

## PONTIAC BILL POSTER

Nov 21 1886 **Obituary.**

Died, at Royal Oak Nov. 1st, Amanda, wife of Amos W. Decker, in the 64th year of her age. She was born at Thomas Co., N. Y., and emigrated to Michigan in 1834. A large concourse of friends met at her residence Sunday afternoon and paid to her their last tribute of respect, and her remains were placed in the Royal Oak cemetery. It is with deep regret that we have heard of the death of this good woman and we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved husband who so sincerely mourns her loss. We believe her virtuous and upright life will insure her happiness in the hereafter.

A special from Howell, dated Nov. 28th, gives the following particulars of a sad accident: "Embree Ferguson left his home in Pontiac late last night on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railroad for a visit with his daughter, Mrs. A. T. Arnold, of Hart. In some manner he fell off the train early this morning while it was passing through Lowell and was killed. Deceased was 79 years old. He was born in Rose, Wayne county, N. Y. He had lived on his farm near Pontiac for the past 40 years, and was a highly respected gentleman. He leaves, besides his daughter in Hart, a son and two daughters, Ada Ferguson, of Pontiac, and Lizzie Ferguson, of Toledo. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that Mr. Ferguson accidentally walked or fell off the train while it was moving. Friends came for the body tonight." Funeral services will be held at M. F. church this Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock. *Nov 28 1886*

William Whitfield, of Waterford, died yesterday at ten o'clock. Uncle Billy, as he was familiarly called, came to Oakland county with his wife and one child from Hampshire, England, in 1835, and in May, 1838, he located the fine farm upon which he continued to reside up to the time of his death. The deceased was widely known as a successful farmer and stock raiser, and a more jovial, genial, big hearted man never lived in any community. He leaves a wife, son and two daughters to mourn the departure of a kind husband and father. Funeral services Friday forenoon from the house at eleven o'clock. *Nov 28 1886*