

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

### MILFORD.

Correspondence of the Bill Poster. *June 27 1883*  
 Died, Saturday June 24, 1883, of inflammation and elephantiasis, the wife of Mr. Henry Thornhill.

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 George Wilson, of this city, died at his home in the fourth ward Monday afternoon, aged 74 years, after quite a long illness. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. had lived in Pontiac and Oakland county upwards of fifty years, and was widely known.

Chas. Fullgraff, a German, sged 75 years, was found Sunday noon with his throat cut, and also five cuts on his left arm, inflicted by a razor in his own hands. He was working for George Niles on his farm in Troy, and was found in Niles' barn. He says he was too old to live longer and wanted to die. He still lives and was removed to the County House Monday morning.

*July 4 1883*  
 Chas. Fullgraf, the German who cut his throat in Troy last Sunday, died at the county house Wednesday morning.

Our fellow townsman, Ed. Stevens lost his little son, Raymond, of scarlet fever, on Sunday last, aged three years. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Funeral services were held at the house Monday, Rev. S. Stevens officiating. *July 4 1883*

Fred, son of Mr. Allen, the wagon maker, died at Detroit Friday last, of measles. Funeral services were held Monday, in Pontiac. *July 4 1883*

The B. P. had gone to press last week before we learned of the death of Jedediah Durkee, at his home on Andrew street on the evening of July 2. Funeral services were held at the house last Wednesday, services by Revs. Gelston and Jacobs. For some time past Mr.

*July 11 1883*  
 MORE INFORMATION ABOUT J. Durkee on July 18 1883

### *July 11* Obituary. 1883

Died, at the residence of his son-in-law, (O. F. Delano,) in North Oxford, June 27, 1883, Grandy Earl, aged 90 years, one month and sixteen days.

Grandy Earl was born in Eastown, Saratoga county, New York, May 11th, 1798. He was married to Polly White, of Broad Albany, Montgomery county, New York, February 9th 1815. A few years after he moved to Wales, Erie county, in western New York. He came to Michigan in the summer of 1838, spent the first winter in Southfield, this county. The following spring he moved to Oxford, settled on a farm, residing in the township or village of Oxford until his death. His first wife died in 1851. In 1854 he formed a second marital relation with Debrah Powell, of Peekskill, New York, with whom he lived about twenty-one years, she dying in 1875. Since her death he has lived with his children. He was the father of nine children, all by his first wife, four surviving; one son, Dr. C. Earl, of Pontiac, and three daughters, the latter all residing in the neighborhood of Oxford. His peaceful, unobtrusive life was the best evidence of his character. In the business transactions of life his aim was to do as he would like to be done by. He prized the friendships and social relations of life and tried so to live as to merit the approval of all with whom he mingled. By prudent and abstemious habits he enjoyed the best of health, until about a year ago, when palsy, incident to old age, prostrated him, and was the remote cause of his death. Measured by years of life, he is said to be the oldest pioneer that has died in Oxford.