

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

*July 11, 1883*  
 Thomas Flinn, one of the pioneers of this place, was taken with paralysis on Thursday last and died Friday morning. He was buried with Masonic honors from the M. E. church on Sunday last, and his remains were interred in the cemetery at Troy.

### Obituary. *July 10, 1883*

Died, on Tuesday, July 10, 1883, at his late residence in Flint, David Hammond, in his 87th year.

Mr. Hammond was one of our very oldest pioneers. He was born December 22d, 1796, in Bloom county, town of Owego, State of New York; moved in a short time to Scipio, now town of Venice, Cayuga county, where he spent his boyhood days. He came to Michigan and purchased land in the town and county of Oakland in June, 1825, and returned in July; was married to Miss Eleanor Voorheis, of Genesee county, New York, Dec. 1826, and moved to Michigan Sept. 1827, where he resided on the land he purchased until 1866; having a family of seven children born to them, of which five, three sons and two daughters are still living. In 1863 Mrs. Hammond died, and in 1866 he removed to Flint, having previously married Miss Rachel Brotherton, of Oakland county, who survives him. Here he resided until his death. Loved and honored by all who knew him, a light in the church and a lifelong worker in the Master's vineyard; one by one the lights go out, and time rows our loved ones across the river, adding one to their friends over there; while those in life have lost a dear and affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent father, and the church an earnest and devoted christian; but the messenger came not unexpectedly, for the candle had burned slowly down toward the socket. Our tears fall thick and fast over the new made grave, as we look back upon the memory of his kindly teachings and fatherly advice, while we bow our heads in meek submission to the inevitable law of the Great Reaper. But the embers of his memory can ever be fanned into a bright flame by those who loved and associated with him, while we tarry yet a little while.

J. D. H.

Gazette: "Jedediah Durkee was born in Williamstown, Orange county, Vermont, Oct. 25th, 1800. His father moved to Central New York, town of Pembroke, in 1815, where they resided until 1830. Mr. Durkee was married to Rheuana Farnam in 1825; the family came to Michigan in 1830; immediately on their arrival Mr. Durkee located a farm in West Bloomfield, built a log house; commenced the improvement of a farm and the making of a home, all which he accomplished with his own hands. On this farm he lived continuously until 1866, when he retired from active labor, taking up a residence in Pontiac." *July 18, 1883*

*July 16, 1883*  
 John Davis died Sunday morning at his home on Mt. Clemens street, in the 95th year of his age, and the funeral services were held yesterday at the Catholic church. Deceased came to Pontiac from England 45 years ago, and has lived here ever since. For nearly a quarter of a century he was sexton of Oak Hill cemetery, and he will be long remembered for his excellent qualities of mind and heart.

*July 16, 1883*  
 Miss Mary Young, of White Lake, died last Wednesday, of measles, aged about 18. Funeral services were held at the house Thursday, and remains interred in Waterford cemetery.