

## PONTIAC BILL POST

Jack Simpson, who so mysteriously disappeared from Four Towns last week, died at St. Johns Sunday. The funeral will be held to-day, but our reporter was unable to learn full particulars. *Nov 17, 1885*

Alexander Downey died at his home in Groveland, this county, Tuesday, aged 83 years. Mr. Downey was a freemason of sixty years' standing, having taking 32 degrees in Ireland, before emigrating to America. *Nov 18, 1885*

Matthew Morehouse, of Holly, died Nov. 9, and funeral services were held at the M. E. church last Thursday. Mr. M. was born in Orleans county, New York, in 1812 and he came to Michigan and Oakland county in 1833. Deceased was well and favorably known. *Nov 18, 1885*

Wm. Bird, son of John A. Bird, of Waterford, and brother of Seymons Bird, with C. J. Fox, Jr. died suddenly in White Lake Monday morning while husking corn. Deceased was about 20 years old and probably died of heart disease. *Nov 18, 1885*

### TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Wm. Sandbrook and Wife Killed  
by the Cars. *Nov 18, 1885*

Their Team Also Slaughtered.

Particulars of the Sad Affair.

Yesterday about noon Wm. Sandbrook and wife, an aged Bloomfield couple, were on their way to Pontiac and had reached the A. H. Hadsell crossing when the rig was struck by the passenger train going south. The unfortunate old folks were instantly killed, and the heads of both horses cut off. The train was stopped as soon as possible and backed up to the crossing. Several rods below, in a ditch filled with water, the bruised and mangled remains of Mr. and Mrs. Sandbrook were found, placed on the train and carried to Birmingham, where an inquest is being held as we go to press. The passenger train was over half an hour behind time, and running very rapidly, and we have no doubt but what the engineer gave warning of the train's approach. This crossing, however, is in a deep cut, and coming this way the cars cannot be seen till you get right on the crossing. This, coupled with the fact that

Mr. S. was very deaf, that the lumber wagon they were riding in made more or less noise, accounts for the terrible accident. About a year ago, at the same crossing, Mr. Sandbrook, was run into by the cars and his wagon knocked into kindlog-wood.

William Sandbrook had been a resident of Bloomfield for nearly half a century, and he had probably hauled more wood and stone to Pontiac than any other man who ever lived in the county. He was an honest, straightforward man, a sterling democrat and good citizen, while a more kind and pleasant woman than Mrs. Sandbrook never lived. He was about eighty years old and his wife perhaps five years younger. Strange as it may seem this was the third time he had been run into by the cars.

The unfortunate old couple leave three daughters, Mrs. John Buckell, of this city, Mrs. Wheat Howard, of Flint, and Mrs. Thos. Green, of Bloomfield. Mrs. D. O. Thompson, another daughter, died about two years ago.

We are unable to state at this writing when the funeral services of Mr. and Mrs. Sandbrook will be held.