

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

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Died, in the village of Commerce, on Sunday, the 4th inst., after a lingering and painful illness, Charles Mascord, in the 77th year of his age. The subject of this notice, with his half-brother, the late John Wilkins, moved into the township of Commerce in the year 1834, from Medina, Orleans Co., N. Y., having emigrated from England to that place, and took up from the Government what has since been known as the Wilkins and Mascord farm, consisting of 820 acres on section 21.

By the untiring industry with which they manipulated their farm, it was soon cleared up, and with the bountiful crops which their land generally produced, connected with perseverance and economy, they amassed what at that time might well be called a competency. On this farm they lived about twenty years, when they sold out and moved into the village of Commerce. Mr. Wilkins died in January, 1861, and his death was followed by that of Mrs. Wilkins, in December, 1873. Since the latter date, Mr. Mascord has made his home with the family of T. A. Smith, by whom he was always regarded with great favor, and by whose kindness, as well as by that of his neighbors and friends, he received in his last illness every care and attention which his sufferings demanded, and which it was possible for them to bestow.

Mr. Mascord was a most amiable citizen, possessing in a remarkable degree all those excellent qualities which exist only in a truly good man. At his fireside as well as in the social and business circles of the place, he was regarded as an especial favorite, being genial, kind, obliging and friendly in his intercourse with all. By his modesty, which was a most

striking feature of his character, he declined various official positions which he was often urged by his friends to accept, he regarding with greater favor those substantial honors which grow out of strict integrity and fair dealing in the walks of private life. He was always an unswerving Democrat. If Mr. Mascord, or "Uncle Charley" as he was more familiarly called, had faults, they were so completely overshadowed by the more sterling qualities of his head and heart, as not readily to be perceived. His naturally strong

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