracts from a biographical sketch of Mrs. Parker wife of Dr. A. S. Parker, of the Kendallville News, read upon the occasion of her funeral.

An old settler Gone.

Ephraim Skinner died at his residence in Noble township, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1882, aged about 82 years.

The deceased was one of that rapidly thinning band of old pioneers who came to Noble County prior to 1840, and although we are without definite information as to the exact time of his immigration to this Country, we think, perhaps, it was some years prior to 1836. He had been married twice, his first wife being a Miss Ott, who died soon after their settlement in this Country. He subsequently married Mary Black, of Benton township, Elkhart County, with whom he lived happily until his death, and who survives him. One by one the old pioneers are passing away, and soon none of these will be left who came to Noble County previous to 1840.
Albion New-Era 1882

Gone to his Rest

Jacob H. Hays, of Sparta township, died at his home, March 1st, 1882, at the age of nearly 70 years. Deceased was born at Boonsboro, Maryland, July 18th, 1812, where his early life was spent. When still a young man he left the place of his birth, crossed the mountains, and settled in Green County, Ohio. In November, 1834, he was married to Martha Woodward, (who is still living), by whom he had six children, three of whom are now living, the others having died before reaching manhood. In 1851, he removed to Piqua, Ohio, where he lived until 1865, when he settled in Noble County, where he has since lived upon the farm where he died.
Albion New-Era March 16, 1882.

The following obituaries were read at Old Settlers meeting, June 1882 by Nelson Prentiss

William McMeans was born in Montgomery County, Ohio, March 19, 1835. Came with his father, John McMeans, to Noble county in 1836. Came to Albion in 1847, and lived here until his death. On the 20th of May, 1856, he was married to Miss Amelia Taylor who still lives in Albion. By his marriage he was the father of six children, four of whom are living. Albion New Era, June 15, 1882

Noah Myers, first saw the light April 13, 1779, and closed his earthly career at his home in Washington township, July 28, 1881. He was born in Bracken County, Kentucky, whence he removed to Greene County, Ohio in 1807. In 1820, on the 10th day of February he was married to Miss Issabelle Galloway, a sister of Joseph Galloway, one of the pioneers of Noble County, and who was well known to all the early settlers. In 1836 he settled in Noble County, on the farm on which he died. On the 6th day of November, 1850, his wife died leaving him with a family of five children, 2 boys and 3 girls. On the 11th of August 1853 he married as his second wife Mrs. Catharine Weigle, who survives him, and is now living on the homestead. At the time of his death he was 82 years 3 months and 15 days old. Mr. Myers was a true type of the early pioneer-kind, social, and hospitable.

Another, and one who was always with us long as he was able, but who for the past three years has been laid

upon a bed of affliction, has at last found eternal rest. At our annual meeting in 1878, I called your attention to the condition of Conrad Cramer and Hiram F. Bassett, (both of whom were at that time prostrated upon beds of sickness) and that their death might be expected at any time. Mr. Cramer died about a month after, and was duly reported to you at the meeting in 1879. Mr. Bassett remained with us until August 25, 1881, when the tired wheels of nature ceased to revolve. He was stricken with paralysis in May, 1878, and from that time until his death, was helpless. His mind also was impaired, and at times he failed to recognize his intimate friends. This continued for over three years, and during all that time his devoted wife ministered to his wants with an affection at once touching and tender. Day and night she sat by his bedside with his hand resting upon her, and under no other condition would he be satisfied.

Though his mind was obscured, yet he never forgot her, and the love he had for her in former days burned brightly in his heart, until the last. He was born in Delaware County, New York, April 2, 1807. In 1831 he was married to Miss Lucia Barnum, who is now his widow. Two children were born to them, one of whom, Platt B. Bassett is now living; the other, a daughter, married Joseph Vermilyea, and died several years ago. Her two daughters now reside with their grandmother Mrs. Bassett in Albion. He came to Noble County in 1836 and settled in York township, on the farm owned by him at the time of his death. He made the world better by his example as well as by precept, and having accomplished his mission on earth, he had been called up higher.

Mrs. Henrietta Billman, was the daughter of James Bailey, who was known to all the early settlers upon the Haw Patch. She was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on the

25th day of June, 1813, and was married to John Billman. Shortly after her marriage they removed to Noble county, as I am informed in 1835, where she until her death, which occurred October 8, 1881. She was the mother of seven children, of whom but four are living. Her husband died about ten years ago. She was one of the Mothers of Noble County, settling here at a time when all was in a state of nature, and she endured all the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country. She was for many years a member of the M. E. Church.

Rachel Bailey, wife of Edward Bailey, went home on the 16th day of October, 1881. It has been said that it is a solemn thing to die, but it is a far more important thing to live-to live so that it is easy to die. She was a worthy member of the M. E. Church, and in her death the church has lost a shining light. She was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1813, being about the same age of Mrs. Billman of whom I last spoke. They were associates in youth, came to Indiana about the same time, were near neighbors during all the time they lived in Noble County, sisters-in-law, and they died within eight days of each other. Companions in life they were not long separated in death. Mrs. Bailey was the daughter of James L. Wooddell, who lived about one and a half miles north of Ligonier. He was killed by a falling tree as he was sitting in his wagon driving along the public road.

She was married to Edward Bailey, in Ohio, came to Noble County in 1835, and passed through about the same experiences as the rest of us, fulfilled her mission, and when the master had no further work for her here he said "It is enough; come up higher," and gladly she obeyed the call, and her aged and stricken husband is only waiting till the shadows, be a little longer grown."

This biography by whom written I do not know, but doubtless by one who has done justice to the memory of our friend much better than I could have done.

"Death who is no respector of age, sex, or persons, has again gathered his harvest by striking almost lightening like, a majestic and sturdy oak, one that was honored and respected by young and old, rich and poor; An old pioneer who shouldered his ax and came to this country when the howling of the wolves could be heard and the Indian war whoop was yet echoing through the forest of what is now called Noble County.

The subject of this memoir, Thomas B. Weston, was born in Pompey, Onondago County, N. Y., Oct. 13, 1799, and moved with his father, Nathan N., while yet a schoolboy, to Trenton, Monroe county, New York, where he worked on his father's farm until his parent's death, which occurred August 26, 1823, leaving him at 24 years of age to care for a mother, two brothers, and two sisters, two of them only a few years of age.

In 1836 he came to this country, and the writer of this has heard him narrate over and over again, how he with others slept in what is now Dekalb county, seven nights in the woods, the wolves howling all around them. Returning to the state of New York, he married on Sept. 7, 1837, a Miss Paulina Maxfield, of Copake, Columbia County, New York, moving the next spring to Plymouth, Wayne County, Mish. His wife dying June 20, 1841, left his household desolate. The next year he came to make a permanent settlement in Noble County, and was married to Catharine Anderson, Dec. 7, 1843. Her father was the first settler on Pretty Prairie, Lagrange County. On July 16th 1844, he, with his wife and only daughter by his first wife, then almost 6 years of age, moved into a log cabin built by him, on the farm that he owned at his death. Five settlers constituted the population of Wayne township at that time.

Mr. Weston could easily trace his ancestors back

in the 7th degree to where one Thos. Weston landed from the Mayflower in 1620, at Plymouth, and another named John Weston, who came from Buckinghamshire, in the north of England to Salem in 1644, just 200 years before he himself came to Indiana, and there is, perhaps no family in the country possessing as a whole, persons of more moral integrity than the Westons can boast of. The late John Weston Weston, of this city, whose demise occurred on Feb. last was a cousin of his.

He was elected again and again to the office of Justice of the peace, which he held for 24 years, and well does the poet say, "an honest man is the noblest work of God." His funeral had the largest attendance of any that ever occurred in this part of the country, and he was worthy of all respect shown his remains.

There is something remarkable in the fact that three pioneers and neighbors (for they lived only three miles apart when on their farms,) dying within six days of each other. James Wright dying on Friday, was buried on Sunday, the day that Thos. B. Weston was taken sick, he dying on Tuesday morning, Joseph Grury dying on Thursday, the day of Weston's funeral. Of these Weston was the first settler, also being the oldest by a little over six months.

Signed J. S.

Neither Mr. Wright or Mr. Gruey came to Indiana before 1840, hence they are not of our number. Both were good men and will long be respected and honored for their many virtues.

Dr. John Gross died at Ligonier, January 25, 1882 aged 47 years 3 months and 21 days, having been born in

Galia county, Ohio, Oct. 4, 1834. His father, with his family, settled in Leesburg, Kosciusko County, in 1837, and after living there two years, removed to Benton, in Elkhart county in 1839. In the winter of 1841 the writer taught school in Benton and boarded with the Gross family, and hence had an opportunity to become well acquainted with all the family. John at that time past seven years of age, was one of my pupils. It was his first school and I think I never saw a child who made such rapid improvement. His memory was surprising, his desire to learn a passion. He was kind and affectionate to his parents, his brothers and sisters and his teacher.

In 1855 he married Miss Hoops, of New Paris Elkhart county, a young lady of kind heart and gentle manners. By this marriage he was the father of five children.

The above obituaries were given by Mr. Nelson Prentiss at the Old Settler's Meeting at Albion in June 1882. On account of space, these obituaries are reduced to the more important facts.

Obituary

Mrs. Eleanor Cook was born in Beaver Co., Penn., April 18, 1803; died June 8, 1882; aged 79 years, 2 months and 7 days.

When a child, she removed to Apple Creek, near Wooster, Ohio, where she was married to Sylvanus Cook, Nov. 20, 1823. They lived together a happy, useful life until his death 41 years after their union. They raised a family of 7 sons and 1 daughter of whom 2 sons, Dr. S. L. Cook of Albion, Mr. Wm. Cook of

Springfield, Ohio, and the daughter, Mrs. Robert Chambers, are the only survivors. In 1851 Mr. and Mrs. Cook removed to Noble Co., and located on the farm now owned by Mr. J. C. Johnson. After residing there nearly 13 years, they removed to Albion, where Mrs. Cook resided until her death. Having lived in the vicinity for over 30 years, and mingled her voice and influence with those of her neighbors, many can testify as to her worth. She united with the Presbyterian Church at the age of 16 years. For 66 years she bore her Master's name and endeavored to do his will.
Albion New Era. June 15, 1882

Alexis Edwards died at the residence of George Inscho in Jefferson township, on Wednesday last, after a sickness of about two months. Mr. Edwards was born in Baltimore County, Maryland, in 1804, and was seventy-eight years of age at the time of his death. He became a citizen of Noble County in 1848, and was one of the pioneer settlers of this part of the state. He was a man of whom no one could say an unkind word, and his sorrowing friends, and relatives have the sympathy of all in their affliction.
Albion New-Era. August 24, 1882

Obituary

Died, at the residence of her son-in-law in Albion, Aug. 26, 1882, Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen aged 68 years, 6 months, 11 days.

Mother Bowen was the wodow of the late William E. Bowen, and mother of Rev. O. W. Bowen. The family consisted of nine children-five sons and four daughters-

four of whom preceded her to the spirit world. Truly it may be said of Mother Bowen that another mother in Irael has fallen. For over eighteen years she was a faithful, consistent Christian member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Albion New-Era, August 1882

An Old Pioneer Gone.

Eliher Wadsworth, an old resident of Allen township, died on Sunday evening last, at nine o'clock, of lung fever, after an illness of about one week.

There are perhaps, few men in the county more generally known than Mr. Wadsworth. He came to this country in 1836, and settled on the farm (then in the wilderness) on which he had lived continuously ever since. He was thoroughly identified with the early history of this county, and had held many positions of trust in the community, yet in his latter years he preferred to let others assume the care and responsibility of such duties. Mr. Wadsworth was eighty years of age last June. He wife preceeded him to the spirit land by several years. He was the father of five children-four sons and one daughter. Two sons, Edwin and William died a few years ago, of consumption, and Mrs. Chloe E. Parker, his daughter, died last February, of the same dread disease. There remains now of the family only Joseph T. Wadsworth, of Allen Township, and H. E. Wadsworth, of Laporte, the oldest and youngest sons. The funeral services, attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors, were conducted by Rev. William Waltman, and his remains were laid beside those gone before in Lake View Cemetery. Truly may we say that another of the old pioneers has disappeared.
Albion New-Era November 23, 1882
Copied from Kendallville Standard

March 26, 1885 Albion New Era

Died-Van Wormer. Near Sparta Chapel, March 20, 1885, Mrs. Maria Van Wormer, the mother of Mrs. Orlando Kimmel.

She was born in Martinsburg, Virginia. Her maiden name was Baker. While yet a child she moved to Fayette Co., Ohio, afterward to Marion Co., Ohio, and in 1844 to Noble Co., Ind., where she lived until her death. She was married twice. The name of her first husband was John White. They raised six children-three sons and three daughters-all of whom still live in Noble County. Her second marriage was to William Van Wormer. She had lived a consistent member of the Methodist church for sixty years. She had the use of her mind until the last, and died rejoicing in a present Savior.

Obituary

Lorette Worden, nee Wild, was born in Franklin County, Mass., Feb. 20, 1800, and closed her long and useful life at Albion, April 5, 1885, being 85 years, 1 month and 15 days old. At an early date she went with her parents to New Hampshire where they lived a short time, when the family moved to Livingston county, New York, where on the 17th day of March, 1819, she was married to Leonard G. Worden, with whom she lived until 1856, when he died in La Grange County, Indiana, to which place he came in 1852. They lived in Erie Co., N. Y., for a few years before coming to Indiana. In the spring of 1856, soon after the death of her husband, she removed to Albion and purchased the hotel since known as the "Worden House." From that time until her death she has lived here, and her life is a living epistle known and read of all. She was the mother of 11 children, eight of whom passed over before her

to meet mother on the shining shore. Her only surviving children, three daughters, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. McElfatrick and Mrs. Boardman, were with her in her last hours. One of the daughters resides in Kentucky, and the other two in Kansas. For several past she has lived with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Maria Worden, the widow of L. G. Worden, who died in Albion in 1879. She was born and reared a Presbyterian, but for many years she has been a firm believer in the final happiness of the whole human family, and she died a firm believer in the doctrine of universal Salvation through the merits of the atonement of her Savior.

Nelson Prentiss, of Albion, is a first cousin of the late George D. Prentice, poet and Journalist. Their fathers were brothers.
Albion New Era, April 23, 1885

Myron R. Eddy, an old citizen of Noble County, who immigrated to this country in 1845, where he lived until 1876, died a short time since at Elkhart, at the age of 83 years.
Albion New Era, April 30, 1885

On next Saturday, at Ligonier cemetery, the grave of the only revolutionary Soldier buried in Noble County, will be decorated in a fitting manner, we understand. This is the grave of the father of Nelson Prentiss, Esq., of Albion and Nathaniel Prentiss, of Sparta. The family will have a reunion at the grave of the old hero on that day, and bring suitable tributes

to the memory of the deceased. Among these will be a large square and compass, the emblem of the masonic order of which the deceased was a member.
The Albion New Era, May 28, 1885

"Sleep, Old Pioneer"

John Bowman, of York township, died at his home, June 12, 1885, aged 75 years, 1 month and 2 days. He was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, May 10, 1810. He was married to Mary Mason while living in Columbiana County, but the date of the marriage has not been furnished. He settled in Noble County, March 1, 1838, and has continued to reside here since. He was the father of four children, all of whom, with his aged widow, are still living. The widow, his son Jonas, and his two daughters, Mrs. George Bricker and Mrs. Clark Seaburg, reside in York township, and his son Lycurgus, lives in Allen county, near the line of Noble. Mr. and Mrs. Bowman were both present (as they always were) at the meeting of the Old Settlers, and at that time he was in his usual health. On the next Monday while at work in his garden, he was stricken with paralysis, from which he never recovered, but lingered until the next Friday when death kindly brought relief. Thus another of the little band left of the early settlers has been called away, and the ranks are daily showing gaps, which no recruits can fill, and in a few short years the last of the "old guard of the woods" will disappear.

Gray- at Wolf Lake, Ind., June 23, 1885, of heart disease, Mrs. Sophronia Gray, aged 74 years, 5 months and 10 days. Mrs. Gray was born in Oneida County, New York, Jan. 13, 1811, and was married to Stedman Gray, March 31, 1829.

The deceased was the mother of 12 children, of whom seven lived to maturity, and five of whom survive her. Of her three daughter, one resides at Lewiston, Ill., and two at Wolf Lake. Of her two sons, one resides in California and could not be present at the funeral of his mother, while the other-Byron P. Gray, trustee of Noble Twp.-resides at Wolf Lake.

She, with her husband, came to this country in 1835, and in the spring of 1854 moved to Wolf Lake, on the premises upon which she died. She united with the Regular Baptist Church in 1851.

Noble County Seceders
who they were and How it was accomplished

It is well known that what is now Etna Twp., Whitley Co., was once a part of Washington township, Noble Co., but for certain reasons, detached from Noble upon petition of the inhabitants. It is said that many of the residents of that territory are sorry that the transfer was ever made, and would be glad to return to the Mother county of Noble.

The following recently taken from the Columbia City Post explains who the men were who asked to be transferred, and how it was accomplished:

Etna Township, June 25, 1885.

Editor Post.- Will you please give your readers in these parts a little bit of history by answering the following questions.

When was Etna township struck off from Noble County? Who signed the petition for the change? When and how did it get the name of Etna? X.Y.Z.

The petition for the striking off from Noble County, that part of Washington township, that is now Etna township, Whitley County, comprising a strip two miles wide and six miles long, was presented to the Board of Commissioners at the September term, 1869, and was acted on at the December term, 1869. The final order was made December 8, 1869, and read as follows: "It is therefor hereby ordered by the board that the boundary line of said counties be so changed asto conform to the line mentioned in said petition so that the several sections mentioned in said petition be included in the County of Whitley.

The petition was signed by the following voters of the territory. Thos. Hartup, L. Lamson, A. Straight, J. Trumbull, S. Trumbull, Jr., A. M. Blain, William Graves, A. Bennett, Henry Myers, D. K. Chandler, Wm. A. Blaine, Isaac Sheafer, Silas Scott, Alanson Tucker, Eli R. Jones, D. J. Bowman, S. Benton, Wm. Crow, R. Blain, W. Jones, Jno A. Miller, T. Blain, Benj. Boyer, J. McKendry, John Blain, Alex McKendry, James Blain, T. Gaff, J. Fashbaugh, L. Kile, Jacob Kile, Franklin Hunt, Jno. W. Long, John Long, W. B. Cunningham, J. F. Cunningham, Joseph Welker, Lyman Robinson, D. S. Scott, S. Bennett, J. Bennett, A. Straight, Sen., Thos. Scott, M. C. Scott, Robert Scott, Sen., Fielding Scott, Frederick Sheets, A. B. Gandy, F. M. King, Samuel Garrison, Simon Trumbull, J. C. Matthen, F. Kind, John Kisler, J. D. Goble, Jacob P. Pricket, and T. B. Long.

The new territory received the name of Etna township, Sept. 11, 1860, by an order of the board of commissioners at a special session on that day. It was named after the village in its limits, and that village was designated as the voting place.

On the 13th day of Sept. 1860, A. M. Myers was appointed by the board to take a duplicate of all the lands and lots in said territory from the records in Noble County, and also to procure the congressional trust fund that belonged to the new township. The first

trust was executed, but the congressional trust was never delivered over to Whitley County until less than two years ago. However this County had the use of the interest as though the money had been there.
Albion New Era, July 16, 1885

Death of Amos Black

Again it becomes our painful duty to chronicle the death of one of Noble County's most respected and honored citizens, Mr. Amos Black, which occurred on Thursday evening, July 23, 1885, at his residence east of town, after a brief illness of pneumonia. Mr. Black was born in Maryland about seventy-two years ago, after which lived in Pennsylvania and Ohio, and forty years ago came to Noble County a comparatively poor man, and by industry, economy and excellent judgment during his residence here accumulated a fortune of perhaps $30000. Thirty-five years ago, his wife died, and he never married again, his children keeping house for him up to his death. His age was 71 years, 11 months and 24 days. He was the oldest of seven brothers, all prosperous farmers of the County, except one-Owen Black, Sen.-who has been a prosperous merchant of Albion. The deceased had served a number of years as one of the Commissioners of Noble Co., and discharged the duties of the position with signal ability. His son-John D., was treasurer of the county for two terms.

The funeral took place on Saturday, and was attended by a large concourse of his old neighbors and friends. Rev. Wm. Waltman preached the funeral discourse. He was an excellent citizen, a good man, and his life was a blameless one.
New Era, Albion, July 30, 1885

There will be a dedicatory service at Zion Church Sunday, Aug. 9, 1885, commencing at 10 A. M., in Jefferson Twp., Noble Co., Ind., Bishop N. Castle officiating. There will be preaching also at the church on Saturday evening by the Bishop. Everybody cordially invited.

G. T. Butler

Obituary.

Hays-Died, August 1, 1885, at her residence in Sparta township, Noble County, Ind., of cancer of the tongue, Mrs. Martha Hays, aged 72 years and 24 days.

The deceased was born in Green County, Ohio, July 8, 1813, and was married to Jacob H. Hays in 1834. In 1865 they immigrated to Noble County, Ind., settling upon the farm in Sparta township where she died as above stated.

Funeral services were held at Sparta church on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1885, Rev. Lamport of Ligonier, officiating.

Mrs. Hays was a very estimable lady, and was the mother of Dr. J. W. Hays of Albion. Two other children-a son and daughter are left to mourn her departure.

Old Citizen Gone

In the death of Thomas Singrey, of Jefferson township, which occurred on Sunday night of this week, this community loses one of its oldest and most respected citizens-a gentleman who has done much for the development of the Country in which he settled when it was

almost a wilderness. Up to about a year ago the deceased retained his mental and physical vigot to a remarkable degree, but since then has been gradually failing, until the lamp of life quietly went out on Sunday evening. Mr. Singrey was something more than eighty-five years old, and his had been a busy and useful life. He was the father of ex-commissioner John A. Singrey of Jefferson, J. H. Singrey, Superintendent of the Noble County infirmary, and A. J. Singrey, a member of the School Board of Albion. Burial Sweet Cemetery/

At the residence of his son, Jacob Singrey, of Jefferson township, Noble Co., Ind., Sept. 20, 1885, Thomas Singrey, aged 84 years, 6 months, and 8 days.

The deceased was born in Baltimore Co., Maryland, March 12, 180k. In 1816 he removed to Richland Co., Ohio, where he was married and cleared up a farm. In 1862 he moved to Noble Co., Ind., where he lived continuously up to the time of his death.

New Era 1885

J. B. Kelley, who died a week or more ago in Kendallville, was 65 years 10 months and 25 days old, having been born in Ontario County, New York in 1819. He moved to Kendallville in 1861, where he has resided ever since. Kendallville loses, in his death, one of her most enterprising and public-spirited citizens. The traveling public will miss him.
Albion New Era-Oct. 15, 1885

Copy of Scrapbook belonging to Mrs.
Elizabeth Walters Hooper (Mrs. Levi)

Leonard S. Hersh, fourth child of Peter and Sarah Hersh, was born on a farm near Lucas, Richland County, Ohio, on March 2, 1845.

Being one of a family of eleven children and losing his father early in life, he soon learned what it meant to rely upon his own resources. At the age of 16 years he enlisted in Company E. of the 32nd Ohio Volunteer Infantry and saw active service for one year and six months, when he was cap-by the rebel forces and imprisoned at Harper's Ferry, West Virginia. At the close of the rebellion he came to Avilla, Noble County, Ind., where he has since resided.

He was united in marriage to Eliza Ellen Snyder at Ligonier, Ind. on December 19, 1869. To this union were born three sons: Frank H. of Avilla, John B. of Garrett, and Clinton L. of Ft. Wayne, all of whom still survive to mourn the loss of a kind and loving Christian father.

Mr. Hersh had been in poor health for a number of months and finally a few days ago resolved to give up his active work and was taken to the home of his son John, in Garrett, until he would recuperate, but the end was nearer then anticipated and he passed to the beyond on Monday, May 17, aged 70 years, 2 months and 15 days.

Soon after his marriage he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and united with the Calvary Evangelical Church of Avilla and has remained a consistant Christian ever since. He was perfectly resigned to his death and expressed a desire and an anxiety to meet his savior.

For many years Mr. Hersh followed the occupation of Plasterer, but retired about seven years ago.

He served as a member of the Board of Education for 15 years and since 1900 has been an efficient clerk and treasurer of the town.

In all of his business relations he was absolutely fair and honest and his integrity could not be impeached.

Mrs. Hersh having died a number of years ago, he leaves aside from the three sons already mentioned, two brothers, Jacob A. Hersh, of Bath, N. Y., Joseph W. Hersh of Avilla, and one sister Sarah J. Huston of Harrington, Kans; five grand children and a host of more distant relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were held at the Evangelical Church in Avilla, Thursday forenoon, Rev. J. W. Metzner, of Elkhart, delivering the funeral address. Rev. F. S. Erne, pastor assisted in the services. The remains were laid to rest in the Avilla Cemetery.

The following relatives and friends from out of town were in attendance at the funeral: Mr. and Mrs. John Miser, John Haines and gran-daughter Bessie Crooks, John Stahl, wife and little son, Martin Snyder and David Steele, Charles Wolf and wife, Amanda Beber, Edgar Beber and wife, Mrs. Heinzerling and Mrs. Nell of Garrett; E. E. Stell and son John of South Bend and Mr. J. E. Rehrer of Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Samuel Yeiser

Seventy-two years ago, on June 9th, 1842, a little girl first opened her eyes to the world in the home of Jacob and Mary A. Koons in Bedford County, Pa., whom they christened Mary Ann. Last Friday morning, June 19, 1914, that same little girl, now grown old, closed her eyes to the world at her home near Mt. Pleasant.

Soon after her birth her parents moved to Ohio, and after residing there a few years they moved to a farm in Noble County, Ind., and in this home Mary Ann grew to womanhood.

On Dec. 27, 1866, she married Samuel Yeiser and they established a home in Allen township. After seven years residence there they moved to their present home. Six children were born to them, the oldest son, Samuel, died at the age of ten and Benjamin Franklin grew to manhood and died seventeen years ago.

Her husband, four children, Mrs. Mary Adelle Stahl, Mrs. Sadie Feightner, Mrs. Esther Butler and Edward Grover Yeiser, two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Nellie Yeiser and Mrs. Pearl Yeiser, nine grand-children, 3 sons-in-law, a brother and a sister survive.

About twenty-five years ago she united with the Lutheran Church and was a faithful and consistent member and died trusting in her Savior. Funeral services were held at Mt. Pleasant, Monday afternoon, Rev. Bowen delivered the sermon and Rev. Bream assisted in the services. Burial was in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery, Undertaker McKee having charge.

Passing of a Pioneer

William Hooper, who was a well known resident of this vicinity for a long term or years, passed away at 8:10 o'clock Wednesday morning at the Old People's Home, near this place, after several years of ill health, paralysis and diseases incidental to old age causing his demise at the age of 77 years, 11 months and seven days.

The deceased was born near Clinton, Pa., December 17, 1837, came to Indiana with his parents, and family, October 7, 1857, and settled on a farm in Swan township, Noble County, where he resided until September 30, 1864,

when he entered the army, serving in Company B. 135th regiment of Indiana Volunteer infantry. He was honorably discharged from the service on June 20, 1865.

On returning to Noble County, he purchased the farm west of town where he resided until April 1, 1908, when he moved to Avilla.

On December 22, 1866, he was untied in marriage to Miss Alice M. Mumford, who departed this life on June 20, 1902, aged 58 years and five days. To the above union two children were born, Mrs. C. W. Sutton, of Wolcottville, and Edward W. of this place. Other surviving relatives are: Four brothers, John S., Levi and George of this place and vicinity, and James of Portland, Oregon; one sister, Mrs. S. P. Stewart, of this place; four grand-daughters, and a number of nephews and nieces.

A short private prayer service was held at the E. W. Hooper home, Friday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. H. W. Park of this place, officiating. The funeral cortage proceeded to Mt. Pleasant Church, where the funeral service was held, with burial in the cemetery.

Prominent Attorney Claimed by Death.

Weir D. Carver has been making a brave fight against tuberculosis at the home of his brother at Defiance, Ohio, but Friday morning at 4 o'clock death was the victor and the spirit of this popular young man took its departure. For several days prior to death his condition had been growing worse, but his taking away came as a great shock to his friends.

The now deceased was born to Weir D. and Elizabeth (Barr) Carver at Avilla, Indiana, April 21, 1876. He passed his childhood days and grew to young manhood in

our midst. He graduated from the local high school in 1893 and then attended normal school and taught in the schools of the County, being at the head of the Rome City schools for several terms. In 1900 he graduated from the law course at Ann Arbor, and a year later established a law office in his home town. He met with success in his chosen profession and was twice elected prosecuting attorney for the 33rd Judicial district. Later he formed a partnership with Frank M. Prickett and they entered upon an extensive law practice at Kendallville. In July 1914 tubercular trouble caused him to cease his labors and he went to the mountains of New York State for treatment and rest, but just a year ago his condition became such that he returned to the home of his mother and brother at Defiance, where his health continued to fall until death claimed him.

Under the pastorate of Rev. E. B. Westhafer he professed faith in the Savior and united with the M. E. Church. He was also a member of the Masonic and Elk Fraternities. The former order performed their last rites at the grave.

He leaves a loving mother, a brother Ra B. Carver, and a wife to whom he was united in marriage in 1913. A niece and nephew and an unusually large circle of friends and relatives also mourn the departure of this young man who was possessed of such a bright future.

The funeral party arrived here shortly after the noon hour, Sunday, over the B. & O., and proceeded to the Methodist church, where the services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Lamport, of New Paris, a former pastor here. The large attendance of friends, members of the Noble County bar, fraternity brethern, and the profusion of floral offerings bespoke the esteem in which he was held.

Many, many of our people feel a personal loss in the death of this brilliant young man. Those who knew him

couldn't help but like him-his was a personality that drew men to him. Our people had expected great things of Weir but a fate which we cannot understand deemed otherwise and all we can do is to mourn. His last days were made as easy as possible by his loving mother and by his brother and family. His age was 39 years, seven months, and five days.

A Day of Joy.

Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Allen Township Rededicated Sunday.

Sunday Nov. 25th will be remembered by the members and the community of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church with pride. The day was all that could have been desired. The fine audience room was filled with eager people and the services were all that one could wish. Good singing and music were no small part in the program.

The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Rev. O. W. Bowen, of Albion. Rev. Bowen was pastor of this church when the present brick structure was reared twenty six years ago. It is needless to say he acquitted himself grandly. He preached from Jer. 36; 23. A remarkable text and a truly marvelous sermon.

The financial statement was then read by the pastor, Rev. M. R. Mohler; 721.91 were spent in the improvements, all of which was provided for except $101.34. The pastor called for subscriptions. By the aid of the church officials, subscription cards were circulated and the amount was quickly provided. The morning offering amounted to $120.45 of which $55.45 was in cash. Rev. E. W. Erick, and the pastor then read dedicatory service and the morning service broke up with congratulations and renewal of acquaintenances. The evening services was a fine gathering of the young. Rev. E. W. Erick, of

Spencerville, Ind., a former pastor of great favor preached the sermon. The basket contributions at the service amounted to $7. Thus ended this day of joy to those faithful.

Amid all this there were few regrets. Mr. John Black, who with Messrs. C. A. Wible and Lambert McFarland constituted the committee, was unable to be at the service on account of sickness. Rev. A. E. Goff of Albion, Ind., who was to have preached in the evening was also kept away because of the death of his son, who was foully murdered in a hotel in Arkansas City, Kan.

A side-light of joy was the baptism of two babes at the home of Wm. F. Penn, at 3 P. M. by the pastor. They were the daughter of Wm. F. Penn and the son of Henry C. Pfaffman.- Albion Democrat.

Frank Walters

The Frank Walters funeral services were held at the family residence in Lagrange, Thursday at 1:30 p. m., being attended by the K. of P. lodge in a body.

Rev. Morris of the Lagrange M. E. church had charge and used as the text of his discourse, the 88th Psalm and 18th verse. Appropriate music was furnished by a male quartet. Burial was made in Greenwood Cemetery.

Among those present at the services were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Weirick, Mrs. James Repple, Mrs. Frank Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth Walters, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Walters, of Kendallville and vicinity, Mr. and Mrs. John Finley, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hooper, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Pennel of this place and vicinity.

Obituary

Frank S. Walters was born in Noble County near Kendallville, Ind., March 4th 1873, and after a lingering illness, extending throughout nearly four years, he quietly and as gently as the approach of twilight, passed away at the home of Mrs. Putt, his mother-in-law, in Lagrange, Ind., Feb 3rd, 1908, aged 34 years, 10 months, and 23 days.

He was reared on a farm and spent most of his younger life there, being educated and a graduate of the common schools. When taken ill he was engaged in the livery business.

August 30, 1896 he was united in marriage to Blanche Putt and as an issue of this happy union, four children were born, one dying in infancy, while three little sons, Mark, Carson and Dean are left fatherless, to gladden the home and comfort the hearts of the mother and grandmother, as tokens of the father's love and affections.

Mr. Walters was a very indulgent husband and father, a kind and obliging neighbor and a devoted member of the Lagrange K. of P. Lodge No. 144.

He expressed himself as being prepared and with genuine resignations said to the family Monday evening "I wish I could go Home before morning, and be at rest." His wish was granted, as just before midnight, without a perceptible struggle the taper of life went out, his sufferings ended and brother Frank was gone-gone to his reward.

He leaves to mourn his departure his devoted wife, three little sons, three brothers, James of Lockwood, Mo., Wilmer and Ellsworth of Kendallville, and four sisters, Elizabeth Hooper and Cora Finley, of near here; and Mary Pepple and Mattie Wyrick of Kendallville, besides many friends who will cherish his memory, "green in their hearts, till the arch angel's trump shall proclaim that time shall be no more."

Obituary
Walters

At her home in Allen township, Noble County, Indiana, July 17th, 1891 Mrs. Juliann Walters, wife of Solomon Walters, aged 63 years, 8 months and 3 days. She was born in Richland County, Ohio, was united in marriage to Solomon Walters, February 16, 1854 and moved to Noble County, Indiana, the same year. Thus has ended the life of another devoted wife, kind mother, a good neighbor and a faithful Christian. Sister Walters was for many years a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Though afflicted for months she bore her afflictions without a murmur. She leaves a husband and eight children and many friends to mourn her departure.

The services were conducted by pastor, Rev. E. W. Erick on Sabbath at 11 A. M., at which time an exceeding large concourse of friends and neighbors met and paid their last tribute of respect to her memory.

Her Life Work on Earth Ended

Sunday morning the sad news came that Mrs. Wm. Hooper, who had been in poor health for the past year, had passed away during the night. Kind and loving hands had administered to her during her illness, but were finally baffled.

The warm heart that had for years throbbed for others woes stilled, and triumphing over all, her freed spirit took its flight.

She was the daughter of Jirah and Lydia (Wheeler) Mumford, and born June 15, 1845. On December 30, 1866, she was married to Wm. Hooper. Almost her entire life had been spent in sight of her late home, where she has

been surrounded by many of the comforts of life.

It would be useless for us to say anything with reference to her character and life, for it was among those that assembled at her late home Tuesday to pay a tribute of love and respect that her life story has been written, and we believe that the record of her life shows that the world is better for her having lived in it. She regarded the whole human family as one great brotherhood, moving slowly but surely toward high and better conditions and that in God's own time and way everything would result in good. Those who knew her best will miss her most.

Funeral services were held from the late residence Tuesday, June 24, at 2 P. M., in the presence of a multitude of sympathizing friends and neighbors, Rev. Magor, of Kendallville, officiating. Interment at Mt. Pleasnat Cemetery.

Mrs. Rebecca Crothers, one of the pioneers of Noble County, who had attained the advanced age of 88 years, died at the home of her son, Edward Crothers, in Swan township at 11 o'clock, Tuesday night, after an illness of several weeks.

The funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church, here, Friday at 10:30 A. M. Burial in the Avilla Cemetery.

A Tribute to Mrs. Hudson

Among the early pioneers of Noble County were Jacob and Mary Easley who resided in the vicinity of Albion. This home was blest with eight children, two sons and six daughters, the oldest of which was

Mary M. the subject of this memoir, who was born March 16, 1851. Death has repeatedly broken this family circle, taking father and mother, one son and three daughters until there only remain of this large household, George Easley of Botna, Iowa, Mrs. J. N. DeCamp, of Avilla, Mrs. Elmer Spangle of Elkhart, and Mrs. Jerome Aydelott of Grand Bay, Alabama.

Mary M. Easley was married to Thomas Hudson, Oct. 9, 1873. They also resided in Noble County and were prosperous in the affairs of life as the result of careful industry. Their home was blest with four children, Mrs. Lenna Yeiser, Mrs. Eunice Schaefer, W. Carlton, and Edith B., also one grand daughter, Hazel Yeiser, who has been a member of this household for a number of years. All these were present at the funeral service. Mr. Hudson died after a lingering illness, Oct. 12, 1911, and his funeral services were held in the home on the 14th of the month conducted by Rev. Lamport.

In early life Mrs. Hudson aspired to the better and noble things of our natures and gave her attention and efforts to the accomplishment of this purpose and succeeded to that degree, that she qualified and served, in young wamanhood as a public school teacher. In those years she also became interested in the Christian life and united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Hudson had many splendid qualities in her make-up. We cannot mention them all, it is not necessary. We will mention a few for the good it may do us by emphasing the same and thus add to the power of the influence of her life in our midst. She was largely domestic in her nature and loved her home and enjoyed it more than society. Her home was made attractive, cheerful and hospitable-her family was so much to her. In return she received the best that means and thought could provide during her long illness. The other quality to be mentioned was her

patience and submissiveness. This, of course, made her an indulgent mother and a splendid neighbor. Little ministries of sympathy and kindness were quietly bestowed by her when needed. Then this trait of character was so manifested during her long illness-not a murmur or complaint. In answer to an inquiry with reference to her condition, she always gave a hopeful, cheerful reply. While she wished to live, 'tis true, yet, when she knew that she could not, there was no rebellion against that fact. The going of such a life is missed. May the God of love and mercy sanctify her memory to the good of all who knew her.

The out of town guests at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. John Morehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schauweker, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. DeCamp and John Finley, Albion: Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Conlogue, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. John Fulk, Mrs. Sarah Fulk, Mrs. Clinton Fulk and Mr. and Mrs. George Euthven, Kendallville; Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Hudson and Mrs. J. W. Williams, Ft. Wayne; Mr. Joseph Hudson, Fostoria, O.; Mrs. Joseph Mullendore, Hagerstown, Md., and Mrs. Elmer Spangle, Elkhart.

The Passing of Hiram L. King

The funeral of Hiram L. King one of Noble County's most respected pioneers, notice of whose death was made in our last issue, last Wednesday afternoon at his late residence, north east of Avilla, and was attended by a large number of his old neighbors and admiring friends. The Rev. H. F. Snell of Ft. Wayne officiated. The remains were interred in the King Cemetery in Swan township.

Hiram L. King was born in Geauga County, Ohio, Oct. 2, 1826. In May 1837, with his parents, Hiram and Catherine King, he moved to Noble County, Indiana,

settling in Swan township. The trip was made with horse teams, and required seventeen days. The parents spent the remainder of their lives in Swan township. The father passing away in 1866 and the mother in 1882. They were the parents of six children namely: Mary Ann, wife of the late Edwin Randall of Allen township, Hiram L., Ira M., Oliver P., John C. and Jane, wife of John S. Hooper, are with the exception of the latter, now deceased.

Hiram L. King assisted his father in the development of his farm of 400 acres and remained in the home until his thirty-third year. In 1859 he was married to Frances A. Mumford, daughter of a Noble County pioneer. Mrs. King died in 1864 on the home farm in Allen township, where they had resided since their marriage. She left two children, Herbert H., who died in 1884 at the age of twenty-five, and Nellie F., who became the wife of Howard S. Holmes, and died in 1893, aged thirty-two years.

In 1886 Mr. King was again married this time to Mrs. Margaret Craig, widow of the late W. N. Craig of Allen township. One daughter, Orpha A., was born to this union, and this daughter, with the wife, two grand-children, Hallad King of Warsaw, and Grace Holmes, of Alhambra, Cal., and a step daughter Mrs. Daisy Nell Reed, survive.

Mr. King was one of the pioneers of Noble County who contributed materially to the progress of the Community. He possessed those magnificent qualities which are so essential to a truly useful life and by his upright living gained many friends. He was a resident of Noble County during its early history, his presence here dating back to the time when Indians inhabited the vicinity. Early in life he affiliated with the Whig party and always cast his vote for the candidates of that or the Republican party.

By the death of Mr. King, the community and county loses another of its truly great pioneers and prominent

men. The family of the deceased have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

J. M. Bonham

For County Assessor.

Mr. James M. Bonham, the present County Assessor is the unanimous choice of his party for a re-nomination. Mr. Bonham did not seek the nomination four years ago and was this year chosen without opposition. He has made a splendid record as an official, adding a large amount of sequestered property to the tax list. The amount added within the past year aggregates nearly $250,000.

Mr. Bonham was born at Madison, Wisconsin, in 1854 and came to Indiana at the age of ten years, and has been a resident of Noble County since. He has been located at his present home 4 ½ miles south east of Albion for ten years. He was a school teacher for a number of years, and is well qualified to perform the duties of a public official.

Nov.-1939 Subject-Little Turtle, 1781-1812

Columbia City, Indiana,

South of here near Eel River site of Turtle Village, Noted Indian Center and birth place of Me-She-Kin-No-Quah Chief Little Turtle, Village, Razed by Col-Simrall in Sept 1812. Location is "Section 4 Union Twp Whitley County, Ind. On County Gravel Road, formerly the laid out National Highway and named Yellow Stone trail. Just east of Buildings on Buttler farm South side of road, facing north.

The following is copy of
Marker erected near the site,

LITTLE TURTLE

1781----------1812

South of here, near Eel
River, site of Turtle
Village, noted Indian Center,
and birth place of Me-She-
Kin-No-Quah, Chief Little
Turtle, Village razed by
Col-Simrall in Sept-1812.

Respected old Lady dies near Avilla

Mrs. Elizabeth Finley, widow of the late Abner Finley, peacefully passed away at her home west of this place, Friday afternoon. She had been in poor health for some time and her death was not unexpected. The funeral services were held at the home, Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, Rev. Baker of the M. E. Church officiating. Interment was made in Lake View Cemetery at Kendallville.

Elizabeth Smith Finley was born in Washington County, Maryland, August 23rd, 1833, and departed this life February 10th, 1911, having reached the age of 77 years, 5 months and 17 days.

When very young her parents moved to Ashland County, Ohio, where she grew to young womanhood.

She was married to Abner Finley, of Ashland County, Ohio, February 28th, 1865. On March 30, 1882 they moved to Noble County, Ind., where they continued to reside until his death, on March 18, 1907, since which time she has continued to reside at the old home

with her son James.

To their union were born seven sons and one daughter, all of whom survive the mother excepting Mark, whose death occurred at Fort Worth, Texas, June 29, 1904.

Besides the children who are left to mourn their loss there are one sister, two brothers, eight grand children and many other relatives and friends. All of the children and grand children, one brother and the sister, were present at the funeral.

She has been a life long member of and worker in the Evangelical Lutheran church and was always solicituous for the welfare of the church.

Obituary

The subject of this memoir, Henry Hill was born near Lockport County, New York, April 23, 1819, and departed this life at his late residence August 27, 1900, aged eighty-one years, four months and four days. On May 21, 1845 he united in marriage to Miss Eunice Maria Eaton in Knowlesville, N. Y. and subsequently they became the parents of three children the first child, Delos, died at fifteen months old. In 1851 they moved to Jefferson township, Noble County, and settled on a farm where he remained continuously for forty-nine years with the companion of his youth in unbroken affection making their home joyous to their visiting friends.

Mr. Hill was possessed of strong and vigerous constitution, strictly temperate in all his habits. He lived to be four score years, being the full time allotted to man "(but by the reason of strength)". His late sickness was of short duration being about twelve days. Complicated with the infirmities of

age, his strength soon gave way and he yielded to the pressure and the last struggle was over. The funeral took place from his late residence on Wednesday at 2 P. M., August 29, 1900 in the presence of a very large concourse of friends and neighbors under the direction of the writer after which he was laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his deeply afflicted wife, Sarah H. Hill, wife of William H. Whitford, Lewis L. Hill and wife and five grand children, two great-grand children and one sister in California, with a large circle of friends and neighbors.

Mr. Hill was a kind devoted husband, a loving and affectionate father and a kind neighbor, strictly honest in his dealings, long will he be missed by all who knew him.

Rev. T. E. Lancaster
Columbia City, Ind.

Former Resident Dead

A letter to Mrs. E. Yeiser bears the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, Henry Abel Secor, at the home of his sister, Mrs. Emanuel Swinehart near Hagerman, Idaho, on Oct. 5th.

Mr. Secor was born in this township fifty-nine years ago. As a youth he attended the district schools of this vicinity, later becoming a teacher and pursued the study of law. While yet a young man he went to Idaho, where he has since resided. He had been in poor health for a year prior to his demise, small pox which failed to break out, finally causing death. Mr. Secor will be remembered by many of our readers.

Mrs. Harrison Fulks

Ludunsky Watt was born in Huntington County, Pa., Feb. 13, 1826 and departed from this life in Noble County, Ind., November 20, 1906, aged 80 years, 9 months, and 7 days.

She was married to Harrison Fulks in Green township, July 10, 1846, to this union were born 6 sons and 2 daughters, one of the latter dying in infancy.

For more than forty years, she had been a resident of Swan township. The end came peacefully. Therefor be ye also ready, for in an hour when ye think not, the Son of Man cometh.

Funeral services were held at Hopewell church, Friday A. M. and the remains were laid to rest in the Hooper cemetery. Rev. Hollopeter conducted.

Aged Citizen Dead

Michael Walter, one of the oldest residents of Avilla, passed away at his home in this place, Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock after a long illness.

At one time he was connected with the firm of Baum, Walter & Haines and conducted a general store here. Later he carried the mail to B. & O., and for many years has lived a retired life. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Evangelical Church, Rev. McClure officiating. Interment in the Avilla Cemetery.

Michael F. Walter was born in Snyder Co., Pa., Feb. 1, 1826, and died at Avilla, Ind., May 22, 1912. His age was 86 years, 3 months and 21 days. In the year 1853 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Fryer. To them seven children were born.

When but a youth he united with the Lutheran Church, and remained so to the day of his death. He has been a resident of Avilla for 58 years.

He leaves to mourn his departure, his widow, six children: Mrs. C. C. Moste, Mrs. H. S. Oaks, Morris and Wallace Walter of Chicago, Mrs. Nora Dolan and Mrs. M. H. Stewart of this place; one brother, one sister and ten grand children. One daugher preceded him to the spirit world.

The following relatives from a distance were in attendance at the funeral: H. S. Oakes, wife and children, Chas. Moste and family, Morris and Wallace Walter, Walter and Raye Stewart and Wallace Dolan of Chicago; Mrs. Ida Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger and daughter of Laotto; John Rehrer and family of Ft. Wayne; M. Walter and wife of Garrett; and John Kuran and wife of Auburn.

Obituary

Levi Hooper son of William and Susan (Springer) Hooper was born in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, April 23, 1846, and departed this life Jan. 31, 1921, aged 74 years, 9 months, and 8 days. When nine years old, he came with his parents and settled on a farm in Swan Twp., Noble County, Indiana. At the age of seventeen years he began teaching in the public schools of Noble County, which profession he followed for several years, and later worked at the carpenter's trade.

On July 3, 1873, he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Walters. To them were born two children, Frank L. and Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper moved to a farm in Jefferson Township in 1877, and resided there until April, 1920

when they moved to their present home in Avilla, Indiana.

Mr. Hooper had been in failing health for about ten years, following a stroke of apoplexy, but his condition was not critical until Sept. 9, 1920, when he was taken seriously ill, and since that time had been unable to leave his bed.

He was a kind and loving husband and father, and a loyal friend and neighbor. He was associated with the M. E. Church at Summit for many years, always being ready and willing to help when called upon. He was of a quiet and reserved disposition well liked among his neighbors and friends. Surviving are his wife, one daughter Mrs. Merle Pennel of Avilla, one son, Frank L. Hooper of Kendallville, four grand children, Marjorie Pennel of Avilla, Ruby and Beth Hooper of Kendallville, and Ruth Hooper of Hreybull, Wyoming, three brothers, George of Garrett, John S. of Avilla, and James of California, one sister Susan Stewart also of Avilla, besides other relatives.

Items of interest taken from the
Avilla News Aug. 8, 1895.

Solomon Walters, a prominent farmer of this township, died Tuesday evening, aged 68 years.

Obituary

David D. Stewart, youngest son of John and Susan Stewart, was born in Columbiana County, Ohio, on March 17, 1859 and departed this life on October 23, 1926, at his home, 1219 Kinsmore Avenue, Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

About 1876 he with his brother James came to Noble County, Indiana, where they were later followed by their parents. He spent the greater part of his life in and near Avilla.

On January 1, 1884, he was united in marriage to Laura A. Good. To this union were born five children. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this place and during his residence here he was a faithful attendant. Since moving to Ft. Wayne he attended the United Brethern Church and was a member of the Men's Brotherhood of that church.

He was always cheerful, uncomplaining and patient. He will be greatly missed in his home and by all who knew him.

The funeral services were held in the Fort Wayne United Brethern Church at two P. M. on Tuesday, October 26, 1926. The Reverend M. K. Richardson of that church officiated. His body was laid to rest in the Lindenwood cemetery. He leaves to mourn his early departure, his wife, Laura A.; his five children; Mrs. Charles Gatwood of Albion, Ind.; M. J. of Laporte, Ind.; Bessie A., Zoe B., and Dortha at home; four grand children; two great-grand children, one brother, James of LaOtto, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Belle Wilkie of Fort Wayne and Mrs. Lizzie Gallinger of Metamora, Mich., besides other relatives and a host of friends.

Mrs. Georgia Hersh Passes

Death claimed another one of Avilla's well known residents, when Mrs. Georgia Hersh, widow of the late Joseph W. Hersh passed peacefully away at her home on South Main Street some time Friday morning. The exact time of her death is not known, as she was found dead in bed on Friday morning by Jay W. Hersh, a son. She

had been ailing for a number of years, but was not thought to be serious. It seems, however, that on account of her age and the nature of her disease that Mrs. Hersh had a premonition that death might be expected and she so expressed herself at times to her pastor and others, but not to the immediate family, and her death came as a distinct shock to them.

She was near 72 years of age at the time of her death and had been a life long resident of Avilla. Immediate relatives who survive are; two sons, Jay W. Hersh of this place and Wallace C. Hersh of Auburn, Ind.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock from the residence of her son, Jay W. Hersh on North Main street, the Rev. Ira Steele, pastor of the local Evangelical Church, of which Mrs. Hersh was a member, officiating.

Music for the occasion being furnished by Mrs. Guy Streby who sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Jesus Savior, Pilot Me" accompanied by Miss Ruth Kemerly on the piano. Burial took place in the family lot in the Avilla cemetery under the direction of funeral director McClellan.

Georgia Anna Fryer was born in Avilla, Indiana, July 28, 1858, and departed from this life July 4, 1930, aged 71 years 11 months, and 6 days. She was one of the four daughters born to Doctor and Mrs. Franklin Fryer all of whom have preceeded her in death. February 22, 1890 she was united in marriage to Joseph W. Hersh, who preceeded her in death 7 years ago.

To this union was born two sons, Jay W. Hersh of Avilla, and Wallace C. Hersh of Auburn, who survive to mourn her loss. There also survives 7 grand children and other relatives.

Practically all of her life was spent in Avilla. She

became affiliated with the local Evangelical Church a number of years ago, but because of her affliction she was not permitted to be a regular attendant at the services, but remained faithful until death when she was transferred to the church triumphant.

Mrs. Hersh was a good neighbor; a citizen of respect and honor; a loving and devoted mother, she has lived her life to the children, to her neighbors, and to her God who she loved and served.

Death Claims Prominent Avilla Resident.

Death claimed another one of Avilla's prominent residents, when John N. DeCamp well known former Post master and business man passed away at the family residence on West Washington Street at five o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. DeCamp had been ailing for some time, and several weeks ago took to his bed, relinquishing active work as Clerk and Treasurer of the town of Avilla, which position he had filled for a number of years.

He was 73 years of age, and had been a resident of this place for many years. For years he conducted a grocery and general dry goods store, and also served as Postmaster. Resigning the Postmastership, he sold out his dry goods stock to Brumbaugh & Sheets and retired from active participation in business. Several years later he was elected Clerk and Treasurer of Avilla, which position he filled at the time of his death.

Being a public spirited citizen he always took a keen interest in the welfare of the town and its progress. He was prominent in church affairs, and for many years was the successful teacher of the adult bible class of the

local M. E. church of which he was a member.

He was twice married, his first wife dying four years in February. A year ago last June he married Mrs. Flora Allman of this place. Surviving relatives include the widow, two sons, Arthur J. DeCamp of Kendallville, and Samuel Merle DeCamp of Kansas City, Mo., one daughter, Miss Clara DeCamp of Springfield, Mass. Three sisters, and two brothers also survive. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon at two o'clock from the home, the Rev. J. E. Lawshe, pastor of the local M. E. church, assisted by the Rev. Ira Steele, pastor of the Evangelical Church officiating. Burial will take place in Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville under the direction of funeral director McClellan.

Mrs. James Clemens was born in Cumberland County, Penna., July 13th, 1825, living here until 12 years old; after which her father's family moved by wagon to Richland County, Ohio, where she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Parker, October 18th, 1846. To this union was born four children, Mary E. Kiblinger and Nancy M. Fay deceased, and W. L. Parker and Mrs. H. S. Skinner who reside in Albion.

Mr. Henry Parker departed this life in Jefferson township, Noble County, October 4th, 1857. After the death of Mr. Parker, Mrs. Parker lovingly labored with her four children on the farm five miles south east of Albion, until in Sept. 11th, 1862, she was united in marriage to Joseph E. Clemens and to this union was born three children, one girl and two boys, Mrs. Charles L. Ingraham, of Kendallville, Ind., J. W. Clemens, and Emerson E. Clemens, deceased. Mrs. Clemens is the honorable possessor of thirteen grandchildren and sixteen great-great-grand children.

Mr. Clemens departed this life in August, 1882, after which Mrs. Clemens lived on the farm about two years then moved to Albion where she was afflicted with paralysis, awhile after which she began to live with her different children. She has suffered repeated strokes of paralysis of more or less serious nature for about the last thirty-five years of her life and through it all she has been kind and patient.

Death came to relieve her from her suffering and physical limitations Nov. 17th, about 2:45 o'clock age being 99 years, 4 months, and 4 days.

Mrs. Clemens was converted in Richland County, Ohio, at the age of 12 years and united with the Methodist church at that time and proved faithful until death.

For some time she has prayed earnestly that God would relieve her from her earthly responsibilities and give her her honorable discharge from life's warfare. This faithful mother was unstintingly devoted to her children and always proved a true friend and loyal neighbor. We have all been made poorer as the result of this great loss that has come to our church and community.

Another Pioneer Resident Dead

Death has again invaded the ranks of Avilla's pioneer residents and has taken from our midst, the venerable Samuel P. Stewart, one of Avilla's oldest and best known residents. For many years his name has been a household word with our people.

Coming to Noble County when a young man, he has been for many years closely allied with the business activities of this section of the county. For many

years, he, with his brother Matthew, conducted a general store in this place under the firm name of "Stewart Bros."

The Post Office for a number of years was located in their store under the supervision of Mr. Stewart, who succeeded Mrs. Swarthouse as Postmaster at this place. He relinquished the office to Mr. August Vogeding in 1855.

Retiring from the mercantile business, he confined himself to the Fire and Cyclone Insurance business, in which work he was eminently successful. When the late L. S. Hersh relinquished the position of Town Clerk and Treasurer, Mr. Stewart was appointed to the position, and was subsequently re-elected until the infirmities of age, compelled him to give up such work. He has since his retirement been quietly taking his ease and since the death of Mrs. Stewart several years ago, has been making his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Knauer of this place. For the past few years he has been gradually failing from senility incident to old age, and thus he peacefully passed away at the home of Mr. Knauer about one o'clock on Monday morning at the age of 86 years.

He leaves to mourn his departure two daughters and one son, Mrs. B. C. Lewis of Willard, Ohio, Mrs. George Knauer of this place, and Mr. John D. Stewart of Sturgis, Mich., aside from a number of brothers and sisters and many more distant relatives.

The funeral occurred from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knauer on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. J. E. Lawshe, Pastor of the local M. E. church officiating. Burial taking place in the Avilla Cemetery under the supervision of Funeral Director McClellan.

Excerpts from Second Obituary

Samuel Patterson Stewart was born in Alleghany County,

Pennsylvania, July 15, 1840, and passed from this life February 21, 1927, aged 86 years, 7 months and 6 days. He was united in marriage with Miss Susan Hooper, December 17, 1863. To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters. One son Arthur, died in childhood.

Mrs. Stewart passed away three years ago. Since her death Mr. Stewart made his home with his daughter Mrs. George Knauer of Avilla, Ind.

Mr. Stewart was a man of sterling character and a very ardent supporter of the cause of Prohibition, being one of its pioneer advocates in Noble County. He was a member of F. & A. M. Lodge No. 460 of this place and for many years was its honored secretary. He belonged to the Tribe of Ben Hur Court No. 40 of this place and was one of its foremost supporters, until lack of interest caused the Court here to disband.

In his early life he was an ardent Sunday School worker, and for many years taught the Men's Bible Class in our Sunday Schools.

He was the oldest of a family of nine children. One sister, Mate, and two brothers, Joseph and Matthew having preceeded him to the spirit world.

Obituary

Conden H. Macklin was born June 22, 1848, in New Springfield, Ohio. He was a civil war veteran having enlisted at the age of 16, in Company K. 18th Regt., Ohio Infantry Volunteers.

After his discharge from the army he came to Indiana where he made his home with Ben Renkenberger in Swan township, following the trade of painter and

decorator.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Carrie M. Dolan, to this union was born four daughters and two sons, one daughter and two sons preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Methodist Church of Avilla, having joined under the pastorate of Rev. Lamport; the Masonic Lodge, Chapter of Eastern Star of which he was a charter member, and the Life Associates of Ben Hur.

He passed away Saturday morning February 7th, at the age of 82 years, 7 months and 16 days.

He is survived by the widow, three daughters, Mrs. Seckle Yarian of Swan township, Mrs. J. E. Padgitt of Avilla, Mrs. Ora Miller at home and four grand children, a sister, Laura Miller of McKeesport, and a brother George of Hubbard, Ohio, and other relatives.

Noble County Pioneer Dies

George H. Fairbanks, aged 82 years, a retired farmer, and one of Noble County's best known residents, died at 8:15 o'clock last Thursday at his farm just north of Fairbanks' Corners, after a lingering illness. Death was caused by complications and Bright's disease.

Mr. Fairbanks retired from active farming several years ago, and has since quietly lived on his farm, three miles north of this city. For the past two years he has been ailing, and had been bedfast since December, 1927. Sunday morning his condition became critical, and since that time he rapidly failed, until death came.

The decedent was born in Geanga County, Ohio, January 12, 1846, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Fairbanks, who moved to Noble County when George was but a few months of age. Mr. Fairbanks grew to manhood in the Fairbanks Corners neighborhood, and attended such schools as the times afforded. Later he completed a course at Hiram College, in Ohio, but he chose farming as his life occupation.

On November 23, 1875, he was married to Miss Clara Jane Baughman, daughter of the late Grafton F. Baughman, who was a county official. For the past 53 years, Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks lived on the farm where he died.

During his younger years, Mr. Fairbanks became affiliated with Kendallville Lodge No. 276, F. & A. M., and with Chapter No. 64, Royal Arch Masons. He was also a member of the Methodist church of Avilla.

Surviving relatives include the wife, four daughters, Mrs. David Shanline, Avilla; Mrs. Rolla Whitford of near Kendallville, Miss Bessie B. Fairbanks of Wichita Falls, Tex., and Mrs. Orlo H. Imes, west of Kendallville; one sister, Mrs. Emma Barton, who resided at the Fairbanks home; a niece, Mrs. Fred L. Bodenhafer and a grandson, Ralph Shanline, of Kendallville.

Funeral services were held at the late home Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, central standard time.

Robert E. Swinehart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Swinehart was born in Noble County, Ind., July 29, 1865 and departed this life January 3, 1928, age 62 years, 5 months, and 5 days.

In the year 1892 he was united in marriage to Mary Mary E. Weimer. After their marriage they resided on

the old home farm for a while, from there they moved to Avilla and later to Kendallville. Twenty three years ago they moved to the farm in Swan township where he passed away. This union was blessed with four children, three boys and one girl. Irvin, who lives in Swan township, Walter, of near Huntertown, Lula, who is still at home, a son Floyd preceded his father in death.

Besides the children mentioned he leaves the widow and one sister Mrs. Rebecca Haines of Kendallville, seven grand children, other relatives and a host of friends to mourn their loss. In the passing of Mr. Swinehart the family have lost a loving husband and father and the community a neighbor and friend which will be greatly missed.

In Memoriam

The funeral of Mrs. Etta Halferty whose death was mentioned in our last week's issue of The News was held on last Friday afternoon at the local Evangelical church with the Rev. Ira Steele, pastor officiating. Burial being made in the family lot at the Avilla Cemetery. The funeral was quite largely attended and many were the floral offerings from friends and neighbors.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ranier and was born at Waterloo, Ind., on Nov. 8, 1860. Her mother died while she was a small child, and she made her home with neighbors and friends at Kendallville and this community when she grew to womanhood.

She was united in marriage to Byron Halferty of this township in 1880. He preceded her in death about seventeen years ago. Except for two years spent at Waterloo, Ind., her entire life had been spent in

Avilla and Kendallville. For fifty years she had resided in the same home here and was favorably known.

Early in life she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for years was active in church and Sunday School work. Specializing in primary work, she became affiliated with the county Sunday School organization and during the active period of her life was one of its valued members in extending the work throughout the County. She was 70 years of age at the time of her death.

Surviving relatives are one son, Ralph W. Halferty of Albion, Ind., two sisters and three brothers, together with numerous distant relatives.

Death of Former Resident

John Vanferson, a former well known and pioneer resident of this Community, died very suddenly at his room in the Waverly House at Hooperstown, Ill., on Wednesday evening, Jan. 4th. The body was brought to this place on Saturday morning and taken to the home of his cousin Mr. Willaim Pennel on North Van Scoyoe Street, where funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. Lawshe, Pastor, of the local M. E. Church officiating.

Music for the occasion was furnished by Mrs. Lawshe and daughter, Dorotha. Burial took place in the local cemetery, under the direction of Funeral Director, McClellan, where his wife, formerly Miss Clara Clipper, and two sons, who preceded him in death many years ago, are also buried.

Those from out of town, who attended the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanferson, Harry Vanferson and wife. Mr. Glen Crawford and Mr. Hosler of Elkhart,

Ind., and Mr. Chas. Hilkert of Swan, Ind., James Fulk of Swan Township, and Eldon Engle and family of Jefferson Twp.

An Excerpt taken from the Hooperston, Ill. paper of January 5th

"Mr. Vanferson was born at Avilla, Indiana, November 26th, 1852 and was over 75 years of age. He had been a resident of Hooperston most of the time for the past nineteen years.

Mr. Vanferson was a member of the Bricklayers Union, at Danville. The lodge will have charge of the services and burial. Mr. Vanferson leaves one sister, who is in very poor health at the present, and an inmate of the Masonic Home at Sullivan, Ill."

Aged Avilla Woman Dies

Mrs. Sarah McKee, aged 82 years, pioneer resident of this community died last Thursday afternoon at the home of her grand daughter, Mrs. Lester Smith, Ft. Wayne, with whom she had been making her home since last September. Death resulted from complications incident to old age.

The decedent was a well known and highly respected resident of the community. She was preceded in death by her husband about 25 years ago. Mrs. McKee was a member of the Avilla Methodist Episcopal Church.

Surviving are two sons and two daughters, including Carl McKee of Avilla, Edward McKee and Mrs. O. L. Whan of near Avilla, and Mrs. A. W. Weed of Cromwell.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal Church here, the Rev. J. E. Laushe officiating. The body was brought here Thursday evening.

Sarah Elizabeth (Switzer) McKee was born in Richalnd Co., Ohio, March 13, 1844 and departed this life at the home of her grand-daughter, Mrs. Lester Smith of Ft. Wayne, March 11, 1926, aged 81 years, 11 months and 28 days.

When but 12 years of age her mother answered the summons of death and Mrs. McKee came to Indiana and made her home with her sister Mrs. Rachel King near Mt. Pleasant, remaining there until Sept. 12, 1863 when she was united in marriage to William McKee. After marriage they resided north of Albion for some time then moved to Green township. To this union was born 9 children, Addie Weade of Kimmel, Nanna Whan of Swan township, Edward McKee also of Swan township and Carl McKee of Avilla, the rest having preceded the mother in death. The father and husband also preceded her, dying Sept. 14, 1892.

In early life Mrs. McKee became a member of the U. B. church of Albion, but after moving to Swan she placed her membership in the M. E. church of that place and when she moved to Avilla about thirty years ago she became a member of the Avilla M. E. church and has been a member here since that time.

Mrs. McKee was a faithful Christian, a kind and loving mother and a friend and neighbor to all with whom she came in contact. And in her departure we can feel that though she is absent from our midst she is only transplanted and enjoying the blessed realities of the Christian life she lived while here.

Besides the children previously mentioned she leaves to mourn their loss ten grand children, three great-grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Rigdon Glosser Pioneer Dies

Rigdon P. Glosser, aged 79 years, prominent Noble County farmer, died at 7 o'clock last Thursday morning at his home 2 miles northeast of Avilla, after an illness of several months. Death was due to heart trouble and complications.

The decedent first became ill in September, after a trip through a rain storm to Kendallville. His illness continued and he was not able at any time to leave his home. For the past several weeks his condition was critical.

Mr. Glosser was born in Ohio, June 23, 1849, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Glosser. Five years later in 1854, his parents moved to this section of Indiana, where he grew to manhood. He was married to Miss Columbia Bennett, and for the past 39 years they resided on the Glosser farm northeast of town.

The decedent was well known here, having spent much time in Avilla during the past few years. He was active as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Avilla.

Surviving relatives include the widow, and two daughters, Mrs. Gertrude Forker, who lived with her parents since the father's illness, and Mrs. Edith Forker, two miles west of Kendallville. A son Frank, preceded Mr. Glosser in death.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Interment, Union cemetery.

Ellis D. Bolton eldest son of James Proctor and Lucie A. Bolton was born in Swan Twp., December 13, 1870 and departed this life at his home in Swan, October 9, 1928, aged 57 years, 9 months and 26 days.

In the spring of 1901 he was united in marriage to Miss Icy May Bricker, and to them was born one child Lucile, who with her family, has lived with her folks, where she has helped in the care of her father, who has been confined to his home for a number of years and for about fifteen weeks he was confined to his bed.

These years were years of suffering for Mr. Bolton and care for his family, but they have felt amply repaid for the patience that has been given in these years, for out of it grew a glorious experience in which Mr. Bolton confessed Christ as his Lord and Master, and in that faith he fell asleep. He leaves to mourn his departure, the widow, the daughter, two grand children, two sisters, Mrs. Wm. Pfeightner of Avilla, and Mrs. G. Fitzsimmons of Ft. Wayne, two brothers Carl of Swan and John of Avilla and an aged mother of Swan, also many other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed in the home, but he awaits the coming of his loved ones.

Dora B. (Padgett) Yeiser, beloved wife of Frank S. Yeiser and Mrs. Fred Golden responded to the call of her Savior, Wednesday noon January 20th, 1926.

Her birth occurred in West Virginia, June 23rd, 1864. In early childhood she accepted Christ as her Savior and united with the Calvary Presbyterian Church at Parkersburg, West Virginia. She came with her parents James Thomas and Lavinia Padgett, to Avilla, Ind., in 1879. In 1893 she revived her vows with Christ and united with the Avilla M. E. Church. She was a quiet but consistent Christian and always was found at her place of worship at church and S. S. when ever health permitted. She was also a member of the Eastern Star Lodge. She was one of the home makers ever looking to the welfare of others.

Altho too ill to see friends, she gave her testimony of her assurance and trust in her Savior. On being told of her Pastor's call she said "Tell him I am too weak to talk but all is well and I am ready to go." Later when parting with her loved ones, she asked them all to live a Christian life and help others in the way.

Aside from the husband and children, she leaves four grand children, one brother Francis S. Padgett, and two sisters Mrs. T. S. Savage of Parkersburg, West Va., and Mrs. Ella Collins of Tiffin, Ohio. Other relatives and a great host of friends.

The funeral services were conducted by their pastor Rev. James Laushe from the residence on Saturday afternoon, January 23, 1926, who by request read the hymns, "Abide with Me," and "The Old Rugged Cross," followed by a talk from the 12th chapter and 13 verse of the Book of Daniel. Amid flowers and tears of sympathy, and love she was laid to rest in the Avilla cemetery under direction of Undertaker McClellan.

Sudden Death of Mrs. Frank Crothers

This community was much surprised on last Thursday when announcement was made that Mrs. Jane Crothers, wife of Frank Crothers, well known grocer at this place, had passed away at the family residence on South Main Street at noon on that day. Death was caused by diabetes, and although she had been ailing for some time, she was confined to her bed but two days.

She was 64 years of age and was noted for her kind and jovial disposition and made friends easily. For years she had aided her husband in clerking at the store, and has performed that duty for the last time only on Monday of last week.

She was a member of the local M. E. church, and was quite active in Civic affairs, being one of the highly respected women of this community. She is survived by the husband; two sons, Rolla Crothers of Garrett, and Ralph Crothers of Angola; two daughters, Mrs. Fred Rauh of near Albion, and Mrs. Walter Pepple of this place, and one sister, Mrs. J. P. Leitch of Tallequah, Oklahoma and five grand children.

The funeral, which was one of the largest ever held in Avilla, was held at the Avilla M. E. Church on Sunday forenoon at ten thirty o'clock, with the Rev. J. E. Lawshe, pastor of the local church officiating. Burial being made in the Avilla Cemetery under the direction of Funeral Director McClellan.

Obituary.

Ida Jane Hanlon was born in Green Township, Noble Co., Ind., March 15, 1867, and was the daughter of Mary Ann and Robert Hanlon.

She spent her early life on the farm where she was born. In 1889 she was united in marriage to Frank Crothers and came to live on a farm in Swan Township.

To this union four children were born, Mrs. Walter Pepple of Avilla; Mrs. Fred Rauh of Jefferson Twp., H. H. Crothers of Garrett, and R. C. Crothers of Angola.

In 1905 the family came to Avilla where they have since resided.

Mrs. Crothers united with the Hopewell Presbyterian Church early in life and after coming to Avilla transferred her membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In her home she was loving and true and as a neighbor and friend we feel her life was above reproach and the world is better for her having lived.

Sumner K. Randall Called by Death.

Sumner K. Randall, a native son of Allen township and for many years a popular and well known merchant of this place, passed peacefully away at the Randall homestead in Kendallville on Sunday afternoon at 2:40 o'clock, after an extended illness of several months from pneumonia and complications.

Mr. Randall was first taken ill with an attack of influenza and within a few days pneumonia developed. His condition became critical soon after the start of his illness and since that time had been but slightly improved. Day after day his condition remained practically unchanged until last Friday when a change for the worse came. The strong heart and exceptional vitality which had fought the ravages of disease so gallantly for several weeks gave way and death came peacefully and without suffering.

Few, if any, residents of Noble County were more well known than Mr. Randall. He was 82 years of age and a pioneer resident of Noble County. He was a son of Edwin and Mary A. (King) Randall and was born on May 2, 1843 on the Randall farm just west of this place, which became his home for more than seventy years.

He received his education in the township schools and following the death of his father, the control and management of the farm fell to him and for many years he successfully operated the farm.

Mr. Randall's business activities in addition to the conduct of his farm, extended in various directions and

for 33 years he was the proprietor of a general store in this place, which was known as Randall's Emporium and the mecca for people who came to trade for miles around. For years he engaged also in the business of the buying of grain and through his efforts Avilla became the center for a great grain selling constituency. Mr. Randall always took an interest in the welfare of his home town, Avilla and was ever ready to give financial aid to any project that might prove beneficial to the town and surrounding community.

Mr. Randall was married September 12, 1876 to Miss Loretta M. Stahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stahl, who resided on a farm just east of this place. Their married life has been a very congenial one and if Mr. Randall had lived, they anticipated celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary the coming September.

Aside from the widow he is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Albert E. Thomas of Ft. Wayne and Mrs. Charles G. Beckman and Mrs. Arthur J. DeCamp of Kendallville and one sister, Mrs. Amy R. Seavey of Ft. Wayne. Mr. Randall moved from the Randall homestead to Kendallville about twelve years ago and has resided there since.

Politically Mr. Randall followed in the footsteps of his father and became an ardent Democrat being ever ready to stand by the principles of the Democratic Party as enunciated in its platform. Fraternally he affiliated with Kendallville Lodge No. 1194 B. P. O. E.; Avilla Lodge No. 460 F. & A. M; Kendallville Chapter No. 64 F. A. M.; Kendallville Council No. 50 R. & S. M.; Apollo Commandery No. 19 K. T.; a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, Ft. Wayne Consistory and a member of Mizpah Shrine Temple, Ft. Wayne.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the late home on Diamond Street, Kendallville, the Rev. Arthur J. Folsom of Ft. Wayne officiating assisted by the Rev. M. E. Runden of

Kendallville. Interment taking place in the Randall burial Area in the cemetery at this place which can be distinctly seen from the paternal home of the Randall's nearby. The active pall bearers were the three sons-in-law, Arthur J. DeCamp and Charles Beckman of Kendallville and Albert E. Thomas of Ft. Wayne and the three grandsons, Edwin R., Thomas E., and Perry R. Thomas of Ft. Wayne. The funeral was largely attended, many going from this place.

Grim Reaper Takes Another

John Hooper, age 90 years, passed away at his home on west Albion street on Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 from old age.

Mr. Hooper had been failing in health for the past year, not from sickness, but just wearing away. He was usually seen about town up until eight or ten months ago and after that he was confined to his home and seldom was on our streets.

Mr. Hooper was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Hooper and was born in Alleghany Co., Pennsylvania. He moved with his parents to a farm near Avilla when a young man. He was united in marriage to Jane King and up until 3 years ago they were partners in life, having lived 53 years together, until her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Hooper moved from the farm to Avilla twenty years ago and were fine neighbors and friends to all they came in contact with. Mr. Hooper is perhaps one of Noble County's oldest residents, having lived in this county for the past 70 years. He was a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and enjoyed attending services.

Mr. George Hooper, a brother of Garrett, and a number of other relatives survive. The funeral will be

held from the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock and the remains laid to rest in the King's cemetery.

John S. Hooper son of William and Susan (Springer) Hooper was born in Allegheny County, Pa., November 30, 1835, being the eldest of a family of six children. With his parents he came to Indiana in the fall of the year 1857 settling on a farm in Swan Township in Noble County where he lived with his parents and assisted in all the arduous duties of farm life in those pioneer days until April 19, 1866, when he united in the bonds of holy wedlock with Eliza Jane King, daughter of Hiram and Catherine (Low) King, thereafter making his home with his bride on the King farm continuing the pursuits of agriculture, doing good and shedding sunshine wherever he could amongst his neighbors and friends. In the fall of 1888 he was called by the electorate of Noble County to serve them in the capacity of County Commissioner which office he filled to the satisfaction of his friends and credit to himself and the county.

About twenty years ago he and his faithful wife, who preceeded him in death about three years ago, came to Avilla to make their home where he resided since.

At a quarter of three o'clock in the afternoon of January 12, he was called to depart from this life and was ready and willing to answer the summons.

He is survived by one brother George Hooper; Edward Gump, a foster son, a number of nephews and nieces and great nephews and great nieces, besides a host of friends.

Pioneer Resident Passes Away

Jane King, daughter of Hiram King and Catherine Low King, was born in Portage County, Ohio, October 17th, 1833. When but 3 years of age, she came to Noble County, Indiana with her parents, in May of 1837, and settled on a farm two and a half miles south-west of Avilla where she grew to womanhood.

On April 19th, 1866, she was married to John S. Hooper. There were no children. Mr. Edward Gump came into the home as a boy, grew to manhood, married, and has remained in charge of the farm ever since. Miss Mary Weil, now Mrs. Leo Blust of Avilla, spent her girlhood days as a member of this household.

For sixty-eight years Mrs. Hooper lived on the old homestead, during which time she was untiring in helping those who were in want or distress.

In 1905 she and her husband moved to Avilla where they have continued to live among a large and wide circle of friends. She was a sister of Hiram L. King, Ira M. King, and Mrs. Edwin Randall, and was the last surviving member of her generation.

She had been up and about the house as usual, suffering however, from a slight cold, and retired Wednesday evening feeling comparatively well, but during the night complications developed which caused her death about 3:30 Thursday morning, February 1st. Death came peacefully, and she closed her eyes in eternal sleep without a trace of suffering or pain.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Hooper is survived by the following nieces and nephews: Mr. Sumner King Randall of Kendallville, Mrs. Amy Randall Seavey now of Pasadena, Calif., Mr. John King of Benzonia, Michigan, Mr. Frank E. King of Minneapolis, Minn., Mr. Alfred H.

King and Mrs. Bernard Haines of Avilla and Mr. Lloyd E. King of Chicago.

Obituary

Susan Hooper Stewart was born in Alleghany County, Pennsylvania, January 19, 1841, and passed to spirit life July 23rd, 1923, aged 82 years, 6 months, and 4 days.

At the age of sixteen she moved with her parents to Swan Township, Noble County, Indiana, and was united in marriage with Samuel Patterson Stewart on December 19th, 1863, and resided on a farm in Swan Township until 1872 when they moved to Avilla, Ind., where she has resided until the present time.

This union was blessed by four children, one of whom passed away at the age of three years. She leaves to mourn their loss her bereaved husband, two dauthers, Mrs. George Knauer of Avilla, Ind., Mrs. Byron C. Lewis of Willard, Ohio, and one son John S. Stewart of Sturgis, Mich., two grandsons, one grand daughter and two great-grandsons, three brothers, John S. Hooper of Avilla, Ind., and James Hooper of Dallas, Oregon.

She was a kind and faithful wife, a loving mother, a true and sincere friend.

Her greatest joy was found in her home surrounded by her children and friends. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

Funeral services were held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Knauer, Wednesday at 2 P. M.

Rev. Runyan conducted the services. Interment in the Avilla cemetery, under the direction of undertaker McClellan.

Mrs. Anna E. Singrey Dead.

Mrs. Anna E. Singrey a former resident of Allen Township, 57 years of age and widow of the late John P. Singrey, died at her home in Albion, Ind., on Wednesday morning April 6, after a prolonged illness of carcinoma. Mrs. Singrey was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Foster, pioneer residents of Noble County and was a very prominent resident of Albion. She is survived by one brother, Willis Foster, of Jefferson township.

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the late residence with the Rev. Orton, Pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kendallville officiating. After which burial took place in the Mount Pleasant cemetery.

Oberlin.

Mrs. Raphael Oberlin, aged 83 years, a former resident of this city, died in the Lutheran hospital at 9 o'clock this morning of senility. She resided in Avilla for the past 10 months. Mrs. Oberlin was born and reared in Clinton, Pa., where she spent the greater part of her life.

She was a member of the Nazarene Church.

Surviving are three children by a former marriage, John L. Fike, Oakdale, Pa., William S. Fike, Bluffton, Ind., and Mrs. Mary L. Moore of this city; two brothers, Loren Springer, this city, and William Springer, of Los Angeles, and one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Newell of Scott Heights, Pa.

Funeral services will be held at the Mungovan Chapel

Monday morning at 10 o'clock with the Rev. Howard Paschal officiating.-Ft. Wayne paper.

John Finley, son of Abner and Elizabeth Finley, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, on the 30th day of August, 1869, and came with his parents in the year 1882 to Noble County, Indiana, when they moved to the home on the farm adjoining the farm owned by the deceased at the time of his death. Here he grew to manhood and on the 8th day of January, 1891, was united in marriage with Cora B. Walters, who survives him. Immediately after marriage they moved into a home nearby the Finley homestead where they lived for a short time and then built their present home where they have lived continuously until the present time. Thus from his boyhood days the decedent has lived at or in the immediate neighborhood of their present home.

He was elected recorder of Noble County, Indiana, in the year 1908 and filled such office for a period of four years.

He was a regular attendant at the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church and sang in the choir and was always ready and willing to help in all the affairs of the church. He was an active member of the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Three children, all of whom died in infancy, preceded him in death and he leaves to mourn his departure his widow, one sister, four brothers, three brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, several nephews and nieces and a great host of friends and neighbors.

John was of a genial and frank disposition, good natured and kind hearted, a great lover of children, a man who made friends of all with whom he met, and a kind hearted and loving husband.

Funeral services were held at the home Monday, April 11, 1921. An unusually large crowd attended to show their love for this great good man, who had been so long with us in every movement for good and righteousness. The body was laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery. The Rev. H. N. Thompson officiated.

Death Claims Well Known Woman

Mrs. Luella Diggins, aged 57 years, wife of Linford W. Diggins, of Kendallville a most highly respected woman died Friday night at 11:50 o'clock at her home, 224 Diamond Street in that city.

Death followed many days of patient suffering and an illness of a year and a half duration, due to complications. Last May her condition reached the serious stage and since that time her health continued to decline, each month with greater rapidity. Numerous specialists and physicians were consulted in an effort to prolong her life, but to no avail. Last Thanksgiving day she became bedfast and the past few weeks her condition had been critical, with death slowly blotting out the light of the life that had been a dear one to many.

Mrs. Diggins was born January 4, 1867, in Ashland County, Ohio, the daughter of the late Abner and Elizabeth Finley, pioneers of near Avilla. The family came to Indiana from Ohio in 1882, locating on the Wheeler farm west of Avilla, later known as the old Finley homestead. Mrs. Diggins was the only daughter of a family of eight children, four brothers, with the parents, having preceded her in death. Mr. and Mrs. Diggins were united in marriage January 23, 1895, and since that time they have practically always resided at Kendallville, Mr. Diggins being employed in the railway mail service on the New York

Central lines. Four children were born to the union, Miss Miriam, teacher in the Kendallville schools, and Elmer, student at Indiana University and two who died in infancy.

Mrs. Diggins was a splendid woman and traits that tend to beautiful womanhood were her prized possessions. She loved her home and made hospitality stand foremost, which won for her many friends among both young and old. She was a member of the Eastern Star Chapter of Kendallville, and religiously had long affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church, being one of its devoted members.

Faithful in her religious voes, Mrs. Diggins had demonstrated a life of earnest efforts, and beautiful faith, always eager to do her best in good work in religious and benevolent enterprises. Her's was a life worth while, and by her death is taken a fond mother, wife and friend.

Surviving besides the husband, son and daughter, are three brothers, Frank, James, and Thomas Finley, all of Kendallville. Four brothers who preceded her in death were Mark, John, Howard, and Clinton Finley.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the late home, the Rev. R. R. Detweiler of Kendallville officiating. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery.

Former Green Twp. Resident Dies.

Henderson Clemens, a former resident of Green township, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Fisher at Churubusco last Saturday morning.

Mr. Clemens spent most of his life on the farm in

Green township and a number of years ago went to live with his daughter. He was well known in this locality. Funeral services were held Monday from the Fisher home and the remains laid to rest in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

William F. Moree, son of Rudolph and Eliza Moree was born in Jefferson township Noble County, Indiana, May 10, 1855, and departed this life at the old home where he lived all his life, August 10, 1927, age 72 years and three months.

During these years he had become well known in the community and had the respect and esteem of a large circle of friends. He was a member of the K. of P. Lodge.

In the year 1881 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Sheets and to this union were born two sons, Bert who resides with his mother and Clinton who preceded his father in death.

After forty-six years of happy married life Mr. Moree has passed on leaving to mourn their loss the wife and son Bert with two grand sons, Max and Raymond and a little great-grand-daughter who has recently come to bless the home of Max Moree and wife, besides a brother John Moree, with a host of other relatives and friends. In his passing, the home has lost a kind and loving companion and father and the community a neighbor and friend.

Those who attended the funeral from a distance, were: Mr. and Mrs. Clem Shaffer of Bellville, Ohio, Mrs. Hattie Kible and son of Akron, Ohio, John Moree of Hamberg, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moree of Kendallville, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peters of Kendallville, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Stahl and son of Kendallville, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sheets of Van Wert, Ohio, Mr. Josia Sheets and daughter

Myrtle of Convoy, Ohio, and John and Elias Sheets of Convoy, Ohio, and Mrs. Perry Fair and daughter of Fort Wayne, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sylvester of Nappanee, Ind., H. A. Knox, wife and daughters of Butler, B. E. Leach and family of Auburn, Frank Gruesbeck and wife and W. W. Gruesbeck of Laurwell, Ind.

D. D. Stewart Passes Away.

This community was completely surprised Saturday night to learn of the death of another of Avilla's former residents and Noble County pioneers.

Mr. Stewart and family lived in Avilla for a long period of years and were held in high esteem by all who knew them. Two years ago this fall the Stewart family moved to Fort Wayne where they have made their home. Mr. Stewart's age at the time of his death was 67 years. He was a salesman for the Stark nurseries and paid Avilla a number of visits since leaving town.

To know him, was to live him, as he was always of a jovial disposition and ready to be friends with any one. He was a member of the M. E. church at this place and was a very faithful member when at Avilla.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Laura Stewart; one son M. J., of LaPorte; four daughters, Mrs. C. A. Catwood of Albion, and Misses Bessie, Zoe and Dorothy, at home; two sisters, Mrs. Joe Wilkie of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. Lizzie Callinger of Metamora, Mich; one brother James, of LaOtto; four grand children.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the South Wayne United Brethern Church,

Rev. Westafer of New Philadelphia, Ohio, and Rev. M. K. Richardson officiating. Burial in Lindenwood.

Ada Hannah Bolton was born Sept. 23rd, 1896, in Swan township Noble County, Indiana, and departed this life February 18th, 1930, aged 33 years, 4 months and 26 days, all of which with the exception of a few days were spent in this county.

She was united in marriage with John W. Bolton, August 19, 1914 at Albion, Indiana.

To this union were born 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls, James, Evelyn, Amy, John Jr., Eileen, Hershel, Marion and Joan, who at this time range in ages from 3 months to 14 years, and they together with the husband, a kind loving mother, one sister, two brothers, and other relatives and hosts of friends are left to mourn her loss.

Many deeds of kindness, sympathy and loving care distinguished her chosen path in life and during her last prolonged illness, she gratefully acknowledged every small favor with becoming grace. Ever being religiously inclined and firm in divine faith, she became affiliated with the M. E. Church, Avilla, four years ago this winter and always expressed deep regret when forced to remain away from its services.

Elizabeth Lahman, daughter of Jonas and Phoebe Lahman, was born January 22, 1847, in Crawford County, Ohio, where she grew to womanhood. She was the oldest of a family of seven children.

She was married to Benjamin Rupert Nov. 15, 1866.

There were born to them two children, Leander E. and Clara, each of whom together with two grand children Glade E. and Harold B. Rupert, survive. There are also three brothers and one sister living.

The family moved to a farm five miles south west of Avilla in 1872 and from there to a small farm one half miles east of Albion in 1902. After the death of her husband in 1910, Mrs. Rupert moved to Albion where she has since resided.

More than a year ago she suffered a stroke of Apoplexy which left her broken in mind and body and from which she never recovered. She passed away at the home of her son L. E. Rupert on East Main Street, Albion, Jan. 22, 1930, this being her 83rd birthday.

While of a modest and retiring disposition Mrs. Rupert was never the less known for a genuinesness of her friendship and the warmth of her sympathy. As a wife and mother she was always deeply consecrated to the interests of her home and family. For many years she had been a member of the Hopewell Presbyterian Church near Avilla. She was respected and loved by those who had the privilege of knowing her.

The funeral services were conducted at the home on Friday afternoon by Rev. J. C. Hochtedler. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Jane A. Rimmel

June 6, 1846, Jane Ann came to gladden the home of Ephriam Walters in Jefferson township, the farm being situated a half mile north of the late home. December 31, 1868, with Aaron Rimmel, she exchanged vows and formed a new home. Four children were born to them, Sherman W. Olive E. Samuel I. and Minnie Pearl. She united with Summit M. E. Church many years ago and was a faithful member and attendant.

Mrs. Rimmel died Dec. 25, 1924, and funeral services were conducted at Summit by Rev. Runion, with burial at Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

The daughter Olive, departed this life December 17, 1913 and the husband Aaron Rimmel, Nov. 23, 1922. She leaves 14 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one brother John of Washington, Ohio, Jesse Walters, a nephew, to whom she had given a home for several years.

George Hooper

George Hooper, son of William and Susan Hooper was born in Alleghany County Pennsylvania Sept. 29, 1849, died at Sacred Heart Hospital in Garrett, Dec. 15, 1926, aged 77 years, 2 months, 17 days.

When he was about eight years of age his parents moved to Noble County, Indiana and settled in Swan Township.

He was the youngest of a family of six children and was the last to respond to the call of death.

A daughter Bertha Hooper preceded him in death.

For a number of years Mr. Hooper made his home at Sacred Heart Hospital of Garrett. He leaves a number of friends and acquaintances besides his remaining

relatives. Frank L. Hooper of Kendallville is a nephew.

The funeral was held at M. E. Church in Avilla in charge of Reverend Lawshe and Reverend Steel, with burial in Hooper cemetery.

William Almond Axtell

William Almond Axtell was born in Jefferson township, Noble County, Indiana, August 11, 1850, and died February 5, 1906, aged 55 years, 5 months and 25 days.

He was the son of Jesse and Mart Axtell, who were among the earliest settlers of Jefferson township, being reared in the forests and knowing the privations connected with such a life. He grew to manhood in his fathers home, when at the age of twenty-one his father died leaving him to care for the aged mother. In 1874 he married Elverda Singrey. She died in 1882 aged 33 years leaving two children, Minnie and Foy. In 1883, he married Sarah P. Singrey who died in 1891 leaving one daughter Letha. He was again married in 1894 to Mrs. Eva Waterman Wykel of Deep River, Poweshick County, Iowa, who survives him.

In early boyhood he united with the M. E. church to which faith he adhered.

Besides his wife and children he leaves a stepdaughter, Mrs. Frank Hooper of Kendallville, Indiana and two brothers, S. S. and J. J. Axtell of Deep River, Iowa.

Funeral services conducted by Rev. Hollopeter, Avilla. Buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery.

On Thursday, April 25, 1929 the issue of the "Avilla News" was called "Miss Elizabeth Stewart Edition."

In part it states that "This issue of The News is dedicated to Miss Elizabeth Stewart for Her Many Years of Service in the Avilla Public School.

It is with pleasure that the News announces that on next Tuesday evening, April 30, the bronze tablet, purchased by the pupils, former pupils and friends of Miss Elizabeth Stewart, will be formerly presented, at the gym in the new high school building.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Allen Township Parent-Teacher Association and an appropiate program presented by the pupils, former pupils and associate workers with Miss Stewart, during her many years of service as a teacher in the Public Schools of Noble County and Avilla.

Miss Stewart began teaching in 1872, just 57 years ago, a record unique in the history of educational affairs in Noble County and possibly unsurpassed for length of service in the State of Indiana. For 39 years Miss Stewart has been the efficient primary teacher in the Avilla Public Schools. During her years of service as teacher she has touched the lives and enrolled 2800 pupils in her classes and has started 1250 pupils in their first year of school work in Avilla alone.

Unassuming in character, she has by her kind and sympathetic nature endeared herself to the many boys and girls who have been privileged to be enrolled as one of her pupils. Her years of service as teacher has enabled her to enroll as students a number of generations of the same family, as we have in our vicinity parents who not only were pupils of hers themselves, but their children have been instructed by her also. A similar record of which can scarcely be duplicated elsewhere. Many are

the boys and girls, once instructed by her, who have become men and women of influence and character in the world at large. A few instances of such are noted here:

Noah Hull, Chief Engineer for the General Motor Co., Kansas City, Mo.

Gordon Hersh, Advertising Manager and Sales Promptor of the Auburn Automobile Co., Auburn, Ind.

Merl DeCamp, Electrical Engineer, Kansas City, Mo.

Harry Haas, Electrical Engineer, Buffalo, N. Y.

Lee Allman, Traveling Auditor for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, Garrett, Ind.

Hazel Davis, Critic Teacher, Ypsilanti Normal School, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Glenn Thrapp, Attorney, Kendallville, Ind.

Frank Hooper, Assistant Postmaster, Kendallville, Ind.

Gertrude Whetzel, Holdsa prominent position with the Civic Welfare Commission at Philadelphia, Pa.

Glenn Stewart, Sec'y. Michigan Agricultural College Alumni Association, East Lansing, Mich.

Marion Veazy, Plant Pathologist, Washington, D. C.

Leroy Weimer, Plant Pathologist, Washington, D. C.

Among the many others too numerous to mention are Railroad Conductors and Railroad Agents, Nurses and scores of teachers and bank clerks.

As principal speaker for the occasion the News takes great pleasure in stating that Prof. W. A. Fox,

Head of the Educational Department at Manchester College, has been secured.

Being at one time at the head of the Noble County Schools, and for many years connected with its school activities Prof. Fox is adequately fitted to speak of Miss Stewart and her school work. He had many friends here who will be pleased to see and hear him.

Death of Mrs. Askew
was former Resident of Avilla.
Mr. Askew was then Publisher of the News.

Following an extended illness, Mrs. Belle Henry Askew, wife of Harry L. Askew, former Avilla News editor, now connected with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company of Ft. Wayne, died at 12:45 o'clock Sunday morning at her home, 809 West Wayne Street, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Askew moved to Fort Wayne in 1899 with her husband, from Avilla, who had accepted a position on the editorail staff of the Fort Wayne Sentinel. During her residence in Fort Wayne she was active in vaious women's organizations and could always be depended upon to do more than her part in every movement with which she was identified.

Mrs. Agkew was very active in the campaign for funds for the construction of the present building occupied by the Young's Women's Christian Association in Fort Wayne, she being captain of the division that raised the largest amount for the building fund. She also was a member of the building committee and for 18 years served as a member of the board of directors. During much of this time she served as treasurer.

Mrs. Askew was born in West Virginia and when a girl moved with her parents to Avilla where 40 years ago she

was united in marriage to Mr. Askew. Mr. Askew was connected with Sentinel of Ft. Wayne for 13 years and for the last five years of his connection with that newspaper was managing editor. For 11 years he has been connected with the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.

Mrs. Askew had been in poor health for the last two years, but bore her sufferings with unusual fortitude and patience. She knew the seriousness of her condition from the beginning and was prepared for the inevitable. She made all arrangements for her funeral and conveyed her wishes to her devoted husband, not overlooking the most minute detail.

She is survived by the husband, Harry L. Askew; two brothers, J. L. Henry of Ligonier, and R. A. Henry of Detroit, Mich., and a sister, Mrs. H. E. Cettle, of Seattle, Washington.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home with the Rev. Wm. E. Clark, pastor of the Wayne Street Methodist Episcopal Church, officiating. Burial in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Ray Lockhart Killed At Crossing.

This community was shocked and thrown into sorrow Monday evening when the news of the tragic death of Mrs. Ocie Lockhart was flashed over Avilla at about 4:46 P. M.

Mrs. Lockhart was preparing to make a trip to Kendallville on that evening to attend to some business, and one special one was to take the proceeds of the sale of Poppies for the American Legion.

Being a little late and not having the correct time, the car had arrived before she reached the station and in

order to catch the car she started to run. She did not notice the on coming freight on the G. R. & I. from the north and ran on to the track and had cleared the first rail, being struck on the left side, breaking her neck, both arms, one limb and also cutting the right side of her face. She was killed instantly and thrown about 60 feet from where she was struck.

The accident occurred at the Main Street crossing in Avilla. Several other accidents have happened at this crossing.

The Interurban track is only about fifty feet or so from the G. R. & I. tracks.

Mrs. Lockhart has resided in Avilla all her life and had many friends both in Avilla and the surrounding territory.

For several years she had been local agent for the Clover Leaf cream station. She was also formerly correspondent for the News-Sun at Kendallville. She was prominent in social and fraternal circles and always jovial and of a pleasing personality had won a large circle of friends. She was affiliated with the Ben Hurs, Rebekahs, Pythian Sisters and Women's Auxiliary to the American Legion at Kendallville. During the world war she was active in Welfare work.

She is survived by her husband, Ray Lockhart, three sons, Orr of Detroit, Mich., Frank of South Bend, and Howard of New Castle, Penn., three sisters, Lucy Yarian of La Otto, Emma Moree, west of Avilla and Laura Renkenberger of Berlin Center, Ohio, and three brothers, Will of Corunna, A. C. Sheets southwest of town and John of Ft. Wayne.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon at 2 P. M., Rev. Runyon officiating. Burial will take place in the Avilla Cemetery under the direction of undertaker McClellan.

Obituary

Eley.-Lydia Ryan, consort of Philip Eley, was born in Virginia May 14th 1800; deceased June 10th, 1885, aged 85 years and 26 days.

She was the mother of 9 children, 5 of whom survive her. With her family of children she removed from Morrow county, O., to Noble county, Ind., and settled near Mt. Pleasant (Lutheran) church, 6 miles south west of Kendallville where the funeral services, were held, and her remains interred. She identified herself with the Methodist Episcopal church more than 40 years ago, and departed this life in the faith and hope of the Gospel of Christ.

Charles C. Kuhn.

This community was shocked by the death of Charles C. Kuhn Sunday morning.

Charlie, as everybody called him, had made a good campaign for the Republican candidate for Recorder of Noble County and was elected by a large majority, and his many friends rejoiced with him.

He had been in ill health for the past year but was considered in no immediate danger. He came down town Saturday about noon and when near the Edwards grocery was stricken with heart trouble. Physicians were called and he was given relief and taken home but passed away Sunday morning, aged sixty-five years, ten months and sixteen days.

Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church, Tuesday afternoon, at two o'clock conducted by Rev. V. L. Clear of Fremont. Interment was made in the Albion cemetery.
Taken probably from Albion paper.

Eugene Martin Baldwin, son of Martin and Ralph Baldwin, was born in Chicago, Ill., February 14, 1847 and departed this life at his late home in Avilla, December 6, 1925. For the last few years he had not been well, his illness at times becoming acute, but he had recovered from each succeeding attack until the last one which became acute only a few hours before he passed away. Could he have lived two months and eight days longer, he would have reached the 79th milestone of his life, though one would scarcely realize this, who saw him in life. At the age of 29 he was married to Miss Rebecca Jetong of Michawake, Ind., Four children were born to this union. Two of these, Mrs. Rae Kennedy and Miss Bertha Baldwin, survive him. After about 20 years of companionship, death entered, and he was left alone with his two daughters.

On May 23, 1908, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Margaret Jaquay, who mourns her loss at this time. Those who mourn with her are, two daughters, Mrs. Rae Kennedy of Patterson, N. Y., and Miss Bertha Baldwin of New York City; one step daughter, Mrs. Grace Hostetter, living near Albion, Ind., two brothers, Edward of Chicago and Leon who lives in Arizona; also a large circle of friends.

At the age of 19 he united with the Christian Church at Mishawake, remaining a member of that church until his death. He was also a member of the Masonic and Eastern Star fraternal orders.

About 17 years ago he moved to a farm near Avilla and about 6 years ago he left the farm, taking residence in Avilla. He was a quiet man and respected by his fellow citizens.

Allen Township Pioneer Passes Away.

John Willis Wilson, aged 70, native and life long

resident of Noble County, passed away at the home of his son, Howard, residing on a farm northwest of here, on Saturday afternoon.

Death was the result of high blood pressure and hardening of the arteries. He had been ailing for several years, but his illness had not been regarded critical. He was suddenly stricken however, several days prior to his death and never rallied.

Mr. Wilson was born December 5, 1855 on the Wilson homestead and spent his entire life on the farm. He was a prominent and progressive agriculturist of the community. Growing to manhood, he was united in marriage to Olive M. Holmes, October 7, 1879. To this union two sons were born, Howard Stanley and Arthur E. both of near Kendallville.

Surviving relatives besides the widow and two sons, are two sisters, Mrs. Ida King and Mrs. J. D. Weatherford of Kendallville and four grandchildren. Mr. Wilson affiliated with the M. E. Church of Kendallville twenty years ago and was true to his faith.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of his son, northwest of this place. The Rev. R. R. Detweiler officiating. Interment being made in Lakeview cemetery.

Death Claims Pioneer Woman of Community

Mrs. Sarah Shaffer, aged 85 years, widow of the late Jacob W. Shaffer, resident of this city the past forty years and practically a life long resident of the community, died this afternoon, about 1:30 o'clock at her home on Orchard Street. Death was due to paralysis, with which she was stricken last Monday morning while enroute to her home from the post office. Immediately after suffering the stroke her condition became critical

and yesterday death was expected momentarily.

The decendant, whose maiden name was Miss Sarah Wright was born in Ohio, and when a baby, her parents came to Indiana, locating on a farm, two and one half miles to northeast of the city. She spent her girlhood days there and November 20, 1854, was united in marriage to Jacob W. Shaffer, who preceded her in death 45 years ago. Six children were born to the union, five of whom have preceded her in death. Mrs. Shaffer moved here from the farm 40 years ago and the past 17 years had resided on Orchard Street.

She was a faithful and devout member of the Methodist Protestant church of this city, and was always held in the highest esteem by all who knew her.

Surviving relatives include one son, Wallace F. Shaffer of North Manchester; one brother, James Wright, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Weaver, of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Francis Browand of Richmond. Five grand children and two great-grand children also survive.
Kendallville News Sun

Allen Township Pioneer Dies at Home Wednesday

Lisbon, Ind., Nov. 18th-Death called today a pioneer of Allen township, Mrs. Mary Ellen Pepple, aged 36 years, who has lived in this township all her life. She died at home early today.

Her maiden name was Mary Ellen Walters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Walters, and she was united in marriage to James B. Pepple. Her good work as wife, mother, friend and neighbor is revered by all who knew her.

Stricken with apoplexy on August 27, this year, she

had been bedfast ever since. Bronchial pneumonia was the immediate cause of her death. She is survived by her husband, one daughter, Mrs. Frank Thomas, three brothers, Ellsworth, Wilmer and Charles, and three sisters, Mrs. John Finley, Mrs. Levi Hooper and Mrs. Sherman Weirick.

Funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the house and at 2 o'clock at Mt. Pleasant church.

Mr. Solomon Walters

Born June 29, 1828. Died August 6, 1895. Aged 67 years, 1 month and 7 days.

Funeral services will be held at Mt. Pleasnat August 8, at 2 o'clock P. M.

Conducted by Rev. Erick
assisted by Rev. W. Waltman.

Mrs. Solomon Walters.

Born November 14th, 1827. Died July 17th, 1891.

Aged 63 years, 8 months and 3 days. Funeral services will be held at Mt. Pleasant.

July 19th at 11 o'clock A. M.
Conducted by Rev. Erick.

(These were announcement cards found in the scrap book.)

Former Resident Dies.

It was with much surprise that it was learned on Sunday morning that Isaac J. Shambaugh, a former well known and highly respected resident of this place, had passed away at the family residence in Green township sometime during the night, as his lifeless body was found lying in bed apparently in the position in which he had gone to sleep, by his daughter, Mrs. Orpha Houts on Sunday morning. No doubt death came as he wished it, for since the death of Mrs. Shambaugh several years ago, and also the fact that in recent years it had become difficult for him to hear. He had often expressed the wish that he could pass away too.

For years Mr. Shambaugh had been a well known character in this place, and took a prominent part in community affairs. He was a former member of the M. E. church here, and during its existence a popular member of the Avilla lodge No. 686 I. O. O. F.

He served for a number of years as a member of the Town Board, and at one time was its president. For many years he was clerk in the well known Randall store at this place and had many warm personal friends.

After leaving Avilla he conducted a general store at Green Center for a number of years, but on account of his hearing he relinquished that to take up the occupation of farming.

Mr. Shambaugh was seventy years of age. He leaves one daughter and one grandson together with many relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

The funeral occurred on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, from the Charter Oak church in Green Township, the Rev. E. B. Westhafer a former Pastor of Mr. Shambaugh, officiating. Burial taking place in the Chapel Cemetery, about five miles distant.

Mrs. Nancy May Whan daughter of William and Sarah McKee, was born in York Township, Noble County, Indiana, May 13, 1867, and departed this life January 12, 1932, at the home of her niece, Mrs. C. L. Smith at Fort Wayne, aged 64 years, 7 months and 29 days.

She was married to Oliver L. Whan December 10, 1887, and together they faced the joys and sorrows of life, residing on a farm in Swan Township. The husband preceded her in death July 2, 1931.

When Mrs. Whan's health had been impaired for many years and declined rapidly after her husband's death. For the last few months she lived with her niece. On Christmas day it became necessary to take her to the hospital, where she recovered sufficiently to be removed home after ten days. But only a few days later she suffered a paralytic stroke which hastened her death.

There are two brothers, C. C. McKee of Avilla, and E. H. McKee of Swan Township, six nephews and four nieces, and many other relatives and friends who remain to mourn her departure.

Early in life she was converted and joined the United Brethern Church at Albion. After her marriage she became a member of Hopewell Presbyterian Church and persevered in the Christian faith and in loyalty to Christ and His Church to the end of her earthly sojourn.

Death of Mrs. H. Gordon Hersh

The many friends here of Mrs. Helen L. Hersh, wife of H. Gordon Hersh, advertising manager for the Auburn Automobile Company, were pained to learn of her sudden death on last Wednesday afternoon at their home at 702 East Ninth Street, Auburn. Mrs. Hersh had been in failing health for two years, but the immediate cause of

her death was endocarditis, which resulted from an attack of influenza about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Hersh before her marriage was Miss Helen L. Boozer of Waterloo and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Boozer of Baltimore, Md. Herman D. Boozer of Waterloo is an uncle. She was born August 10, 1896 at Waterloo, Ind., and her age at the time of her death was thirty years, two months, and ten days.

In the year 1907 Mrs. Hersh's parents moved from Waterloo to Rome, New York, while she was still a student in the Waterloo public schools. From Rome the family moved to Baltimore, Md., where her parents now reside.

Her marriage to H. Gordon Hersh occurred in Harrisburg, Pa., July 28, 1918 at the home of her parents, who maintained a temporary residence in that city at the time. Before taking up their residence in Auburn five years ago, they resided for a time in Cleveland and Cincinnati, Ohio and Richmond, Ind.

The funeral services were held on Friday morning at her late home at 10:30 o'clock, the Rev. Howard M. Morgan, Pastor of the First Presbyterian church of which Mr. and Mrs. Hersh were members, officiating. Mr. Hersh left with the body over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at 1:46 Friday afternoon, for Baltimore where burial was made in Parkwood cemetery in that city on Saturday afternoon.

Surviving are the husband, parents, and two sisters, Julia Boozer at home and Mrs. R. E. Meade of Baltimore.

Mr. Hersh is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Hersh of this place and his many friends here extend him their sincere sympathy in this, his great bereavement.

Former Editor Hooper Dead

Edward W. Hooper, editor of this paper until several weeks ago, and one of the best loved men Avilla has ever had, passed away at his home on Main Street, Wednesday morning, Jan. 26th, at 5:30 o'clock aged 45 years, 9 months and two days. Death came to him peacefully after an illness of twelve weeks duration.

Edward was the younger of two children born to William and Alice Hooper, his birth dating from April 24, 1875.

The family resided three miles west of town, where passed the bright days of his boyhood, participating in the activities of the community. He attended the district school and later was a student in the Avilla high school. He was united in marriage to Ada Estella Yeiser on the 25th day of April, 1897. To this union was born one daughter, Annita, who with the wife survive.

In October 1900, while in the performance of his duties as locomotive fireman, he was injured in a wreck, near Chicago, having the verterbraes in his back crushed and being in other ways severly injured. Eminent surgeons cared for him, but his lower limbs were left in a paralyzed condition and he remained a cripple during the remainder of his life.

In 1906 he purchased into the Avilla News and remained its editor until recently, when he was compelled to retire on account of the illness which caused his earthly career to end.

Words are not ours to properly eulogize this noble character. But we do want to say that he was without doubt one of the most esteemed and best loved men who has ever resided in our midst. Loved because of the tolerance he had for his fellowmen, for his tneder home life and for the cheer and brightness he brought to the

lives of those he came in contact with; admired for his courage and for the hopefulness of his disposition, even though afflicted almost beyond endurance, never a word of complaint from him or from his loving wife, who had the constant care of him. He was an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact and his familiar figure is going to be greatly missed by the people of Avilla and by those who frequently came here.

Besides the wife, daughter Mrs. M. A. Sheets, and her husband and little son, and his sister Mrs. Maude Sutton of Wolcottville, are left a father-in-law, mother-in-law, and a brother. He leaves numerous other relatives who will mourn their loss.

We feel the account would be incomplete without bearing witness to you that Mr. Hooper died a happy saved man. Before death and while his mind was strong and clear he bore witness to his salvation through Christ, and with a beaming countenance praised his Saviour.

Funeral services, which will necessarily be private on account of the quarantine, will be held at the home, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Thomas Kelham.

Thomas Kelham, son of Edward and Sarah Downing Kelham, was born in Richland Co., Ohio, April 5, 1853, and departed this life Oct. 16, 1931, at his home in Avilla, Indiana, aged 78 years, 6 months, and 11 days.

When he was five years of age, he moved with his parents to this community, and here made use of the meager educational advantages afforded in that day.

On Feb. 3, 1878, he married Emma Lobdell, who remains to mourn his death. Together they faced the joys and

hardships of life, residing on a farm near Avilla. To this union six children were born. Three of them, Fred T., John C., and Mrs. Armetta Mae Scheurich, preceded him in death. Two sons, Frank E. and James W. of Avilla, and one daughter, Mrs. Alda Zellars of Oakland, California, remain to mourn his departure; also nine grand children and seven great-grand children. Mr. Kelham is also survived by three brothers, Joseph of Auburn, George of LaOtto, Charles of Montana, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Turner of Garrett. Two brothers, Edward and James, and two half brothers John and Mitchell Huston, are deceased. A host of other relatives and friends are caused to sorrow because of the loss of one they had learned to honor and to love.

Mr. Kelham was a man on integrity, highly respected by all who knew him. While giving careful attention to his own affairs, he was also public spirited and not too busy to be interested in those things of community wide interest. He served almost two terms as Trustee of Allen Township, the first term by election, and most of another term by appointment.

Sixteen years ago he was converted under the pastorate of Rev. F. S. Erne and united with the Calvary Evangelical Church of Avilla. He was an earnest and devoted Christian, deeply interested in the work of the Kingdom of God. He served his church in various official capacities, as a member of the Board of Trustees and of the Parsonage Building Committee, as teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and as leader of the Men's Prayer League. During his last illness he displayed a remarkable degree of patience and courage and with an unwavering faith went out to meet his Master.

Grim Reaper Takes Another.

Mrs. John N. DeCamp, age 66 years, died at the

family home here Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock. Death followed a longering illness resulting from complications.

Mrs. DeCamp was a highly respected woman of the Community and until her recent illness was active in the circles of the Methodist Church with which she was affiliated. She had been a resident here for a number of years and her friends were numbered by her acquaintnances.

Laura A. Easly, daughter of Jacob and Mary Easly, was born Sept. 11, 1860 in Jefferson township, Noble County.

She received her education in the county schools and in the Albion high school, and later she attended Normal Schools at Albion and Ligonier, Ind. For eight years she was a successful teacher in the public schools of the county.

On Sunday, March 21st, 1886, she was baptised and received into the Lutheran Church at Rehobeth, and the following Thursday, March 25th, she was united in marriage to John N. DeCamp.

Thirty-nine years of her married life was spent in Avilla, where she was actively interested in whatever concerned the Community.

On March 27th, 1892, she transferred her church membership to the Methodist Episcopal Church of Avilla, where she has been a faithful member. She served a number of the years in the primary department of the Sunday School, part of that time as Superintendant.

For the past two years she has been in ill health and since January 25th has been confined to her bed. On Sunday morning, February 13th, she passed away.

She leaves her husband, John N. DeCamp, and three children, Arthur J. DeCamp of Kendallville, Ind.;

Clara L. of Springfield, Mass., and Merle of Kansas City, Mo.

The funeral was held from the late home here Tuesday, at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. J. E. Lawshe, officiating. Interment, Lakeview Cemetery, Kendallville.

John D. Hart Resident Here 46 Years Dies.

John D. Hart, age 81 years, veteran building contractor and a resident of Noble County more than 75 years, died this morning, 1 o'clock, at his home, 313 East William Street, following a lingering illness of seven months. Death resulted from complications incident to senility. During his illness, his condition had been critical several times and his last serious illness had covered a period of five days.

Mr. Hart was born August 29, 1850, in Knox County, Ohio, the son of John D. and Margaret Hart, and his death marks the passing of the last surviving member of a family of eleven children, six boys and five girls. Mr. Hart was about six years of age when his parents moved from Ohio to Noble County, locating on a farm in Green township. He grew to manhood there and later moved to Avilla, where he resided about 15 years before moving to Kendallville 46 years ago. In early years he engaged in farming and butchering, but the greater part of his life had been devoted to his trade as carpenter which he followed extensively over a long period of years.

During his reminiscent moods, Mr. Hart would relate jpw. while a resident of Avilla, he butchered and sold meat to campers who were engaged in building the first road-bed for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and how he traveled over the old plank road between Fort Wayne and Sturgis, Mich., paying the toll demanded. Mr. Hart was widely known throughout Noble County and was highly respected by

his scores of friends.

He was first married August 23, 1870, with Sarah J. Homsher, who preceded him in death June 2, 1923. To this union one daughter and two sons were born. February 25, 1925, he was united in marriage, with Mrs. Emma S. Maybee, the widow, who survives.

Besides the widow the surviving relatives include one daughter and two sons, Mrs. A. A. France and John W. Hart of this city, and Arthur J. Hart of Kalamazoo, Mich.

Eleven grand children and two great-grand children also survive.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon, 4 o'clock (daylight saving time) from the Evangelical Church with Rev. W. J. Dauner officiating.

Interment, Mt. Pleasant cemetery.
Taken from Kendallville News-Sun

Josephine Graham, daughter of Charles Lemon and his wife, Esther Ann, was born October 24, 1858 in Seneca Co., Ohio, died Sept. 15, 1920, age 61 years, 10 months and 21 days. On Sept. 21, 1879 she was united in marriage with Martin Graham. This union was blessed with three children, Walter, Grace and Edna, both daughters having taken their departure to the great world beyond before their mother.

Besides her husband and son she leaves to mourn her departure two sisters Mrs. Francis Smith and Mrs. Florence Broughton. Also a host of friends and lived ones.

In the days of joy and prosperity she united with the E. V. Lutheran church of which she remained a true

and faithful member to the end. Her faith in her Lord and Saviour was strong and unwavering, and at the end she could look heavenward and say "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course I have kept the faith, hence forth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; And not to me only, but until all them also that love his appearing."

Ida L. Henry was born in Swan Township, Indiana, July 12, 1870, and departed this life Feb. 20, 1930, at the age of 59 years, 7 months and 8 days.

In the fall of 1889 she was united in marriage to Charley Weller, and for a few years after their marriage they resided away from the old girlhood home, but about twenty five years ago they purchased the old homestead and have resided there since that time.

This union was blessed with three children, one of these was called to the home beyond at the age of twenty months, while two of them Mrs. Gertrude Kelham and Mrs. Gladys Biglow were with the father at the time of Mr. Wellers death.

Besides these there remains the two sons-in-law Mr. Kelham and Mr. Biglow and one granddaughter Marjorie Joan Kelham, and one sister Bertha, who lives in Southern Mississippi, with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

In early life Mrs. Weller was converted and became a member of the M. P. Church and she passed into the great beyond believing in Christ as her Saviour.

Obituary

Minnie Heauck Bilger was born in the Province of Mecklinburg, Schwerin, Germany, Oct. 12, 1859, and departed from this life Jan. 23, 1930, at her home in LaOtto, Ind., at the age of 70 years, 3 months and 11 days.

At the age of 12 years she came with her parents to America and settled on a farm near Auburn, Ind.

April 14, 1886 she was united in marriage to Jesse Bilger. To this union four children were born. Orris of Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Jesse McCurdy of Port Huron, Mich. She became closely associated with the church while young and has always held that relation.

She was a loving wife, mother and friend. She is survived by a husband, 2 sons and 2 daughters, and five grand children. Two sisters and one brother preceeds her in death.

Funeral was held at the Wesleyan Methodist Church at LaOtto, Ind. Rev. W. C. Ott officiating. Interment in Huntertown cemetery.

OBITUARY

Mary A. Koons, was born April 7th, 1812, in Bedford county, Penn., married to Abraham Pepple, May 2d. 1833.

In September, 1842, she was one of a party of twelve who started for the west to seek homes for themselves. The party was composed of the following persons: A. Pepple (who was the oldest) his wife and four children-P. B. Pepple of Kendallville, G. W. Pepple of Michigan City, Ind., Ellen C. and A. Miaria, who are still living at the old home; David Koons and wife of Kendallville, and two daughters-A. Rebecca McClinton of Galion, O., and Almira Ernst of Constantine, Mich; and Jacob Koons and wife of Jefferson township. They first settled in Crawford county, Penn. Not being pleased with the country they remained but eighteen months, then again started for the west and settled in Richland county, Ohio, and excellent country, but land was too high for their limited means, so they were compelled to once more turn their faces to the west.

Out of this party of twelve which started from Pennsylvania, now within a few months of fifty years ago, Mrs. Pepple was the first to leave us, and all but three or four attended her funeral.

Mr. Pepple and his family arrived in this county in November, 1846, and stopped with the late Jahu Foster until the present home farm (which was then a dense forest) was purchased. In order to be hear their work they moved in with the late F. Amos Black, where they were kindly permitted to remain until a cabin could be prepared, which was erected near the place where the family residence now stands. They had expected to remain but a few days with Mr. Black, but because of a then prevalent disease, chills and fever, which spared but few, the days became weeks and weeks months, before they were able to get into their new home, which they did the following February.

Mrs. Pepple was the mother of nine children, one of whom died in infancy. The remaining eight, five sons and three daughters, were all present when she passed away, a few minutes after 8 o'clock p. m., April 24th, 1892, aged eighty years and seventeen days. She had been a church member since the age of seventeen and always endeavored to live a consistent christian life.

ROME CITY ITEMS-Dec. 23, 1880

"One by one the leaves are falling", Old folks are dropping off in and about Rome.

Father Donaldson, Uncle Sammy Smith, Father Bidlack, and Mrs. Osborn were all conveyed to that bourne from whence no traveler e'er returns, in the short space of one week.

Let all be prepared, for truly no one can tell when the messenger may call."

ROME CITY ITEMS, Ligonier (Banner)?
Dec. 23, 1880

The largest funeral we have witnessed for a long time was that of Uncle Sammy Smith, last week. The old gentleman was universally respected and all wished to see his remains and bid him a long and last farewell.

Mrs. Catherine Smith, widow of Mr. Samuel Smith, deceased, takes this occasion to return to the citizens of this community her sincere thanks for attention shown her late husband, in his late sickness and on the funeral occasion, hoping that they will accept her kind regards and receive their appropriate rewards hereafter.

ROME CITY ITEMS, Jan. 27, 1881

The timber for Esq. Law's new office is now being sawed out and the building will soon go up.

Rome City has lost another useful citizen. Esquire William Dixon died on Saturday night last and was buried on Tuesday.

Rome City Items, Dec. 31, 1880.

Rome City Item, Ligonier Banner

Ice harvest is now over.
Lum Cain furnishes Rome with beef by the quarter.

Hon. William Bunyan and lady, of Kendallville, witnessed the ice-packing here last week.

One hundred and thirty-five thousand tons of ice is packed here by the Indianapolis Ice Co.

Feb. 10, 1881

Feb. 10, 1881

"The Brimfield 'Squire is mad because we intimated "that if the balance of the old buildings were removed the town site would make a good farm." The old Squire seems to be a chronic grumbler. We would not have his temper for the world.

Esquire Ed. Parkman is now fairly in the harness, and will show the people of Brimfield how to dispense (with) justice.

Feb. 10, 1881

Mar. 24, 1881

A large drove of swan alighted upon the lake one day last week. None were captured.

March 31, 1881

The blue birds have come; the robins have come; the wild geese and the swan have come. But spring still longers at a distance.

ROME CITY ITEMS, Mar. 24, 1881

Esq. David Law is no more.

After nine days illness, Esq. David Law died of lung fever.

Rome City is now without a justice of the peace. Who will be Esq. Law's successor?

Most any big-bellied fellow will make a "squire but suitable material for a good and efficient justice is not so plenty.

Esq. Law took the last dinner upon earth with us on Thursday.

March 10. Little did we think that this would be his last dinner.

On Monday of last week Uncle Jimmy Madison fell and broke his leg. Under the treatment of Doc. Green the old gent is doing well. This is a sad misfortune for a man seventy years of age.

In the matter of Justice of the Peace the question is not "who needs the office"? but the vital question is, "whom do the people need to fill the office"? Let the Romanites themselves decide.

Rome City will decide upon whom they want for justice of the peace, and we presume the county commissioners will accede to their wishes. It will be hard to fill the place of David Law. But from present indications a heavy pressure will be brought to bear upon Capt. Eden H. Fisher.

David Law faithfully filled the office of Justice of the Peace in Orange twp. successfully for 24 years, and never had a decision reversed in a higher court. He was just about to enter upon his seventh term. He was certainly the oldest and most experienced if not the best justice of the peace in the county.

The remains of David Law were consigned to their last resting place on Tuesday afternoon. He was buried according to the usages of the Masonic Order. Funeral sermon on the occasion by Rev. Shaffer, of Millersburg. A multitude of friends, relatives and Masons were in attendance. The M. E. Church was entirely too small to accomodate the anxious spectators. The sermon was a masterpiece of work. The choir acquitted themselves with credit. Everything passed off harmoniously and satisfactorily.

Obituary and memorial next week.

Alexis
W. W. Skillen

The sermon of Rev. Shaffer at the funeral of David Law, Esq. was a masterly effort.

"U Donnahue" says that several Masons from Albion attended the funeral of 'Squire Law. Please give us their names, U. D. Guess the roads were so bad that they failed to connect.

ROME CITY ITEMS to the Banner,
Ligonier, March 31, 1881.

Our old friend and fellow-citizen, Uncle Jacob Kessler, was run over by a switching train at Brimfield last week, instantly killed and mangled in a horrible manner. His remains were buried on Saturday last. Funeral sermon on the occasion at the M. E. Church by Rev. Blanchard of Wolcottville.

1880

Philip Bowers of Wolcottville informs the people that he is prepared to furnish coffins on short notice.

Assembly Items, Rome City, June 27, 1881

There is a street on the main land called Kendallville Avenue. Among the prominent citizens from the city of Kendallville we noticed Messrs. John Mitchell, F. P. Ford, A. A. Chapin, Wm. Bunyan, Horace Goodman, Mr. Gray, R. L. Graves, Mrs. J. Nellis, G. W. Hartsuck, Dr. Gilbert, Samuel Brillhart, A. M. Boyer, Isaac Ayers, Rev. Grier, L. H. Johnson, J. R. Baker, Nick Neunam and Ed. Erickson.

"We note in Millard F. Owen's scrap books, Vol. 17, Page 106 certificate #17385. Dated the 20th day of August, 1838.

"Whereas, Adochia Dunbar of Portage County, Ohio, has deposited in the general Land office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of Deeds of the Land Office at Ft. Wayne etc. etc.....

Martin Van Buren

OLD CITIZENS

Under date of Feb. 15, 1894

The following communication is from Rome City.

"We see the different county papers striving to locate the older people of Noble County.

There is Milo Jones, living in Orange Township, who was born in 1810, making him eighty-four years of age.

Also William Waldron, another old land mark. He came to Noble County in 1836, and settled on the same piece of land that he now lives on in Orange Township.

And Horace Holden, who came here June 9th, 1836, and has lived nearly all of the time since in Orange Township.

It has been stated to us that David Herriman of Northport fame, was President of the Canal Company, was elected, while living at Detroit, Mich., in 1834, entered a large tract of land, 640 acres, which title afterward passed to John Holsinger.

David Herriman left Indiana about 1858-59.

Hill and Ormeson had early land holdings, Orange Township.

H. R. Burnham pre-empted the N. W. Qr. Sec. One, Orange Township.

Edward Madic pre-empted at the east end of "Maple Street" and "Mail Trace" on old Kendallville to Sturgis road.

About the year 1843, was the date of the following settlers arrival in Orange Twp.-Bill Hill, Wm. Latta (second time) Henry F. Dyer, Geo. Ulmer, Isaac Grannis, There was also William Bird and Strod Beagle.

Written in 1874
County Atlas
Orange

"Among the very earliest settlers were, David S. Field, from Springfield, Winsor County, Vermont, and Luke Diggins, who both settled as early as 1835.

David and Charles Law, Timothy Gaby, T. M. Watkins, Joel (or Joseph) Doolittle, William Imes and others.

The township, like others in Noble County, shows much variety of surface. The largest body of water "The Reservoir", is in this township, while the chain (West) Lakes, and Tamarack Lake are wholly or partly within its limits.

The northeastern, Northwestern, and extreme southern parts of the township contain some of the best farms. Henry F. Dyer, John Holsinger and Horace H. Warner in the north, while Mr. Timothy Gaby, William

Imes, Wm. Bliss and others in the south.

Maggie Field, second daughter of David S. Field, was the first white girl born in the township.

David S. Field died in November, 1872, aged 72 years, at Wolcottville where his family yet resides.

There are three villages in the township; Rome City, on the "reservoir" and G. R. & I. R. R. Co. line. Brimfield, on the L. S. & M. S. Ry Line, and a part of Wolcottville on the G. R. & I. R. R. Line.

Brimfield is a small town containing some 400 people, and having considerable trade and business. It is a point for passengers and traffic for Albion, the County seat, which point has no railroad.

Rome City is beautifully located at the outlet of the "Reservoir", has a number of stores, some 400 people, has a fine Hotel, the Lakeside, Wm. R. Truesdall, Propr., the Woolen factory, Flour Mill, Saw Mill and a clothes rack factory.

A large Woolen Mill, owned by J. C. Geisendorff and Co, was destroyed by fire in May, 1874, involving a loss of $60,000. It is reported that it will be rebuilt.

The facilities for procuring and storing ice, and shipping the same are very superior, and material for the business is inexhaustable. Large quantities are annually shipped to Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, and Cincinnati. The prospects for Rome City are very favorable."

During the construction of the Northport Feeder, the work, most of the time was under the foremanship of Francis Aveline, who afterward built the Aveline Hotel of Ft. Wayne, Ind.

There were many Frenchmen, and Irishmen employed who often times did not well agree, had their scrimmages. When Mr. Aveline had worked for some time from the north, filling in north end of the Dam, he received instructions to put a gang to work at the south end of the works, he divided the forces, keeping the Frenchmen on the north side, and transferred the Irish to the south side works. There were better accomodations for men on north end of work, Northport, and a rude boarding shanty erected at the south end of the work.

Under the leadership of a big Irishman the Irish made a demand to be employed where they could be better accomodated. Until Foreman Aveline came over with some fighters, and gave the leaders a chastisement, instructed the leader after the promise of the majority that they would abide by the rules, the he, the sub-foreman must do as the Romans do.

This account of the many Roman Catholics, working on the south bank camp received the name of Rome, and ever after was known as Rome, and so commemorated by the founders of our village, being platted ROME by the commissioners.

S. A. Alvord was a young lawyer from the east, school teacher of early days and editor. Later in life, County Clerk.

Northport, he found next to Lisbon, and new born Rome nestled in second growth woods, Hotel and Factories a building. The William mentioned was the notorious "Bill Hill."

Alvord writes-That he came in September, 1849 on a visit to an Uncle's family whom he had never seen, intending to return east in October. He arrived in Northport, Ind. his destination, on foot from Ft. Wayne, September 11th.

It happened that his pedestrian trip from Fort Wayne

and its incidents taught him much about Noble County, Orange Township, and the surroundings of Northport and Home, which undoubtedly will be of interest to the present residents of this vicinity, as well as to many other readers.

The first ten miles from Ft. Wayne, Ind. he walked over the first plank road he had ever seen, (Ft. Wayne & Lima), wondering how such a road through such a region could be profitable. Sections of the road in the worst places were then laid for the convenience of the teams engaged in the construction. About one o'clock P. M., Sept. 10th saw a shingle nailed to a log cabin about fifteen miles north of Fort Wayne. The shingle said, "entertainment." and he stopped and got one of the best meals of his life-price one shilling. The proprietor was David S. Simons, whose amiable wife nine years thereafter, exercised her accomplishments as a splendid cook in behalf of a jail full of prisoners at Albion, Ind., her husband then being Sheriff of Noble County, when the "William" mentioned in the opening of this article, was one of these prisoners.

About four miles further on, the footsore traveler saw a veritable "frame" tavern, with the sign "Avilla House" by N. J. Hill. Here there was indications of a "village just begun." Being tired, spent the afternoon in conversation with the intelligent and genial Noah. I. Hill, from whom he received volumes of information about Noble County and Scores of citizens-little thinking, at the time, that it amounted to anything more than aimless, agreeable gossip. Stayed all night at the "Avilla House" and on the morning of September 11, resumed the tramp northward.

Was surprised at Lisbon, Ind. to find quite a collection of houses, frame houses at that-a good sized good looking Hotel, two or three stores, an ashery and potash factory, a wagon shop and some other evidences of business and growth-all seemingly under the direction of the hustling "Uncle Asa Brown" whose emphatic

and breezy "By George, Sir" seemed to be a sort of shibboleth for the Lisbonites-distinguishing them and the village from other villages first begun or just beginning especially the one two miles north, "Mitchell's farm" now Kendallville, Ind. At that time Lisbon was conspicuous as the best town on the Mongoquinong Road in Noble County, and Brown's Hotel was a far famed resort from which, in Burn's witch time, "The wee sma' hours ayant the twal". Neither Kendallville or Avilla could compare with Lisbon, Northport "on the lake" was the next competitor, some ten miles northward. Lo! the change. The then, predominant town, between those upper and nether millstones has been ground to the dust of oblivion-its very identity extinguished.

The tramp went on, to, and through (now Kendallville) in which the conspicuous objects were William Mitchell's house on the west side of the road; Samuel Minot's store on the opposite side, and a few rods further on, a tavern, "The Calico House", by Luke Diggins. The exterior was painted in colors like broad checked calico and this was the only feature of the place that attracted attention. What few homes there were, were not clustered; and no "village" appearance was presented. At the "Calico House" the predestraian ascertained, where the road turned off toward Northport.

First Interview with
Willaim B. Hill.

About a mile east of Northport saw a farmer sitting on a little porch in front of his house and inquired how far it was to Northport. He answered very pleasantly and said "Young man, you look tired. Better sit down here and rest a while." The invitation was accepted. The farmer drew a bucket of water from the well, brought out a pitcher and glass and a basket of splendid peaches and settled himself for a comfortable chat. For over an hour,

the guest answered questions and listened to volunteered information about Noble County, and not too flattering facts relative to its leading citizens and settlers-especially as to the County officials and their designs and doings.

In that interview the guest first heard sarcastic flings and biting criticisms about all the County officers and especially of Orange Township-hearing that A. B. C. et cetera were Pharisees, full of guile and pretension-whining hypocrits in Butler's Hudibras, ever ready to "compound for sins they were inclined to, By damning those they had no mind to." All was said in a half-humorous manner, with an ease of espression that was admirable, though marred by some vulgarisms and profanity. About three o'clock he directed the listener to "D. Law's Tavern" and said goodbye. He was afterward known as the leading blackleg of Noble County-the Notorious "Bill Hill."

Northport, then, was a village-not just begun but just ending. It had grown to fair proportions during the rush of work on the "Feeder Dam", which was constructed to hold an immense reservoir of water, to feed a projected canal to connect the waters of Lake Erie and Michigan; but when Indiana's grand system of internal improvements of which this was a feature, collapsed under the pressure of the panic of 1837, and it was abandoned, the hum of industry at Northport, ceased; the host of diggers, contractors, bosses, traders, etcetera, some, yes many, departed, some purchased farms in the vicinity, and the blight of decay fell upon the nucleus of a visional great emporium. But the great dam had been completed and the reservoir now Sylvan Lake remained.

Bill Hill was a dominant individual in and around Northport. Many did not know the criminal aspect of his life, and he had, undoubtedly, a band of adherents at his command as subsequent revelations proved.

With December came the invitation to teach the winter schools as also the winter following, (these

schools were at Northport, or Rome City, the writer fails to state which or if both. These terms of school would be the winter term of 1849-50, and 1850-51.

Early landmarks in Northern portion of Orange Township.

Previous to, and after Northport was platted by Francis Comparet, the main outlet of the few early settlers was by way of the road leading from Tamarack westward to Wolcott's Corners, now Wolcottville, and the southern road striking the old Fort Wayne and Lima road, near "The Old Red House" on the now Beucher farm, in section 12.

The main road from Wolcott's was southward about a mile, thence bearing westward, to the "Heaton clearing," where was situated the "Heaton Tavern" which we have had some trouble in locating, and of which we have heard much, and confounded with "Dave Law's old Tavern", which was south and east of Heaton's-afterward Northport.

From Heaton's Tavern, the road bore southward to really the first school house in Orange Township, which patrons were Abram Shears, George Nichols, Dave Herriman families, and others. This school was abandoned when the school house was erected at Northport and was converted into a dwelling occupied by Paul King. Austen C. Jennings taught school here.

From the school house one road branched southwasterly toward the old Fort Wayne road, in Northport, the other south and westerly passing over the hill on the now Randoll farm, where was situated at that time well known "Dug-Way Hill," as in excavating the side hill to reach the lower level, was struck a powerful spring, through which cut had to be built a "Corduroy" or log road, which old logs are probably yet in

existance covered and cultivated farm land.

This seems to be the same vein of water which is yet found today, in excavating for graves in the "Old North-port Grave yard which is still higher.

Earliest Land Entries.

First Church and school House. First Town Plats, and First State Work under Public Improvement Act, in Orange Township, sections 9-10-11-14-15

First Town Plat. Northport. In Sec. 9. Date, Oct. 4th, 1836

Second Town Plat, Rome City in Sec. 16, Date June 1839.

A Dam constructed by the State in Sec. 16, in 1837 Known as the Northport Feeder Dam, and a canal commenced intending to run from Northport, Ind. to intersect with the Fort Wayne system of canals. This formed the "reservoir", or Sylvan Lake, the largest body of water in Noble County.

Old Indian Village at the
Narrows up to 1844.

First saw mill in County built in 1836 (see Old Mill Site) The timbers for the Northport construction sawed here.

First school house in Orange Township at Northport in 1839.

First Hotel and store in Township, Northport, 1835.

First Factories at Rome City built in 1855.

Second Saw Mill and first Grist Mill built Rome City 1851. Factory burned in 1874. Grist Mill burned in 1886

Magnet Woolen Mills, Rome City built 1869, burned 1877

Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad through in 1869
First Ticket and Freight office at Rome City opened Dec. 15, 1874
First Agent, Ry. and Telegraph Opr. Millard F. Owen
First Express Agent at Rome in 1870 James H. Alexander.

Noble County is situated in the north eastern portion of the State. The Latitude of the Court House at Albion, the County Seat, being about 41 Deg. 30 mins. north and the Longitude about 8 Deg. west from Washington.

The first settlement in the County was made by Joel Bristol, Apr. 4th, 1827, one and one half miles southeast of Wolf Lake, in Noble Township.

The land of this County, occupied by the Indians was found by the white settlers to be well adapted to the production of winter wheat, Oats, Grass, Fruit and Stock of all kinds. There were many trees of natural fruit, known as Indian apples probably the outgrowth of "Apple-seed Johnnie" of early day.

Who the first white settler of the section of our present sketch, meaning the transient settler, is not known. They found an extensive orchard of wild plum trees covering some five acres, on the north banks of the Elkhart river, in Section nine.

Noble County was organized in 1836.

In 1840 the total population was 2402.

The original town plat of Wolf Lake was recorded at Lima, Ind. (Now Hower). And that of Ligonier at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Sparta was the first seat of Justice in Noble County

The first court house or seat of Justice building in the County, was built by Adam Engle, May 3rd, 1836, Judge Sample presiding. Augusta in Sparta Township, then big with expectations, now almost forgotten.

From 1790 to 1818 Noble County was an intergral part of Knox County which at first included all northern Indiana. The County seat was Vincennes; From 1819 to 1824, Noble County was a part of Randolf County with County seat at Winchester.

From 1824 to 1829 it was all attached to Allen County with County seat at Ft. Wayne.

From 1829 to 1831 the south two thirds-Sparta Township, York Township, Jefferson Township, Allen Township, Washington Township, Noble Township, Green Township and Swan Township was a part of Allen County, while the north one third or Perry Township, Elkhart Township, Orange Township and Wayne Township was a part of Elkhart County with the County seat, Goshen.

For two years, 1831 and 1832 the six townships constituting the east half of the county, Orange Township, Wayne Township, Jefferson Township, Allen Township, Green Township and (Swan) Township was a part of Allen County.

Ft. Wayne the county seat, while the six Western townships, Perry Township, Elkhart Township, Sparta Township, York Township, Washinton Township and Noble Township was a part of Elkhart County with County seat at Goshen.

From 1832 to 1836 the northern two-thirds of now Noble County, Perry Township, Elkhart Township, Orange Township, Wayne Township, Sparta Township, York Township Jefferson Township and Allen Township was a part of Lagrange County, with the County seat at Lima-now Howe, while the south one third, Washington Township, Noble Township, Green Township and Swan Township was a part of Allen County with County seat at Fort Wayne.

ROME CITY ITEMS

July 11th 1881

We attended the Old Settlers meeting at Albion on Thursday last. We could not get even standing space in the court room.

We got a glimpse of Esq. Iasso Tibbott's old rail. There was a large crowd in town.

Tuesday morning.-The school superintendent question is settled. The child is born; its name is Nelson Prentiss. We gave our opinion freely and charged nothing for our advice. "experience teaches a dear school, but then there are some who will take lessons in no other." Mr. Prentiss has occupied that position for two years past and has filled it with credit to himself and the County. We say now as we said in the start, that Watt P. Denny is a model man composed of the very material necessary to fill every qualification for that office. But he was submerged with cold water, on account of his youth and inexperience (all bosh.) Mr. Prentiss has both age and experience, and of course fills the bill. We wish him abundant success. A good joke on democratic engineering.

Aug. 29-1881 Rome City Items The Regatta

The following entries have been made, up to Aug. 29th in the regatta to be held at Rome City single pleasure boat race:

Lee Barron, Geo. Berhalter, Kendallville; George Moor, Rome City. Double pleasure boat race: Lee Barron, John McCray, Kendallville; Wm. Lawson, George Moor, Rome City. Wm. Teal, Miles Highbargain, Rome City.
Single scull race: Chas. Prince, Fred Boltz, Ft. Wayne; Lee Barron, John Kelly, Kendallville.

Four oared race: Hillsdales, Hillsdale; St. Joes, Ft. Wayne.
Swimming race: J. C. Heimerduger, James Graves, Kendallville; Geo. Valentine, Fort Wayne.
Tub race: Harry Reed, Kendallville.

SYLVAN NOTES
July 11th 1881

James Graves is considered one of the best swimmers in this section of country.

Rome City
Sept. 28th 1881

Esq. Ede Fisher has resigned his office and is now going on a journey west.

Rome City proposes to make a 'Squire out of a Cobb.

John Sherman and Zopher Case of Wright's Corners' were among those who attended the dance on Saturday night.

Squire Cobb starts in with a large amount of business.

Squire Cobb was inaugurated on Thursday last, and had his maiden suit on Saturday.

Lawyer Barr of Kendallville, is the "coming man."

Rome City Items
Feb. 1882

Dr. Green, of Rome City, in conjunction with Dr. Gilbert of Kendallville, and Dr. Latta, of Goshen, have been treating Mrs. Hitchcock of this place for dropsy.

A note made by Mr. Owen says she died Feb. 6th at 5 A. M.

Feb. 19, 1882 After a long protracted illness Uncle Potter has departed at last.

Feb. 26, 1882

The M. E. church will come down town in the spring.

Our town will undoubtedly incorporate in the spring. All good citizens are in favor of it.

Joshua Rinehart thinks the Gazette treated him a little cool for asking a civil question. Joshua, like many other readers of the Gazette here, is an honest consistent dyed in the wool Greenbacker. Joshua asks us if the Gazette did not during the war advocate the greenback. We refer him to the editor.

Ede Fisher is one of the most zealous temperance men in Rome. Ede means business.

Tommy Smith is now a leading spirit in the temperance cause. Tommy is a Staunch Democrat but he has now become a shining light by setting a glorious example for others.

A movement is about to be made to move the Methodist church into town. This is a move in the right direction. By all means have the church moved into town, or else have a gravel pike built to where it is located.

Joe Bushong is clearing away the underbrush, etc., near the mineral springs and getting things ready for the new Mineral Springs Therapy, hotel, etc., which are soon to be erected there.

Joshua Rinehart heard Gen. Weaver speak at Ft. Wayne on Saturday last. He came home very much enthused. There are many old Greenbackers in and about Rome who have been slumbering and are only awaiting a favorable opportunity to strike for liberty. "Men may change, but principles never."

Rome City
March 5th 1882

Elder Blanchard of Wolcottville preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Elmer Warner at this place on Wednesday last.

Elder Chase, of Hillsdale, Mich., preached the funeral sermon Mrs. S. W. Dodge on Wednesday last.

Esq. Dunn, of Brimfield, attended the funeral of Mrs. Dodge last Wednesday. The old 'Squire solemnized the marriage of S. W. Dodge and Lydia Knight, when they first appeared before the altar.

Mar. 23-1882
John Damman's new restaurant is now undergoing valuable improvements. Uncle Jimmy Madison is doing the work.

Commodores Owen & Swinehart will soon command 100 vessels, 35 of which are bran, splinter new. They are all now receiving a new coat of paint and some of them have already taken to the water.

Humor has it that we are to have a new bakery and restaurant in Rome. Mr. McLeod, of Kendallville, has taken the Dodge restaurant and bakery, or leased the same from Esq. Cobbs, and will move here shortly and commence business.

Last Sabbath some of our citizens were called to attend the funeral of Mr. Henry Myers, who died in Lagrange Co. Mr. Myers was an uncle of our citizen Mr. Wm. Myers. The deceased was 70 years of age, and on Monday our church bell tolled, as the friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect.

At the funeral of Mr. Jacob Shroyers, who died at Northport on Saturday evening at 10 o'clock P. M.; Mr. Shroyers, was also a little past 70 years of age and like the other, seemed to have finished the work given him to do and is

often said, died of old age. He also, was an uncle of our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Myers.

Rome City
Apr. 20, 1882

Judge Goodwin, a profound Lawyer of Kendallville, will probably be the National candidate for the Judgeship in this District. It remains for the Democracy to choose between him and Mr. Chapin.

Ex-Trustee Waldron on Saturday last surrendered his books, papers, etc., to his successor, Joshus Hinehart. As we predicted, Mr. Waldron's accounts came out as straight as a string, and no defalcations and no delay in paying over the essential "sponduliz". Why can say Orange township has not been benefitted by putting the National Greenbackers in power? Searoh the records.

April 27, 1882

George Malone, living north east of here, in the Dyer neighborhood, has lost his cow. She is a red cow, with short horns, and is four years old. Anybody giving any information concerning her will receive his most grateful thanks. George don't read the papers but now finds the need of one. He has resolved to take The Banner and try and find out where his cow is, as well as learn the other news of the county. Enclosed please find $1.00 and send him the paper to Wolcottville at once, that he may find his cow, and himself and family be made happy.

Alexis
(Skillen)

April 27-1882

Miss Anna Brothwell, of Kendallville, is teaching school at Northport.

May 4-1882

Judge Tousley is quite feeble

The Mineral Springs Theraphy is now raised and being enclosed, and Dr. Wilson is happy.

We took the overland route to Ligonier last Sunday. and shook hands with many old acquaintances. Ligonier is (by far) the foremost town in the County.

Jake Hoffman has the most sightly residence we saw in Ligonier.

Henry Winebrenner uses his painting tools on Sunday. He is an adventist.

Silas Shobe and all his boys are getting rich.

We came very near getting lost in the suburbs of the city.

Springfield is fixing to have a new brick business house.

Wawaka looks thrifty, but the saloon has the most prominent sign in the town.

Dr. Wilson's new Sanitarium shows finely at a distance. It will be no doubt be a success.

Dr. Williams hurt his lame leg over again, and has been laid up for several days.

Dr. Parker, of the Kendallville News, was in town one day last week. We hear it hinted that the Doctor wouldn't mind to be sent to the Legislature. Doc., would you stump it "ferninst Harry Reynolds?

"Early Business men of Rome some of these gentleman are mentioned as doing business as the sketches of the various business buildings are enumerated, while it is not known just what doors some others were conducting their business.

Joel Doolittle is conceded as the first, while Mitchell and Weston are said to have opened the second business as merchants in Rome City.

George H. Hale was another early merchant, he built what was known as the Berry residence, north side Front street opposite Lot no. 5. He was a strong anti-slavery man from principle, and after the enactment of the fugitive slave-law, assisted many runaway slaves to the dominion of the British Queen. He is known to have helped off fifteen or twenty slaves.
He was intelligent and had great force of character, especially as regards the propriety of human conduct. It is related that on one occasion, just at dark, a travel stained runaway, came into his yard, and in a most abject manner, took off his hat and bowed himself into the presence of Mr. Gale, who was sitting in his yard.
The poor black man called him "Massa" and begged for food and protection. Mr. Gale immediately told him to put on his hat and stand erect, and not to call him "Massa" any more, as he was not his master. The runaway was treated like a man and sent on his way rejoicing. Such a man could not help becoming a good merchant.

Early Physicians of Northport and Rome City.

Dr. Stevens was an early Physician of Northport and Rome City. Known though Dr. Barber was an early physician.
Both men were good men and traveled over extensive sections.

Dr. W. W. Martin was another early Rome City Doctor. The Doctor went to the war, returning to Rome City became identified in the business interests of the place, afterward moved to Kendallville, where he died.

Dr. James Z. Gower moved from Wolcottville to Rome City in 1853. Dr. Gower was highly educated, became one of the leading Physicians of Northern Indiana, and was a fine orator.

Dr. Horsheiser is another Physician of early days.

Dr. S. W. Moyers came to Rome City from Wolcottville in 1864.

It was a strenuous life, these early Physicians had, as many will testify, with broken down constitutions and few collections.

The long haired Dr. Raby settled in Rome City about the time of the war, afterward moved to Wolcottville where he died.

Dr. Gower died in the Galehouse, Rome City, in 1875.

Dr. Covert located in Rome City, 1874 to 1878. Left for other fields. He was known as the Children's Doctor.

Dr. Robert B. Williams located in Rome City about 1875, having practiced in this vicinity east of Wolcottville previously for several years. He practiced in Rome City and neighborhood until his death about 1888.

Doctors Chas. Wilson and Doctor Yarnell were specialists and first introduced the water cure as adapted to the celebrated mineral springs, 1876. Dr. Wilson later opened a Sanitarium at Spring Beach. (The First Spring Beach Hotel.) Afterward located at Witchita, Kans.

Dr. Wm. T. Green, a young unmarried man located in Rome City in December, 1880. He soon brought a young wife home, a Jones of Ft. Wayne, Ind. The Doctor at this time was often taken by those of short acquaintance, to be the Station Agent, and M. F. Owen mistaken for Dr. Green, which led to many amusing incidents, one of which the Doctor never allows mentioned. These occasional cases of mistaken identity is one reason probably of the life long friendship of these two.
Dr. Green was very successful in this locality and afterward located at Albion, Ind. where he is yet located. (He is now deceased). He is of a family of Physicians, his Father and Grand father were doctors, his brother a Doctor, and a son.

Dr. C. A. Stroupe was an arrival about 1893, leaving Rome City for some point in Ohio about 1905.

In 1895 Dr. C. B. Goodwin located in Rome City, a very successful practicing Physician, working up an extensive practice throughout the country, finally locating at Kendallville, Ind., where he is at this date (1916) one of Kendallville's leading citizens and physicians.

Other doctors were Dr. A. R. Wyatt, 1883-1889 Removed to Lagrange, Ind.
Dr. E. K. Strawn 1884 practiced several years.
Dr. Swigart, 1890
Dr. E. Kaughman 1891
Dr. J. Simons 1904
Dr. Pfaff 1900-1911 left for Gary, Ind.

We must not omit the white haired Dr. O. J. Vincent, who practised medicine in and about Rome City and Wolcottville as early as 1853 then off and on as late as 1879, living at Kendallville, along in the early 70s.

Fourth of July at Rome 1851

"The Citizens of Orange Township held a meeting at Rome City on the evening of June 9th to make arrangements for celebrating on the 4th day of July, 1851.

On motion the officers of the day were then chosen as follows:

Chief Marshall.....
James Kelly
Asst. Marshall-A. C. Jennings
Reader of Declaration of Independence
J. Kessler
Orator.....Samuel A. Alvord

Committee on arrangements
Wm. Bowyer
J. C. Alvord

Wm. Hitchcock
Eri Allen
John Weston
Hon. Wm. Mitchell
Hon. David B. Herriman
Joel Doolittle
Levi Wildman
David Law
Wm. D. Hill
Jonathan Law
Orlin Watkins
Milo Jones.

Thereupon, on motion, the meeting adjourned to July 4th 1851.

D. B. Herriman, Pres.
Wm. W. Martin, Sec.

The celebration exercises were held in the grove, south of the present Town Hall. There were several speeches made, toasts responded to-a great deal of hilarity and enjoyment.
The crowd was even greater (in proportion) than could be assembled there at an "Old Fashioned 4th now. It was easy to get together large assemblies at the various little hamlets of the country.

We are already beyond the proper limit of space, and ignoring our main purpose, which was to show Dave Herriman's ability as a speaker. He surprised his acquaintences, whose admiration had before been based upon his superiority in feats of very different character.
The above celebration was held on the day the writer of these pages was born."

From Mr. M. F. Owens type written
historical Scrap book 1916

A Christmas Ball in 1853. The following is a copy of the invitation-

New Year Cotillion Party.
On with the dance. Let Joy be unconfined.
No sleep till morn when youth and pleasure meet.
Yourself and lady are solicited to attend a
cotillion party at the Rome City Hotel.

Joel Doolittle, Proprietor
Merry Christmas
on Monday evening, December 26, 1853

Managers:
William B. Dunn Midford
David Low, Northport
A. J. Sloam, Albion
A. Cutler, Wolcottville
Elon Weston, Rome City
M. Crabb, Ligonier
G. W. Stewart, Wolf Lake
N. Dye, Milford
William D. Hill, Orange
Levi Wildman, Wolcottville
Jackson Dye, Rome City
Alva Barnett, Hawpatch
A. Diggins, Kendallville

Floor Managers
Cyrenus C. Highbargin
William Buker

Music

Robinson and Hobson
Bill, $2.50

"Up to 1866 the highway north from Rome City led northward from directly in front and north of the Lake Side Hotel (Lots 1 & 2) down across what was later the Magnet Woolen Mills grounds, (now the Burnett Lots) to and across a wooden bridge, the shore pilings of which yet stood in 1874. Where the highway followed

the Reservoir embankment, with its curves to the old waste-wiers near the now Spring Beach Hotel, a bridge covering the waste-wiers, thence to road led northward past the Swinehart places to the Dave Law Corner.
There was also a road leading northward from the John Turk corner down across the enbankment to the Grist-mill, Saw-mill and Woolen Factory grounds.
After the Railroad absorbed this highway the Mills road was made the highway northward, and continued at the foot of the Reservoir-Railroad embankment, a wooden bridge across the old stream bed into which the waste-wier discharged its waters, thence toward the (now Sanitarium), thence east to the Swinehart corner when it again took the old high way to the Law Corners.
The "Old Town Hall" then a new building, and all the village southwest of it a wooded grove, with an occasional house scattered through it, the highway leading southward from the public square diagonally south-west through the grove to the Brimfield highway.
The now Station grounds a hill pasture field.
The normal level of the Reservoir a foot higher than now with Pike as plenty as the bees are now.
No church edifice. Two saloons.
But altogether larger volume of business transacted the year round than at the present time, 1916.

"Dave Law's" account book
1901

M. F. Owen of Sylvan Lake House of Rome City is the possessor of an account book in which David Law who kept a store at Northport in the late forties and early fifties recorded his business transactions.

If one may judge by the entries in this book, whiskey and tobacco were indispensable articles in those days and the total abstinence question was something unknown.

There is not a page in the book in which there are not several charges for whiskeyaand in quantity and frequency to indicate that whiskey was used as a beverage and water as the exception.

Neither is there a page in the book on which the name of D. B. Herriman does not appear about like this "D. B. Herriman, To one gallon of whiskey, 40 cents. Two or three lines farther down the page, D. B. Herriman, to one half gallon of whiskey, 20 cents; the next charge against Herriman is for one quart of whiskey, 10 cents; The same day is a charge against Herriman for one drink of whiskey, 3 cents. When the next charge is made-on the same day-Herriman is presumably a little ashamed, for the charge reads, D. B. Herriman, To one gallon of Bitters, 40 cents (the same price as one gallon of whiskey); When he came in again he must have been keenly sensitive, as the entry reads, To D. B. Herriman, Sundries, 40 cents. It is strange co-incidence that whiskey and sundries sold for the same price. Herriman is not the only one however, whose appetite craves copious and frequent potations, for there are a number of the early pioneers whose names are so recorded.

Sugar, and molasses, salleratus, coffee, tea, tallow, calico, delaines, soap, etc., were frequently bought, but in the entire book there are not a dozen cases, where whiskey, in quantity from a quart to a gallon does not appear on the bill of goods sold.

Although Mr. Law did a large credit business, he evidently collected slowly too, for on the same pages where the charges are recorded, is a statement that Mr.....has settled all he owes to Mr. Law.

He was ever particular about a cent, however, and there are several cases where 1 cent charges are made for a piece of candy, for one nutmeg, one cent worth of thread, or a whole hank of thread for seven cents."

Old People living in Orange Township among whom are in Feb. 1893 as follows:

O. F. Rogers (formerly of Rome City, Ind.) aged 83 years.
Abraham Sheaffer, aged 88 yrs. 1 mo. Orange Township.
James McQueen, Orange Twp. aged over 90 years.
James Madison, Rome City, Ind. 84 years of age, and his wife, Mrs. Stella Madison, 78 yrs, 8 mo. of age. She was the first white woman to cross Grand River, Michigan, at the present site of the city of Grand Rapids, she being engaged in missionary work those early days of Michigan history. Mr. and Mrs. Madison settled in Rome City in 1836.

It is not known who was the first permanent settler in Orange Township. Several have claimed the distinction, but no one has successfully proved his claims. It is likely that the first came about the year 1833, or perhaps 1834, probably not sooner, as no evidence now exists of an earlier occupation of the soil by white men. It is probable that white hunters and trappers, those who followed the persuit exclusively, ahd dwelt temporarily in the township before the appearance of the first white settler. This is always a sort of connecting link between the Indians and their white successors. Orange evidently furnished good hunting, as the numerous swamps, forests, lakes and oak openings clearly prove.

All through the summer of 1836 the white covers of the emigrants wagons could be seen winding their way along the crooked paths that had been but through the timber-for we had not then any laid out roads; first the teamster cut out a track, and the others followed until the mud became too deep for travel, when another road was cut out, so that there were roads everywhere. This applies to the heavy timbered lands, or the south part of the township.

On the oak openings, where the soil was generally sandy, the roads were generally good, and when a new track became necessary, you could drive anywhere with out hindrance, for at that day the country presented a very different appearance from what we see at the present day. It was the custom of the Indians to burn the woods, marshes and prairies, each spring and this annual burning kept down the undergrowth, so that the openings had naught to obstruct the view, except the large trees scattered here and there. In many places, where today a second growth of timber completely covers the ground, the openings were then like an open prairie, with here and there a giant oak.

No more enchanting scene was ever presented to the human eye than these openings in the spring. As far as the eye could reach was spread out a scene of surpassing loveliness. The tender grass just springing up and spreading a carpet of green over the whole landscape. was further beautified by flowers of every hue, and as you survey the scene, a herd of deer appear in the distance, or the impudent prairie wolf approaches just near enough to be out of range of the trusty rifle-our inseperatable companion in these rambles.

Nor should we forget to bring upon the stage as a part of the picture, the native, who once held undisputed sway and control over all this land, nor dreamed that the day would come when he would be driven from these scenes of his youth, and leave to desecration the graves of his fathers.

Talk of your flower gardens or your parks, or anything that man has made in his weak efforts to imitate nature; To one who has seen the oak openings of Orange Township, in all their pristine glory and loveliness, man's imitations are tame and insipid.

Thus it was, while many of the white topped wagons passed on many halted, saying "here will I make my home."

We find too, in new country settlements, the marshes furnish the hay, the land is more easily cleared, streams

and lakes more abundant, springs more abundant, all tending to ease the labor of the settler, such tracts are first settled. So it was in the northern portion of Orange. After eighty years, we find too, that our summer home, or cottage lots, small though they be, bring better prices today, than village or city lots, The lakes, streams and the open augmenting the more and more popular, "Back to the land". Hundreds of wary deer wandered across the woodland, cropping the rich June grass which grew in abundance at each little opening. It was no trouble to shoot them, and each cabin had its choice venison steak.

Wolves were numerous, and proved a serious drawback to the rearing of sheep. Many a fine flock of the latter have been attacked in the night, and when the fond owner went to feed them the next morning have been found mangled and dead.

Bears were rarely seen when settlers first came in. They had been driven off by the appearance of white men.

The Indians were still numerous, two of their temporary villages being in Orange Township-one near the narrows, at (now Sylvan Lake) and the other in the western part of the township near Waldron Lake. They mingled freely with the settlers, but were not feared except when drunk. Then their savage and vicious dispositions came out in their true colors, and the people had to beware. On one occasion they had had a shooting match at their village at the "Narrows" and many of them had become intoxicated on whiskey which had probably been obtained at Northport. Two drunken Indians passing by the cabin of James Madison came to the door just at night, and wanted to come in, but were prevented by the inmates.

The Indians were notorious beggars, they were in the habit of resorting to all sorts of tricks and connivance to secure whiskey or provisions. They would enter a cabin without warning or invitation, and quietly demand pin-e-ack (potatoes), daunin (corn), nop-ence (flour)

co-coosh (pork), or whatever their wants or fancy indicated. If they were refused they would probably scowl and say: Me-ah-net-shi-mo-ka-mong Kin-a-poo (very bad white white man, me kill). If their wants were supplied, their dark eyes would gleam, and they would say, Nish-a-shin shi-mo-mong (very good white man).

The settlers first built rude log cabins, as there were no saw mills nor lumber in the country. A large rude chimney was built on the outside of one end of the cabin, and one or two small windows furnished the onlyllight for the dismal room. The ample fire-place and a few pots and kettles were all that were necessary in preparing a bountiful repast. A small clearing was first made around the cabin, and this was gradually enlarged as time passed.

The men spent their time in clearing, fencing and improving their land, while the women had all they could do to make clothing for the family and prepare the meals. There were no loafers in those days. All were as busy as bees, and no one waited for an invitation to assist at a log rolling or cabin raising. Waving seas of wheat and corn were soon seen where erst the whoop of the red man resounded. Cabins dotted the forests, and the step of progress could be heard.

"In February, 1894, had several interesting interviews with Mr. James Madison, who on the 14th day of February this year was 84 years of age. Mrs. Stella Madison, his wife then lived in Rome City. Mrs. Madison was at this time 78 years, 8 months of age. She was the first white woman to cross Grand River, Michigan, at the present city of Grand Rapids, she being engaged in Missionary work in those early days of Michigan history. Mr. and Mrs. Madison settled in Rome in 1836.

With James Madison:

"I am an old California "49er". Crossed and recrossed

overland, driving oxen most of the way. Of California, I have not much to say, decided not to stay there. I decided to locate at Northport at the building of the dam, on which I worked, living, however on the south side.

After Rome was platted in 1839, I having come here in 1836, I built my house on lot in southwestern part of Rome platt, it being platted on Sec. 16, school section. I have always rented the lot of the Auditor of the County, paying a yearly, nominal rental, and expect when I am able to purchase the lot.

I have seen erected at Rome, Doolittle's store on the Rinehart corner, the Lakeside Hotel, the Turk building where Chapman's drug store is, the old woolen factory, and the new one. Have worked more or less on all of them.

When I first came, I worked on the canal work, never worked on the dam proper.

There used to be many scrimmages among the canal workers and I guess I took part in most of them. When the canal work was called off, I was working on the north, or Rome end of it. There was about only two rods distance between the north and the south ends of the work when work stopped. This had been stumped, but not graded or ditched out and this is where the little hill now is in the canal roadway. The highway used to cross the marsh east of the canal, when the work was called off, the public highway was made to occupy the old canal, with the short bridge at north side of marsh, doing away with the log cause-way, in the marsh.

In the sink hole near the south high bank was much larger and deeper than now. I know it is reported that there is a man horse and cart in that old sink hole. Now I know there is a horse and cart in there, for I seen it crowded in during the last scrimmage among the

Irish and other employees, at the closing of the work when every body got drunk on 10¢ per quart whiskey. It was an awful fight, many heads were broken, and one man came up missing-maybe his body is in that sink hole. Don't know, never knew what became of him, nor his name. Particulars of those few days are somewhat hazey in my mind, perhaps for good cause.

Yes, we used to have some high old times over at Dave Law's Hotel at Northport. Treats on a new pair of boots cost me in the neighborhood of four dollars there once. One was foolish to put on anything new and visit Northport, and in fact, it was very seldom anyone ever did, as new things were not easily obtained those days."

Mr. Madison was not able to quote dates very definitely but was a host to relate the fights of those troublous times, evidently does his share in keeping excitement at high pitch, though he is a very small dried-up old man with great vitality. He could not have been a bully or much of a success as a fighter, more than to keep excitement up to highest pitch, which evidently was his strong hold.

1845
An Early Dog Trade

Way back in the forties, James Madison and wife, and James Harvey and wife visited at the home of David B. Herriman who then owned and lived on his 800 acre farm, of which the present Holsinger farm is a part (1915)., enjoying that gentleman's hospitality as only a few now can testify to. After enjoying the day pleasantly, preparatory to returning home, Dave, as he was commonly called, remarked to the departing guests that he and Madison rarely met without making some kind of a trade.

He asked Madison if he had anything to trade. Madison

said he had a very fine dog-one of the best looking dogs in the state-that he would trade (knowing it a worthless cur). Dave was anxious for a trade, and offered Madison a dog belonging to his son and one and a half bushels of wheat for the difference. Madison said no, but to make it all right between neighbors, he would take two and a half bushels of wheat and some lead and oil that Madison knew Herriman had under the stairs. A bargain was agreed to on Madison's terms.

Next morning, John, Herriman's son came to Madison's home, who was at that time residing on what is now the Tate farm, for Madison's dog, taking him to his father's home. A few days afterward Madison was in Rome City at "Doolittle's Tavern", later the Lakeside House, meeting Dave there, who said to him that he had taken all his wheat to the mill but would give Madison 40 lbs. of flour to the bushel for his wheat which was agreed to.

While they were engaged in conversation several of the older citizens arrived at the Tavern, making inquiry about a certain dog, who the night before had killed 13 head of sheep belonging to Chas. Law. Giving a description of the dog to the citizens assembled, the light dawned on Herriman that the dog he recently traded for had done the devilment.

Looking Madison square in the face, a smile stole over his countenance, he broke out in a hearty laugh and said, "kill him; kill him." Dave's dog paid the penalty of death for his indiscretion in the sheep fold. "Dang that little devil, Jim Madison, he can't even trade dogs with me without getting the best of it; Come up boys and take something at my expense; this is too good a joke on me to go unrewarded. They all took theirs straight.

James Madison was born in 1810 and first came to Rome City in 1836. Jimmie Madison at the time of relating this story (1889) was over 80 years of age, while Hon.

David Herriman, who was the first Representative of this County at the Indiana legislature, died in the West many years ago.

How the Pigs were Coaxed Home.

The following Pig Story is given us by Mrs. Walter Needham of near Home City.

Mrs. Needham's grand-parents, Mr. Daniel Lucas and his wife Susannah, moved to Noble County, Ind. during the Black Leg times, driving through our county with a one horse wagon, wife and two children, to their newly acquired tract in Section twenty eight, experiencing much trouble in traveling the new roads out through the underbrush, which were out for for, and traveled almost altogether by two oxen or two horse vehicles.

They found it almost impossible to keep a single horse vehicle in the underbrushed tracks, as underbrush and stumps still occupied the center of the road.

In these early days there were no meats to be procured except wild game. Very little beef, no pork or hogs.

The couple succeeded in capturing a wild hog which they penned and fed. the animal eating very little during the day, eating mostly at night, in fact it would not at first eat corn at all, and never did get fat. They butchered it-a very lean porker, but in the meantime they bought another pig of a neighbor, and in the course of events were the owners of a fine litter of black and white pigs, which of course ran in the woods, the land being heavily timbered in the southern part of the township. The pigs thrived and grew and in the fall wandered farther and farther from home living on beachnuts, wandered, it appears into the oak openings in the northern part of the township and

thrived on acorns, until they were lost to their owners. Late in the fall Mr. and Mrs. Lucas with their two children visited at Rome, which they said, at that time contained but one house or store building, Doolittle's Store and Residence. On their return while yet in the confines of-now Rome City-they came upon a drove of well grown black and white pigs feeding among the trees on acorns. Recognizing them as their property they endeavored to drive or coax them home with them. The pigs did seem to recognize Mrs. Lucas's voice, and followed a short distance, became frightened and took to the woods. Mr. Lucas with the children waited near the place while Mrs. Lucas walked to their home and back through the woods, distant some three miles, for some corn. When by coaxing and driving they succeeded in returning the pigs home, later laying in their winter's supply of pork.

OBITUARY

"Rome City Clipper" Oct. 21, 1884

Jacob Shroyer after several weeks of severe illness, died in this place Oct. 16, 1884. Born May 15, 1820. Age 64 years 6 months 1 day. Funeral took place at M. E. church and was buried in Ausburn Cemetery.

(Probably editor meant Osborn)

Uncle Jimmy Madison made our office a pleasant call one day last week, and entertained us with a few of his "Injun Stories."

Rome City Clipper, May 5, 1885.

We were engaged one day last week in printing a large number of songs for Rodman Lovett. As the verses are all original, it shows that Mr. Lovett took no little pains in the composing of the hymns.

"Rome City Clipper" June 23, 1885.

John Holsinger, an old settler of Noble County, died at Kendallville last Tuesday. His funeral was conducted by the Apollo Commandery of that city on Friday, and his remains taken to Wolcottville for interment.

"Rome City Clipper", July 28, 1885.

Amos Black, an old pioneer of this county, but who has lived in Jefferson for some time past, died last Thursday evening. He leaves two sons to mourn his loss. The remains were interred at Mt. Pleasant.

"Rome City Clipper July 28, 1885.

Mrs. Stella Baughman of Atchison, Kans., a daughter of Uncle Jimmie Madison of this place is visiting the latter.

"Rome City Clipper" Aug. 11, 1885.

L. C. Madison, of East Jordan, Mich., son of Jas. Madison of this place, is in town.

"Rome City Clipper", Sept. 1, 1885.

Today is the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Jas. Madison and wife. Extensive preparations have been made for celebrating their Golden wedding at 10 o'clock this morning. Full particulars given in our next.

"Rome City Clipper" Sept. 1, 1885.

"At the last meeting of the Old Settlers of Noble County, at Albion last June, it was announced that on the 1st of September, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Madison of Rome City would celebrate their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Doubtless many of those present when the announcement was made had forgotten the time, but many remembered it and were present on the occasion. The day

was not propitious, but cold and windy. Early in the morning the guests began to come in, each bearing a basket, well filled with the good things of the world. A table was prepared in front of the "Madison Mansion", capable of seating 70 persons, which was spread with all the necessaries and luxuries that the land offered (affords) and the table was thus spread and cleared a third time before all had been fed, and when "all did eat and were satisfied" there remained more than twelve baskets full. One hundred and fifty-seven sat down at the tables and all who were present felt that it was good to be there.

Rev. C. H. Wilkinson, of Wolcottville was present and officiated as Chaplain. The bride and groom have lived in Noble County for nearly fifty years and this gathering was but a feeble expression of the esteem in which they are held by those who know them best. It is customary when giving an account of such a gathering to describe the dress of the bride and groom, but the writer is not prepared to do so. One thing is certain, both were dressed, but the only article of apparel worn by either, that is now remembered, was a sunflower with which each had been decorated by some of the company. When the first table ahd been filled and the Divine blessing invoked, Dr. Cowles (a brother of Mrs. M.) of Baraboo, Wisconsin, arose and made a neat address to the old couple, and closed by placing on his sister a magnificent pair of gold mounted spectacles. Another brother from the same place was also present and a daughter with her little boy from Kansas, and a son, wife and child from Michigan. After dinner a photograph of the company was taken, in which the old couple were central figures. The company then returned to the yard and from the porch a few short and appropriate speeches were made by Dr. Cowles, Rev. C. H. Wilkinson and N. Prentiss, after which the company separated with kind wishes for the host and hostess, and with hopes that they may be spared to celebrate their diamond wedding.

The speeches should have been made before dinner, for

after that time all were "too full for utterance." Good music was furnished for the occasion with the organ and a string band. $33.50 in gold coin was presented by the following persons: Mrs. Charlotte Whitney of Jamestown, California, $5.00; Carrie Hodges of Jamestown, California, $5.00; Johnie and Minnie Witney, Jamestown, California, $5.00; Lorin & Leora Madison, East Jordan, Mich. $5.00; Henry and Fanny Bloomfield, Fontantle, Iowa, $5.00; Mrs. Ruby Gale, Fairbaurt, Minn. $2.50; Mr. & Mrs. John W. Teal and Mattie, Rome City, $5.00; Mrs. Kern, South Bend, $1.00; $30.00 by the following: J. S. Rinehart and wife, Marilda W. Brothwell, Magdalena Lamp, Mary Dixon, Thos Marshall and wife, Wm. R. Myers and wife, M. F. Owen and wife, Samuel Coosard and wife, I. S. Jones and wife, Jerry Gault and wife, John Squibb and wife, C. Holder and wife, Jacob Waldron and wife, C. Mather and wife, Nelson Hodges and wife, W. J. Houston and wife, Thos. H. Smith, wife and mother, G. T. Brothwell and wife, H. H. Warner and wife, S. W. Gauntt and wife, Wm. K. Milnor and wife, H. G. Cobbs and wife, Wm. Lawson and wife, Dr. A. R. Wyatt and wife, Eden H. Fisher and wife, Geo H. Northam and wife, Josiah Rhodes and wife, Peter St. Mary and wife, Jas. Chapman and wife, Dr. E. K. Strawn and wife, M. V. Hall and wife, Milo R. Jones, Isaac Barber, Effie Barber, Alice Milnor, Miss S. A. Jones, Dr. W. T. Green and wife, Albion, Mr. Homer Law, Valley Falls, Kansas. $11.50 was presented by the following persons: Wm. Hitchcock and wife, Wm. H. Moore and wife, Edward Moore and wife, C. W. Bliss and wife, Brimfield. John Schermerhorn and wife, Charles Law and wife, Wm. Patterson and wife, Nathan Cradit and wife, Lorenzo Stancliff and wife, Simon Baughman and family, I. E. Allen and wife, George Swank and wife, John Bidlack and wife, Loton Hitchcock and wife, L. H. Johnson and wife, Kendallville, Peter Boofink and wife, Robert Moore and wife, M. E. Hardendoerff and wife, John Lamp and wife, Mrs. Diggins, Kendallville, Mary Burnett, Elizabeth Duryee, Betsey Watkins, Maud Northam. Total amount of gold coin, $75.00. By Dr. Charles and Ralph Cowles, two brothers of Mrs. Madison, of Baraboo, Wis., a pair of gold mounted spectables.

By Mrs. Stella Baughman of Atchison, Kan., a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Madison, Dress, Bonnet, and set of knives and forks. By Mrs. Ruby Gale of Fairbanet, Minn, a silk Banner 1835-1885. Also a beautiful poem composed by her for the occasion. By Stanfield Corbin and wife, Rome City, Glass and silver butter dish. By Mrs. L. Stancliff of Rome City, pair of linen towels. By Mrs. H. J. Hamlin of Wolcottville, a gold ornament and flower for bonnet. By Mrs. J. P. Chapman, Rome City, a gold thimble holder. By Miss Martha Shourds, Mary and George Clock, ladies gold mounted breast pin. By Milo Jones, Sr. and wife, Rome City, china cup and saucer and mug. By Maudie Smith, Rome City, Motto of affection made by her. By Miss Susan Griggs, Wolcottville, a spectacle case embroidered with gold beads.

Mr. & Mrs. Madison desire to return their heartfelt thanks and appreciation for the excellent music furnished for the occasion. The valuable presents presented and for the entire presence of the 160 friends, old settlers and kind neighbors gathered in love and sympathy in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary.

"Rome City Clipper" Sept. 8, 1885.

Many thanks to Uncle Jimmy Madison and wife for samples of their Golden Wedding cakes and a beautiful Bouquet. They have one heartiest congratulations and best wishes. May they live long and enjoy many more pleasant anniversaries is the wish of the Clipper.

Edward McQueen and family of Southern Kansas are visiting Uncle Jimmie McQueen on West Dutch Street.

Rome City Clipper, Sept. 29, 1885.

OBITUARY 1885

Sunday Nov. 1st at 19:30 P. M. W. W. Skillen quietly passed away, after a long continued illness.

He was born Jan. 31st 1825, in Shelby County, Ohio, and resided on a farm in that county until of age. When 3 years of age his mother died on Sept. 3rd 1828. He married Susannah Method, March 2nd 1884, had seven children all girls and all living at this date. He was elected Judge of the Probate Court for Shelby County, Ohio, in 1854 and again elected in 1857. After the close of his last term of Judge, he moved his family to Ligonier, Ind. While residing there he held offices from the gifts of the people, proving faithful in those trusts. In 1862 moved to Chicago, connecting himself in the interest of the Chicago Republican, as traveling solicitor. After severing his connection with the Repbulican, he engaged in keeping boarding house, passing through the great Chicago fire of 1871, losing all his earthly effects. He returned to Ligonier and shortly moved to Rome City, Ind., connecting himself with the firm of Clapp, Fisher, and Zimmerman as salesman of woolen goods and continued in their employ until March 1st, 1878.

During the winter of 1878 he accepted a position as engrossing clerk in the House of Representatives, making many warm friends during his short stay in the State Capitor, etc. etc. Last illness 15 months. Funeral services by Rev. Wilkison. Masonic Fraternity in charge. Burial in Ligonier cemetery.

"Rome City Clipper" Nov. 3, 1885.

Death has been reaping a rich harvest in Noble County in the last three days.

Mrs. Shroyer, widow of Simeon Shroyer, died at her home near Rome City on Wednesday of this week and buried at the Osborn cemetery on Friday the 28th. Funeral services being held in the M. E. Church and conducted by Elder Weaver at 11 A. M. the numerous relatives followed by a large number of sympathising friends to the grave to see placed in the silent chambers of the tomb, all that remained of a once living type of noble womanhood, a true Christian and a faithful mother, and ere the gates had been fairly closed and the crowd didpersed, there came from the village of Brimfield a long procession, consisting of nearly fifty carriages filled with sad hearts over the loss of one of Noble County's oldest and best known citizens and to lay in the bosom of Mother earth, Edward B. Parkman, who was called from all things earthly, on Wednesday the 26th inst leaving surviving him one daughter, one son, and a lonely widow to mourn their loss.

The latest reports from Albion confirm the report of the death of Fielding Prickett at three o'clock P. M. Friday May 28th.

"Rome City Clipper" May 29, 1886.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Christiana Teal, wife of John W. Teal and mother of the editor of the Clipper was born in Cincinnatti, Ohio, April 5th 1840. Died June 7th at 8:35 P. M. aged 46 years, 2 months, and 2 days.

Married to John W. Teal in Indianapolis, Ind., June 14, 1855. Moved to Rome City in the fall of 1863 where she has lived continuously up to the time of her death. Mrs. Teal had been an invalid for years but always bearing up with Christian fortitude, and looking forward to the time that she might be freed from sickness and pain, and once more be restored to health, yet human hopes and efforts are of no avail, when the final summons comes from Him, who doeth all things well, and while the last eight weeks of her life was constant suffering and intense pain, and not being able to take nourishment of any kind whatever, yet all this time there was not one murmur or word of discontent passed from her lips, only one thought, that she would, if it were the Lord's will, like to stay a little while longer with husband and children, and this thought reminded us all of the sublime truth, that God can give us but one mother and this one thought was fully realized by her, yet when the time had come that human hands and the loving husband and fond wishes of loving children could do nothing she quietly fell into the sleep that knows no waking, and surrendered up to mother earth, that, which was of the earth.

The funeral was held at the house, conducted by Rev. Blanchard, of Wolcottville. The deceased was followed to her last resting place by a large number of relatives and friends, who sympathize with the lonely husband in the death of a dear wife, and with the three children who are left behind to mourn the loss of a sainted mother.

C. H.

Rome City Clipper June 19, 1886.

Mrs. G. W. Geisendorff and Mrs. Wm. Smurr of Indianapolis, near relatives of Mrs. John Teal, deceased, attended the funeral of the latter last week. They returned home Monday.

Rome City Clipper June 19, 1996

With our next issue we close our career with the Clipper, and we must have an immediate settlement with our patrons.

"Rome City Clipper" August 14, 1886.
John E. Teal, Editor.

ANOTHER RAILROAD ON PAPER.

An old railroad project which has recently been revived is the construction of a line east and west between the Lake Shore roads extending from Toledo.

The old Canada Southern charter will soon expire, it is said, and something will have to be done. The country lying between the Air Line and the old line through northern Indiana wants an east and west outlet and it is only a question of time when they will have it.

The proposition now is to extend the switch from the gravel pit near Brimfield on to Rome City, and then push on to the northeast, touch within one mile of Wolcottville, pass Wright's Corners, Mongo, then Orland, Fremont and on to Toledo. Such a line would shut out any competing line and by connecting with the Air Line at Brimfield would avoid the heavy grading which would be necessary, and which has always been a great obstacle to any road crossing the Haw Patch and connecting at

Goshen or further West.

The Lake Shore company have iron enough which they have taken from the main line the past few months to complete the road to Rome City, and the right of way has been secured to that point. In extending the line from the terminus of the switch from Brimfield to the old gravel pit but little grading would be necessary after crossing the swamp, as the old Wabash and Erie Canal would then be reached which the road would follow to Rome. It is estimated that the cost of extending the line to Rome City would be less than $10,000, which would not be too great to warrant the company in extending it for the benefit it would receive from the excursions it conducts to that popular summer resort. With the line completed the Lake Shore road would control all of the excursions to Rome City over the Wabash and B. & O. and its own lines which would be a saving of from $150 to $200 on each excursion, an item alone of no small concern to the road.

Our informant says it is not unlikely that this line will be completed by another year and in operation for the excursion season, and then pushed to Toledo as rapidly as circumstances will admit.-

Ligonier Banner from "Rome City Clipper"
August 14, 1886.

1888

After an illness of about three weeks duration, Andrew Kesler quietly passed over the river on Saturday night at 9:30, at the age of three score and ten. The funeral was preached at the M. E. Church at Brimfield, by Rev. Bicknell.

1888

Kessler-At his home near Brimfield, February

Andrew Kessler aged about 72 years.

Mr. Kessler was a well known prominent citizen of Noble County, and for several years a minister in the M. E. Church, in which capacity he frequently preached in Albion. T. P. Kessler, of Brimfield is a son, and we think several other children, survive him.

Feb. 4th 1888

OBITUARY

Kesler-Died at his home near Rome City, Ind. with lung fever, after a sickness of three weeks. Rev. Andrew Kesler, aged 71 years, 3 months, 18 days.

Rev. Andrew Kesler was born in Lyconning County, Penn., October 15, 1816. He emigrated to Morrow County, Ohio, in 1835, there he became acquainted with Miss Mariah Bowyer, to whom he was united in marriage in 1837, of this union was given thirteen children; of whom four daughters and three sons survive to mourn their loss. The mother, and six children having preceded him.

He came to Indiana, Noble County, and after a years residence in Rome City, moved to his farm upon which he resided for thirty four years.

At the age of nineteen he joined the Methodist Episcopal church, gave his heart to God, and consecrated himself to his service, and to his faithfulness will everyone testify, that enjoyed the pleasure of his society, for he lived the christianity he professed. At the quarterly meeting held at Springfield, Ind., Sept. 26, 1857, Elder L. W. Munson presiding, he was licensed to preach the gospel, and many an audience and soul has been thrilled with his earnest and eloquent appeals for consecration of life to God's service. A man of great natural ability, as an orator, backed by the spirit's power, he was a host for God and the people heard him gladly, and were well pleased when the regular minister could not come, and sent "Uncle Andy" as he was familiarly called. And often has he responded to Special invitations to preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ." etc. etc.

DIED

Dunn-At Brimfield, Ind., Feb. 4, 1888, William B. Dunn, aged 74 years, 3 months and 12 days-after an illness of two weeks.

William Baldwin Dunn was born in Newton, Tioga (?) County, N. Y. (now Elmira, Chemung Co.) on the 22d day of October, 1813. He came to Lagrange County, Indiana, in 1837, where he settled on a farm. In 1856 he moved to Kendallville, Indiana, where he resided until about 1865, being engaged for several years in the practice of law. From Kendallville he removed to Brimfield, where for several years he was station agent for the L.S.& M.S. R.R. Co.; and afterwards engaged in mercantile business. He also held the position of postmaster at Brimfield under several administrations, and up to within a few months of his death. A widow, four sons and a daughter survive him; also, one brother-C. W. Dunn, of Wawaka, Ind., and a sister Mrs. F. B. Macy of Detroit, Mich.

The deceased was greatly loved and respected by all who knew him. Of a kind and affectionate disposition, he seemed to live in perpetual sunshine, and his very presence bore a cheering influence, that was ever brightened and emphasized by the genial flow of a wit that was amiable as keen, and the frank, joyous tones of a voice that came from a sympathetic soul.

The funeral services were attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends and acquaintances, who listened to an appropriate and impressive discourse by the Rev. C. H. Blanchard, of Wolcottville, from the text: "A good name is better than precious ointment"-after which the remains were laid to rest.

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March 10th 1888

Little Harlan V. Hagerty, little son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hagerty, of Rome City.

Funeral held at the M. E. church conducted by Rev. Hendel assisted by Rev. Mawhorter.

Rev. Haggerty was a Free Will Baptist Minister.

1888

Some of our aged people are languishing on beds of disease. Uncle Jimmy Madison, John Canon and Loton Hitchcock are among the sufferers.

1888

Died-Loton Hitchcock, aged 76 years. Funeral held at the M. E. Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Bicknell officiating. Another good man has been called home.

Apr. 25, 1888

Wayland Daniels and family attended the funeral of their relative, Loton Hitchcock, at this place last Sunday.

FROM MR. M. F. OWEN'S SCRAPBOOK

A piece of white paper securely pasted over the beginning of these notes-

"Long Island in 1794. Identified with the Stamp Act riots at New York.

Epenetus Owen, Born on Long Island, in 1750. Served in Rev. War. Was with Washington's command at taking of the Hessians.

Accidentally killed in Canada.

His sons were: Abner, a Captain in the British Army in 1812.

Daniel, and Jesse, an artillery man on the American Army of 1812, later in life a methodist minister. Had three sons, Daniel, Francis A. and Joel Winter Owen.

Joel W. Owen's sons are Egbert A., Millard F., Jesse, Ernest W., and Charles F.

Egbert A. Owen's son is Ernest.

For dates and deaths and sketches of lives, see records.

Copy of a letter found in Mr. M. F. Owen's Scrapbook copied on account of the genealogy in it.

Hopkins, Feb. 16th 1881

Dear Ones All.
Dear Fill

I will try to answer your enquiries as far as I can but first I hope Charlie will excuse me for not answering his letter as he will hear from us. I will wait till next time before I write to him.

We were down to Otsego Tuesday. Stayed all night found them all well. Tin had just received a Valentine. Your father saw Ernest on Monday & received a letter from Jesse last week. all well. Think we shall go out to your Aunts this week if nothing happens.

I don't recolect any thing of that paper since I sent it to you. Will not write any thing of your grandpa now & if we go out there will get all the dates I can and send you for your grandma she has no family record & cannot remember dates. was born in the town of Tompkins, Deleware Co., State of New York, lived there and was married there and Crawford and myself were both born in the same place he on the 13th of July, 1827, I on the 19th of Dec., 1828.

Mother was born on the 16th of Oct., 1804, married to John Woodbeck some time in 1826. As for the rest it may as well be forgotten. Your father was born on the 28th of March, 1817 in Ontario Co., State of New York. Married on the 14th of August 1850 & have lived happy ever since. I believe I better not try to give you a list of the brothers & sisters now as we can get it more correct if we wait till we get back from Pine Lake.

Feb. 22nd

Well we have been to Pine Lake and are home again. Found them all well except your Aunt. She has not recovered from her sickness altogether but is so as to be around. I was shocked to find that she was injured so last summer when thrown from her buggy that she will be crippled in one arm for life. She had her wrist broken and some of the joints are out of place and her elbow was out of joint and is not right.

Mattie has to do the most of the work which comes pretty hard on her as she is only thirteen.

Father Owen was born Sept. 29th, 1787 in Chemung Co., State of N. Y. removed to Canada when a boy, where he lived 'till about nineteen when he returned to the State of N. Y. Was married there Ontario Co., to Anna Winter, July 5th 1807. She was born Aug., 11th, 1786. Died Feb. 28th 1860 in Allegan Co., Mich. He died Dec. 12th, 1877.

Mary Owen, born Dec. 10th, 1822. M. Bulins M. Marsh March 22nd, 1843. Died Dec. 16th 1847.

Caroline Owen, B. Nov. 4th 1826. M. John Brease, Sept. 20th, 1848, who died Oct., 1878.

Grandpa Died Dec. 12th 1878.

Written by Mary Owen

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