

PONTIAC BILL POST

It becomes our duty this week to note the death of another of our old settlers Charles Haines Sr., died quite suddenly at his home just west of this village last Thursday while eating his Thanksgiving dinner. He was 74 years of age. Few men were better known in this vicinity than he. Coming from England at an early age he was one of the pioneers of this county. He was licensed as an exhorter by the M. E. church, and has traveled on foot over the most of the western part of this county and even as far north as Lapeer and Tuscola counties preaching in churches and school houses and in dwellings carrying the gospel literally "without money and without price." He has been in poor health since last spring, but has been tenderly cared for by an affectionate family. An aged widow survives him. Funeral from the M. E. church last Sunday morning, and a large crowd of friends and neighbors followed him to his last resting place. Dec 2, 1885

Mrs. Augustus Ballard, of this city, died Monday, of consumption, aged about 35 years. Funeral services from her late residence this (Wednesday) afternoon at two o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. M. Gelston. Dec 9, 1885

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Frank Williamson, of Bloomfield died last Thursday at the residence of his parents, of consumption, aged 27 years. Funeral services were held at the house Saturday, sermon by Rev. J. M. Gelston, and the remains were brought to Pontiac for interment.

Mrs. Geo. Lindsay, colored, died last Wednesday at her home in the third ward. Funeral Friday. Dec 16, 1885

John Crawford, Milford's postmaster for many years, has been removed by the silent reaper. Deceased was born in Ireland July 8, 1807, and he had resided in Milford since 1839. Dec 16, 1885

Jack Woodford, of Four Towns, died Sunday of a supposed congestive chill, aged about 54 years. There is talk of a post mortem. Woodford was a half-witted fellow and a few years since married another man's wife. Learning the fact he left her and after she had procured a divorce from husband No. 1, Jack married her again. Deceased owned a small farm near Four Towns. Dec 23, 1885

Obituary.

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the universe to remove from our midst our esteemed brother, Alexander Downey, who departed this life at his residence in Groveland, on the 9th day of November, A. D. 1885, in the 83d year of his age, and

Whereas, he was a member of the fraternity for sixty years and a member of Austin Lodge of F. A. M. since its organization, therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of brother Alexander Downey the Lodge has lost a true and worthy brother; the community a highly esteemed citizen; and the friends and relative a kind father, and be it

Resolved, That as members of this Lodge we offer our warmest sympathy to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother

Resolved, That the Lodge be draped in mourning for the space of 30 days; also, that a memorial page be set apart in the record of the Lodge.

Dec 23, 1885
JAMES L. BLAE,
D. B. HORTON,
JAS. H. DAVIS,
Committee.