

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

Uncle David Smith, of Silver Lake, died Monday morning at Conners' Creek, near Detroit, and funeral services will be held Thursday noon at the M. E. church. Feb 17 1886

Died, Thursday evening, Feb. 11th, Mrs. Freeman Waugh, aged 48. The funeral was largely attended Sunday last at her late residence. Feb 17 1886

FRANKLIN.

Mr. Daniel Donovan, of Ann Arbor brother of John Donovan of this place, died at his home last week and his mother is also in a very critical condition. Feb 17 1886

Mrs. Freeman A. Waugh of Bloomfield, died last Thursday evening, at six o'clock, of pneumonia, after a weeks illness, in the 51st year of her age. Funeral services were held at the house Sunday afternoon, and the remains were brought to Pontiac for interment. Deceased was a pioneer, and leaves a husband, two sons and numerous friends to mourn her departure. Feb 17 1886

DRAYTON PLAINS.

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Correspondence of The Bill Poster.

Several cases of that horrible disease diphtheria are reported in this locality, and I am sorry to report the death of Fred Seeley's youngest child, a girl of about 5 years. Mrs. Carpenter, wife of our efficient supervisor I understand is sick with it, but not dangerously so. At last accounts all patients were doing well. Quite a number have been exposed, but strong efforts are being made to drive the disease away.

Uncle Dave Smith.

We noticed in our last issue the demise of Uncle David Smith as he was familiarly known to many in this vicinity, and to none better than to THE BILL POSTER force.

Until the last year or so Uncle Dave was a well known figure around Pontiac, and no one judging from all outward signs would have imagined that he bore the weight of 80 years, yet such was the case. Mr. Smith was born in Pennsylvania in May of 1805. In 1834 he moved to Michigan and located on the banks of Silver Lake on government land, experiencing all the ials and privations incident to the arly day. For a year he lived in a log cabin with blankets covering door and windows, and the wolves howling for an evening hymn.

After building a more comfortable house and clearing a farm, Mr. Smith took to himself a wife, and raised a large family of which six children survive him. After a long and happy life together his consort passed away, and several years thereafter Uncle Dave again entered the bonds of matrimony. His second wife lived as Mrs. Smith some six years, when she died.

Uncle Dave thought he was too well along in years to try any further matrimonial ventures, and during the balance of his life stayed single and played euchre.

Uncle Dave was an uncompromising Democrat, a man who always looked at the bright side of life, ready to give or take a joke and died peacefully long past the allotted time of man. Feb 24 1886
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