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Mr. A. L. Williams, a brother of Mrs. M. A. Hodges, of Pontiac, died recently at Owosso, aged 77 years, and funeral services were held Jan. 8. The Gazette gives the following particulars: "The deceased was one of the large family of Oliver Williams, who settled in Detroit in 1805. He was a member of the American Fur Company, and was captured by the British at Ft. Mackinac in the war of 1812. At the close of the war he removed his family from Concord, Mass., to Detroit, in 1815, residing there until 1819, when he removed to Silver Lake, Oakland county, locating what now comprises the farms of Asa and Harvey Seeley, in Waterford. He was the father of a large family, Ephriam S., who lives in Flint, at the age of 84 years, being the oldest; Gardner, who was the first mayor of Saginaw City, who died there in 1858; James M., who resides in Santa Rosa, California, the youngest of the family, and B. O., who lives in Owosso, who with the deceased, founded that city in 1822. The only sister being Mrs. Mary A., the widow of Schuyler Hodges, an early pioneer of this village and city. A. L. was the first white settler in Shiawassee county. He and his brother, B. O., have been associated in business in Owosso since 1822, where, with the exception of several years spent in travel, the deceased lived until his death."

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