Obituary.

Mrs. Mary Ann Ryman, wife of Isaac S. Ryman, who died at her home in Lakeville, Mich., on the 6th of Dec., 1884, after a short illness, was born in Hampshire, Eng., Nov. 14, 1814. She was one of a family consisting of twelve children by the name of Windiate. The father and mother with their numerous family emigrated to America about fifty years ago and located a farm near Pontiac, where the subject of this sketch was married to Isaac S. Ryman in 1838. The young couple moved to Oxford in 1845, and from there to Lakeville in 1847 where Mr. Ryman worked at his trade for many years, but owing to his failing health they opened a hotel at the latter place which they kept for some twelve years. Mr. Ryman was then appointed postmaster at Lakeville, which office he has held up to the present time. However, owing to her husband's feeble health, Mrs. Ryman has for many years taken most of the responsible duties of the office upon herself, besides keeping boarders and doing her own housework. Yet she never was too busy to neglect visiting the sick and afflicted and doing all in her power for their comfort. She has been a member of the Episcopal church of Pontiac for over 45 years. She was the mother of three sons and one daughter—all married. Her daughter, Mrs. Charolate Wallace, died several years ago at Oxford, and her youngest son, John, died at the same place about a year ago, leaving two sons, Harrison and Richard, and her aged husband to mourn the loss of a fond mother and faithful wife. Nine of her brothers and sisters still survive her; and, strange to say, her mother, Mrs. Charolate Windiate, is still living on the old homestead, three miles north of Pontiac, and although in her ninety-fifth year still enjoys full possession of her faculties, and continues superintend her business with remarkable ability for one of her age.

In the death of Mrs. Ryman, Lakeville has suffered the loss of one who will long be remembered, and the family and friends have the sympathy of the entire community.