

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

*MAY 13 1865*  
 Mrs. Elmira Brainard, so well and favorably known by Michigan soldiers, died at her home in this city Saturday morning at seven o'clock, in the 71st year of her age. Funeral services were held Sunday and many a veteran attended. Deceased was a widow at the time of her death and the mother of Charles Oltz, of Swift's hotel, Orion. She went with the Seventh Michigan infantry as hospital nurse in 1861. In 1862 she went to Washington and took charge of the Michigan Soldiers Relief Ass'n, visiting all the hospitals about Washington and also the principal battle fields carrying supplies, etc. She looked after the wants of Michigan soldiers particularly, and never drew but one month's pay from the government. This money she loaned to a soldier to go home on a furlough, and never saw the cash nor man afterwards. In 1866 Mrs. B. came to Pontiac, where she continued to reside up to the time of her death. She was a noble woman, and her gratuitous services on field and in hospital will ever be held in grateful remembrance by Michigan survivors of the terrible war.

Mrs. H. Greer, of West Bloomfield, died last Wednesday and funeral services were held Friday at the Franklin church. No further particulars. *MAY 20 1865*

*MAY 27 1865*  
 Ashur Roberts, of this city, died at his home on Perry street last Thursday morning, of asthma and consumption, aged 59 years. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, sermon by Rev. J. M. Gelston.

Detroit Journal: "Mrs. Freedman, of Royal Oak, was a widow, her husband having died several years ago. Recently Mrs. Freedman gave birth to a child. She secreted the child, and died without telling its whereabouts. Later the body of the infant was found in an earthen jar." *MAY 27 1865*

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 Gazette: "Joseph Shirter, an old pioneer of Brandon, was buried in that township, on Wednesday, aged about 70 years. He settled in Brandon 50 years ago on the same farm he occupied at the time of his death. During all those years he had never been fifty miles from home, nor had he ever ridden upon a railroad. Deceased was a kind hearted and good citizen, much respected by all who knew him."

John M. Culver, a former well known resident of Pontiac, died at the residence of J. W. Rainey, San Jose, California, Saturday evening, May 28, of consumption, aged 27 years. Mr. Culver's mother and sister reached his bedside four days before he died. During his last sickness and in fact all through his stay at San Jose, deceased was most kindly cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Rainey. *JUNE 3 1865*

Israel Smith, of Waterford, died quite suddenly yesterday morning of heart disease, aged 70 years, and funeral services will be held from the house this afternoon at one o'clock. Deceased was an old pioneer, well and favorably known. *JUNE 3 1865*