

PONTIAC BILL POSTER

DEATH OF MRS. W. H. ELLIOTT

1841 ————— 1889

Lois, eldest daughter of Simon L. and Abigail McQuigg, was born at Spencer, N. Y., Jan. 2, 1824, and died in this city, April 15th, 1889, aged 65 years and 3 months. She with her parents, came to Michigan in the fall of 1833, and located on a small farm in the township of Springfield, this county. The family, but two of whom are now living, Mrs. Peak, of Springfield, this county, and Mrs. Catherine Thomas, of Flint, consisted of five children, three girls and two boys. She being the oldest and naturally of an intellectual turn of mind, and also wishing in some way to lighten the burdens of pioneer life in the parental home, applied herself to study and by the aid of a term or two at Aibion College, fitted herself for teaching, which vocation she followed for some years. In this way she not only supported herself, but materially assisted her parents in paying for their little home.

On January 8, 1851, she was married to her now bereaved husband, who together settled on a new farm in Springfield, this county, willing to brave the trials and hardships of pioneer life, and so began house keeping in the log cabin and cooking over the old fashioned fire place; but industry and economy generally have their reward, and in the fall of 1875 they left their now beautiful home and fine farm, moving to this city, where they have since resided. She was the mother of five children, three boys and two girls, one dying 11 years ago. The others are George S., of Troy; D. H., of this city; Dr. J. L., of Bay City and Luella M., who so tenderly and devotedly ministered to her afflicted mother, and who still resides at home.

Mrs. Elliott experienced religion when 16 years old, and remained a faithful member until her death, giving nearly 50 years loyal service to her Savior and Redeemer. Her manner of life was modest and retiring, never demonstrative or excitable, but always doing something for herself or others. Her home ever open to the weary itinerant, also to the needy and homeless, and no one was ever turned away from her door hungry. Her health began to fail some seven years ago, gradually going down, until two years ago last January, when she became entirely helpless, in which condition she remained until the Lord said, "It is enough; come up higher." Her funeral was largely attended on Saturday, the 20th, from the family home, the services being conducted by Rev. C. T. Allen, her pastor, assisted by Rev. W. R. Seaver, of the Congregational church. The floral offerings by loving neighbors and friends were many and rare, among which was a beautiful bouquet bearing the inscription, "W. O. T. Floral Mission," with the touching quotation, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

The deceased was widely known in this county and revered for her many virtues. Her memory will prove an inspiration to the loved ones that follow after, contending for the "work of the prize of her high calling in Christ Jesus."