

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Death of Dr. Ray Greene.

Dr. Ray Greene died at the Mich. Eastern Asylum Feb 6, and his remains were taken to the family burying ground in Farmington for inetrment.

Deceased was born in Schoharrie, removed to Richmond, Ontario Co., N. Y., with his parents in 1810.

About 1830 he married Amanda, daughter of Elias S. Gilbert, Esq., better known at that early day as Captain Gilbert. She was a woman of fine address, for those times accomplished in music, and in these modern times would have been called a belle, or at least a leader in the social circle.

Soon after they located in Genesee county, since Wyoming, thereafter entering upon his profession as physician and surgeon, remaining in successful practice for nearly a quarter of a century.

In his anxiety to save and restore others, quickened by pride and ambition, exposed to the hardships of his profession in a rigorous climate, he fell a prey to the combination, culminating in protracted fever, congestion of the lungs, and heart difficulties, from which he never recovered. A good constitution wrecked, mental faculties disturbed, confused and unbalanced was the forfeiture; though at times imperceptible to the superficial observer, and for a quarter of a century most sadly has he and his friends suffered the penalty.

To the present generation his life may seem a myth, enveloped in a cloud of mysterious darkness, but to those who survive of the past generation

who knew him, he will be remembered as a young man of promise, temperate, social, progressive—widely known and actively engaged in religious and political circles; possessing no mean abilities, professional or otherwise, as the public records of the first part of the last half century will bear witness. In politics a democrat until the outbreaking of the rebellion, when he changed as he said, for a united effort to save the union.

Deceased was in his 79th year, having three brothers, three sisters-in-law, and two brothers-in-law who survive him; five of whom are over eighty, the eldest eighty-seven; all pioneers, having migrated to this, then Michigan Territory, as early or previous to 1825.

To the superintendent and others of the medical staff for their watchful care, lenient treatment and patient endurance, and all others, be it watchman, nurse or attendant, who have in any way contributed to the amelioration of his late blighted, weary, hopeless years we acknowledge our gratitude, and return you our heart-felt thanks. To the Rev. Mr. Souls, who officiated, and so aptly and judiciously met the occasion; the choir, who were so happy in their selections and equally artistic, tender and spiritual in the rendering; the veteran pall bearers with silvery locks, and visage grim from honest toil, that bears the marks of many a wintery scene, yet firm in tread, that no storm could baffle or turn aside when duty calls; and to all others who in any way contributed or made the effort to lighten the burden on this occasion, be pleased to accept our appreciation, our kind solicitude and our faithful remembrance.

FRIENDS OF THE FAMILY.