

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

*O. J. 19* Sr., of Waterford. 1887

A two fold sorrow has fallen to the lot of the children of Samuel Howlett, Sr. The shaft of death that sooner or later strikes all, has fallen with double its usual depression on the Howlett home. Last Tuesday afternoon the aged father, after a brief illness, died of a congestive chill. Scarcely had the father been clothed in the habiliments of death, when the dread angel on the following morning gathered home the loved and devoted mother, who, for many days, had been lingering on the border land. The solemn melody, "One by One," would not in song fill the measure of sorrow when a two fold cherished tie had been broken, and a paternal and maternal separation had fallen to the lot of the living. Human song and sympathy are inadequate to fill the unusual void of grief and sorrow.

Samuel Howlett was born at Bundy, Suffolk, England, September 14, 1807. He came to America in 1830, stepping two years in the State of New York, coming to Michigan and to Pontiac in 1832. He spent some time in looking over the state, finally settling for a time at Ann Arbor. While living at the latter place, he with John Richardson, of Bloomfield, and the late Calvin Rose, carried the mail from the then village of Ann Arbor to St. Joseph, at the mouth of St. Joseph River, on Lake Michigan. He often said he drew the first load of brick for the first court house at the now college city. When the Toledo war broke out he volunteered, remaining with the skirmishers until the conflict ended. In 1836 he was married to Elizabeth Smith. About 1840 they moved to Detroit, when he embarked in the market and stock buying business, occupying one of the four stalls in the then Detroit market building. In 1864 the family moved to Avon, this county, on the Hiram Harris farm, which he had purchased. In about three years he bought the Elijah Hamlin farm, working both successfully. In 1874 he sold both farms and purchased the farm upon which he died.

He was a man of marked characteristics, strong in his convictions and at times demonstrative in their enforcement. His education was very limited, but he was studious and thoughtful and on special subjects possessed a large fund of knowledge. He was a free listener to the wants of others, but rigidly careful that his givings were not wasted on the unworthy. He was a devoted husband and a generous, kind-hearted father. He will be missed in the community and mourned by those who knew him best.

Elizabeth Smith Howlett was born in Kent, England, December 2, 1819. She came to Canada in 1834. Her father died when in her teens, leaving a widowed mother and five children. For a short time she worked for Major Elliott who was in command of the western border of Canada. In about a year after her father's death the family moved to Ann Arbor, with the sequel of her marriage to Mr. Howlett. Her life was cotemporaneous with her husband and she possessed all the traits of a noble, devoted and kind-hearted mother, to a large family of 13 children, eight of whom survive to mourn the loss by a two fold separation from a generous, sacrificing father and a true, loving mother.

The homestead is left free from debt. The four daughters who watched and cared for them, are specially remembered in a will for their kindness and devotion in the declining years and sickness of their parents.

The double funeral was held from the residence last Friday morning at ten o'clock, Rector L. S. Stevens, of Zion church, officiating, and the remains were buried in one grave on the family lot in Oak Hill.

United in life and not separated at death.

Mr. H. W. Botsford, of this city, died Sunday morning, aged seventy-five years, and funeral services will be held at the M. E. church to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon, at one o'clock. For eight years past the deceased had been an uncomplaining invalid, and unable to leave his bed most of the time. During his long illness he has been properly cared for by his brothers of Pontiac Lodge No. 3, I. O. O. F. and also No. 21 F. and A. M. Detroit, Geneva, N. Y. and Onondaga county N. Y. papers please conv. *O. J. 19/887*

Fred. B. only son of Charles B. and Cornelia M. Standish, died at Detroit Oct. 10, aged 24 years and the remains were brought to Pontiac for burial. C. B. Standish was formerly a Pontiac business man and the senior partner in the dry goods firm of Standish & Dowd. *O. J. 19/887*