

#### JEREMIAH DIEHL

Jeremiah Diehl was born at Clinton, Ohio, September 20, 1842, and died after a brief illness at his home in Sunfield township, near Vermontville, Michigan, Saturday, March 19, 1910. During the Civil War, Mr. Diehl served three years as a soldier, enlisting August 22, 1862, in the 115th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment that has a splendid record.

He was married to Mary Morgan, at Ackron, Ohio, November 12, 1874. Three years later Mr. and Mrs. Diehl moved to a farm in Chester township, Mich. They resided here two years, then came to Vermontville township, where they lived on their farm nineteen years. Their present home is in Sunfield township.

The deceased was a member of the Vermontville lodge of F. & A. M., the Eastern Star, the Sunfield lodge of I. O. O. F. and the Rebekahs. He was also a member of Edward Dwight Post, G. A. R. A year ago he united with the Vermontville Congregational church, and became an enthusiastic member seldom missing a service, though living five miles away.

Mr. Diehl leaves besides his widow, one brother and four half sisters, all of whom, except one half sister, live in Ohio. He had a host of friends who loved him for his kindness, his mirth, his optimism.

The funeral services were held at the home, under the auspices of the Masonic lodge, Wednesday afternoon. His brother Odd Fellows bore his body to the grave. His pastor, Rev. St. Clare Parsons, officiated. The burial was at the Freemire cemetery.

A. J. Hawes has purchased through Mr. Downing agent the house on North Main street known as the Fav property and owned by N. E. McLaughlin of Charlotte.

The summer season began in good earnest Saturday with millinery openings, ice cream soda fountains started, and the city band giving one of their popular open air concerts.

#### MAR. 30, 1910

Blanche Briggs was taken seriously ill last week and on Wednesday accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Hugh Barrett, and Dr. McEachran, went to Detroit where she underwent an operation for appendicitis from which she is recovering so nicely that her mother returned home Monday.

John Kenworthy has accepted a position at Sault St. Marie. His wife will remain here for the present.

Mrs. Zella Loveland left Saturday for Belding to visit her sister, Mrs. Vera Gregg, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Hawkins and children of Cleveland, came Friday to spend the spring vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Hawkins.

#### MRS. HARRIET P. THOMPSON.

Harriet Parsons Martin, daughter of Wells R. and Emily R. Martin, was born at Vermontville May 4, 1841. In July, 1862, was married to Dr. Almon A. Thompson, both residing here until November, 1869, she with her husband removed to Lansing, and later to Goodrich and Stratford, Ontario. In 1878 located at Flint, Mich., where

Mrs. Thompson resided until 1900, when she returned to this place, where she died March 15, 1910. Dr. Thompson dying in 1892.

Mrs. Thompson possessed many of the characteristics of her New England ancestors; a sturdy, uncompromising independence; self-reliant, helpful, bountifully benevolent, her highest enjoyment and happiness found in an unselfish devotion to and service for others. For over ten years was an accomplished soprano chorus leader and soloist for the Congregational church here. During her long residence at Flint a useful member of St. Paul's Episcopal church and prominently identified with church work, missionary work, and numerous other activities. Was an honored member of the Women's Relief Corps, and for one year its state department president, also a highly respected member of the venerable order of the Daughters of the American Revolution; was also a member and frequent contributor to the programs of Shakespeare literary club that included in its membership many of the brightest, most brilliant and cultured intellects of the city of Flint. Few Flint residents had a wider or more influential circle of friends and acquaintances.

"Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates. \* \* \* She hath done what she could."

Is survived by a brother and sister, Mr. H. J. Martin and Mrs. H. L. Curtis. Brief funeral services conducted by Rev. St. Clare Parsons were held at Vermontville afternoon

of 16th, the remains were taken to Flint and on evening of 18th an impressive funeral service held from the residence of Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Chamberlain, Mrs. Thompson's former honored and beloved rector, Dr. Powers officiating.

#### JAMES FLEMING.

The death of James Fleming, which occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. M. Bale, Saturday afternoon March 12th, came as a shock to the family and his large circle of friends. Although he had been gradually failing for some time, he seemed in his usual health and good spirits until about five o'clock Saturday afternoon, when he was taken with acute indigestion and passed away after an hour's illness.

Mr. Fleming was born in Bamffshire, Scotland, June 14, 1826, and at the time of his demise had attained the ripe old age of 83 years, 8 months and 28 days. At the age of 23 he, with a young man companion, came to America and finally settled at Vermontville where he engaged in boot and shoe business and remained there and identified himself with the business interests of that town for a period of over fifty years.

He was married to Anna Ellice of his native town in 1857, she coming across the ocean alone, meeting him at Detroit, where they were married. Mrs. Fleming died in 1881. One son, Chas. Fleming, of Battle Creek, and one daughter, Mrs. W. M. Bale, of Pennville, with one sister living in Canada are all of the immediate relatives who survive him.

He was a man universally