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Col. JOHN R. FRANK
JAN 18, 1888

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

surveying in the western part of the State in company with Lucius Lyon.

He was commissioned a lieutenant in the territorial militia, Sept. 13, 1831, by Governor Stevens, T. Mason, and was promoted to major October 3, 1836, and to colonel Dec. 13, 1837.

He continued to improve his farm rapidly; enduring all the hardships of pioneer life with the true courage of the Yankee. In September, 1846, his wife died, leaving to his care seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are living. In March, 1849, he married Miss Adaline Ketell, of Troy, and in November of that year moved on to the Dr. Adams farm in Troy, which he bought and afterwards sold to his son, J. C. Frank.

In 1851 he moved back to his farm in Avon, where he continued to reside until his death; having lived on it sixty-five years, excepting the two years that he lived in Troy. In Dec. 1886, his second wife died, leaving him a widower a second time. Col. Frank received the title to his land from President Jackson, and it has never changed hands nor been encumbered. In politics Col. Frank was an old-line Whig up to the foundation of the Republican party, which he joined and continued a staunch Republican up to the time of his death. He was a Universalist in his religious belief and a member of the Universalist society at Rochester.