

Death of James Carhart.

James Carhart, one of the oldest residents of Pontiac, died at his home on east Pike street, Tuesday afternoon about 2 p. m. He had been in feeble health for some six years, and had been confined to the house for three years. He had been breaking down in health for many years, with a complication of rheumatism and pleurisy, with final paralysis the immediate cause of his death.

The deceased would have been 75 years old the 28th of next January. Mr. Carhart was born at wooster, Otsego county, New York, January 28, 1813. He came to Michigan with his father in 1829, when they located 80 acres of land and purchased 50 acres of Mr. Baker in West Blomfield. After remaining here a short time they returned to New York. In about one year they came back to Michigan and began the clearing of a new farm. He lived in West Bloomfield until 1846, when he came to Pontiac, where he has lived continuously since. For some years he was a prominent business man in the then village. In 1857 he built what is now the Dunlap house and the store occupied by C. J. Payne. He was for eight years justice of the peace, when the village was a part of the then township of Pontiac. He was foreman of the old-hand fire engine company, and at one time chief engineer of the department. Physically and mentally he was an active combination, pushing with energy, public and private enterprises.

He was a great reader, and a close student in given lines. He was a studious reader of the then Fowler literature, and in the last years of his life was a voracious reader of any production that treated of science in its varied departments. The Scientific American and other periodicals of this kind, he was passionately fond, reading them with the avidity a hungry man would take his food. He possessed a tenacious memory and when issues would arise on his chosen subjects, he was an encyclopædia. The fruit of his life is manifest in as good a family as has been brought up in Pontiac, consisting of five living children, three sons and two daughters. He leaves one sister, Mrs. Robert Brown, the only surviving member of his father's family. DEC 24 1887

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