

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

LAW, 8 Col. John R. Frank. 1888

Gazette: "Died, at his residence in Avon township, Oakland county, Col John Frank, aged 88 years 11 months and 12 days. The funeral services were held at his residence, Monday, January 2, the Rev. S. R. Robbins, of Bay City, officiating, and the remains interred in the Rochester cemetery.

Col. Frank was born in Middleberry, Vt., January 18, 1799. His father dying when he was four years of age he went to live in the family of a Mr. Keeler in Middleberry, where he remained until he attained his majority. In the spring of 1821, he with a companion named Lathrop Bump, started on a trip to New Orleans, going by the way of Pittsburg down the Ohio to Cincinnati, where they met a party returning from New Orleans who reported yellow fever at that place. Changing their course they went to Columbus, Ohio, expecting to engage in surveying. Not succeeding in getting employment there, they visited Buffalo, Black Rock, Niagara and Rochester, N. Y., and returned to Vermont when Col. Frank went on a farm of Judge Chipman's where he remained a year and a-half. In the fall of 1822 he went to Boston where he was employed in a distillery until the spring of 1823, when he returned to Vermont and started for Michigan, bringing with him letters of introduction from Judge Chipman. He stopped with Dr. Cyrus Chipman who had two years previously settled on the S. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 26. In a short time he bought of the government the east  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S. E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 26, and commenced to clear and fence his land, that summer built on it a small log house; boarding at the time in the family of Dr. Chipman, giving two days work per week for board. In the following December, 1823, he married Miss Arabella Chipman, daughter of Dr. Chipman. He moved with his young wife into his little cabin and commenced house-keeping. For the next three years he alternated between working on his land and jobbing on the old territorial road between Detroit and Ypsilanti, and

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