

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Oakland county yields up another of her earliest and oldest pioneers.

Champlin Greene of Farmington, died Monday 3 p. m., May 26th, 1884, after a brief but painful illness of less than thirty hours, presumably of heart disease.

Services held at his late residence Wednesday at 2 p. m., attended by a large concourse of relatives and friends, who accompanied his remains to its final rest in the cemetery at Farmington, Rev. Mr. Souls officiating.

The following brief review may catch the eye of a meagre remnant of the last half century.

The deceased was the third in a family of twelve, eight sons and four daughters, of James and Hopsy Greene, most of whom migrated together with their parents from Richmond, Ontario county, Western N. Y., to Oakland county, then a considerable portion of Michigan Territory as early and before 1825, deceased leading the way in 1820.

Having purchased a tract of land of the Government, out of which soon after he constructed a home, in 1822, he returned to N. Y., married the girl of his choice, of his native town, Fanny Hazen. In order to combine business with pleasure, they were united in making their wedding tour through Canada to their future home, which they succeeded in doing in about three weeks, in a palace coach, on runners, drawn by well selected young oxen, trained for the journey. Many and interesting were the incidents of that honeymoon excursion, as he called it, while initiating the Canadians into the mysteries and wedding tours of American civilization, as told by a jolly and almost matchless joker.

For the next ten years, their home was an oasis to the traveler, land looker, or emigrant, be it white or red man, without price or reward; no one could go out cold or hungry.

Deceased was eighty-seven years old, and leaves a respected wife and widow, with whom he has lived in cordial relations more than sixty years, she being now over eighty, surrounded by a loving family of seven children, the oldest now at Grand Rapids, a son of sixty, the youngest a son over thirty, remaining at the home-stead with his mother.

Under the parental roof could be called home four generations, and never was the "Chief" happier, or more in his element, than in entertaining and counseling the "tribes" of successive generations, as quaintly but kindly spoken of them.

The deceased was the oldest of the five remaining brothers of the twelve original pio-

The U. S. supreme court has decided that the New York Life Ins. Co, must pay the \$10,000 insurance on the life of J. H. Baugs, who died suddenly in Pontiac in 1875, shortly after taking out the policies. The company failed to prove that Mr. B. committed suicide and it would have made no difference if Baugs had taken his own life, because the company expressly contracted to cover the suicide risk. *June 11 1884*

Last week we unintentionally omitted to notice the death of George, 16 year old son of our fellow townsman Henry Cully. He died May 31, of diphtheria, and the funeral was held Sunday afternoon. George was a model young man in every respect, and the family have the sympathy of all. *June 11 1884*

Adolphus Blomenan was crushed at Lansing in a running race last Wednesday, and died the next day. "Dolph," as he was called, was well known in this city. *June 11 1884*

Nellie, daughter of Ed. Stephens, the down-town meat market man, died Monday night of scarlet fever, aged six years, and funeral services were held at the house yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. The loss of little Nellie makes the third child that has been taken away from Mr. and Mrs. Stevens by the hand of death in a few short months, and in their sad bereavement they certainly have the heart-felt sympathy of every parent in the community. *June 11 1884*