

Charlie Barrett and family of Battle Creek spent Decoration with friend around Vermontville.

Born to Doctor and Mrs. C. R. Mull of Lansing, May 30, a seven pound daughter, who will answer to the name of Emily Louise.

JOHN C. DOWNING

John Chandler Downing was born at Edenburgh, Saratoga Co., N. Y., January 16th, 1852, and passed from this life June 6th, 1921 from a stroke of apoplexy from which he did not rally, his health having been very poorly for several years. He was one of thirteen children. Six boys and seven girls.

His grandfather, Samuel Downing, was next to the last Revolutionary Pensioner, dying at the age of 105 years, and 3 months.

John C. Downing was married to Elizabeth N. Spaulding of Bismark, Sunfield, August 3, 1876. From this union four children were born, two dying in infancy.

He is survived by his wife, his sister, Jennie Downing, and two children, W. B. Downing of Grand Ledge, and Lura O. Niles of Grand Rapids, and four grandchildren.

Mr. Downing came to Michigan in 1872, locating at Bismark, Sunfield, where he entered the mercantile business as general merchant with tin shop in connection, he being a tinner by trade. Here he served two years as treasurer of Sunfield township, locating later at Vermontville. Here he was Supervisor for seven years, also serving the public as Post Master, assisted by his sister, Jennie, for more than twelve years.

He has been prominently identified with the business and public affairs of both Bismark and Vermontville for years, and has filled many positions of trust and honor. Being most thorough, honest and conscientious in all his dealings, and he will be greatly missed by his many friends.

He was a member of high standing in both Masonic and Odd Fellow

local orders.

The funeral services were conducted at his home by Rev. Charles Nease of Lyons.

Four R. F. D. mail carriers acting as pall bearers.

JUNE 16, 1921.

SLOUT-WHITWORTH

Mr. and Mrs. L. Verne Slout arrived in Vermontville, Wednesday afternoon, coming from Bloomington, Ill., their Chautauqua headquarters.

The young couple were united in marriage the 18th of last April, while playing an engagement in Anderson, Ind.

Miss Ruth Whitworth (Mrs. Slout) is a New York State girl, her home being Hudson Falls.

The young couple met on a Company over four years ago, while playing thru West Virginia.

Mr. Slout is in Vermontville to prepare for the summer season on the Chautauqua.

PHILLIPS-HAWKINS

On Friday, June 10th, Miss Thelma Phillips of Anacortes, Washington, and Mr. Paul M. Hawkins of Canton, Ohio were married in Chicago. Miss Phillips has been teaching in Anacortes and Mr. Hawkins is employed by Diebold Safe and Lock Co. of Canton, Ohio, at which place they will make their future home.

Miss Phillips, on completion of her school year, came to Chicago and met Mr. Hawkins and they were married there, June 10th.

Mrs. Hawkins is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cross, and Mr. Hawkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Hawkins of Hastings, formerly of Vermontville.

JUNE 30, 1921.

GRANGE INITIATION

The Grange meeting held in the G. A. R. hall, Tuesday evening, June 28th was a very successful affair.

The first and second degrees were conferred upon the following candidates: Mrs. Una Moss, Mrs. M. L. Bilderbeck, Mrs. Howard Boyer, Earl Shetenhelm, Walter Shetenhelm, Lawrence Thurn, Beryl Faust, Rhea Faust, Vern Hager, Vernice Eckhart, Beulah Moss, Dorothy Loveland, Merina Hawes and Bert Warren.

The Third and Fourth will be conferred next meeting to about twenty candidates along with a supper and other features.

JULY 14, 1921.

Mrs. Eugene Murray of Pana, Ill. came Tuesday to spend a month with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland.

Miss Altie Boyles accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tyler to Grand Rapids, Sunday to see Miss Martha Tyler, who is at Butterworth Hospital Training School for Nurses. Miss Boyles remained over night with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Weaver and she and Martha did the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Boyles and Altie were in Charlotte, Tuesday and purchased a piano for the latter. It was delivered to their home the same day. They also visited with Mr. Wm. Boyles and Judge Boyles.

Mrs. John Mate returned to Grand Rapids, Saturday after spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Loveland.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank the Fire Department and the friends and neighbors that assisted in putting out our fires, more especially those who were so careful in the house to not damage furniture and clothes by water and chemical.

Cecil Powers.

HORACE L. CURTIS

Vermontville lost one of its oldest residents in the death of Mr. Horace L. Curtis on the morning of Friday, July 8th.

Mr. Curtis was born in New York State on February 16th, 1833, and came to Michigan when a very young man, bringing his belongings in a small red chest of his own making.

In 1857 he married Amanda R., the oldest daughter of Wells R. Martin. He was identified for many years with the business life of the village. On retiring from business he bought the farm now occupied by Mr. Keith, on South Main St. During his residence here he filled the office of Supervisor for eleven years. In 1910 he sold his farm and moved to the house in which he died.

In recent years, and especially since the death of his wife in 1919, Mr. Curtis has been in increasingly feeble health, being blind in one eye, and suffering from other painful infirmities. He has often expressed a wish for death, and early on the morning of July 8th, shot himself in the cellar of his home. His daughter, who was dressing in an upper room, heard the shot, and found him still breathing. She called her next door neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. James Clapper, with whose assistance she carried him up from the cellar and summoned Dr. McLaughlin. Mr. Curtis was still alive on the doctor's arrival, but died in a few minutes. A letter of directions for his interment and a note for Mr. Trautman, a very old and valued friend.