

Thursday, March 29, 1934

GROCERIES

HENRY H. BROWN

Henry H. Brown was born in the town of Lysander, Onondaga County, New York on March 27th, 1844, and died in Vermontville, Michigan, March 21st, 1934, being aged at death 89 years, 11 months, and 24 days.

He moved to Michigan in February, 1872 and settled on the farm two and one-half miles north of Vermontville, which he cleared and made his home until March, 1916, when he moved to the home on South Main Street where he lived until his death.

At Phoenix, New York, he was united in marriage with Della E. Fralick in 1868, she passing away a few years after moving to Michigan.

On December 12th, 1881 he was united in marriage to Gertrude E. Goodwin and to this union were born seven children, three of whom, Lorie, Claude and Helen L'Veta preceded him in death.

On August 17th, 1864 he enlisted in the United States service at Baldwinsville, New York, as a private of Company A 185th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. He served under General George G. Meade and General Phil Sheridan in the 5th Army Corps through the siege of Petersburg, the battles of Quaker Road, Hatcher's Run, Five Forks, and the capture of Lee's Army at Appomatox. He was honorably discharged near Washington, D. C., May 30th, 1865.

He as a very active member of Edward Dwight Post, G. A. R., during the most of the history of that organization and continued with the surviving members in active relation to that organization to the time of his death.

It was his delight to see to it each year that proper services were held on Memorial Sunday and that the graves of his comrades were properly decorated on May 30th each year.

He was patriotic to the limit and many are they who will remember how carefully he selected the stones and how diligently he worked to erect the Flower Basket Monument that stands on the corner of the church lot.

He was a Charter Member of the Vermontville Grange and no one was more active or more interested in the teachings of the Order than was he.

As a man in the Community he was active, positive in his views of right and wrong but never hostile or antagonistic to others who did not agree with him.

During the most of his life he has been in good health, has been a very hard worker, possessed with a wonderful constitution and he has been one of whom we can justly say that his life has accomplished much.

After he gave up active work and came to town to live his delight was to mingle with people and he gladly and cordially welcomed his friends to his home and fireside. His pride was his family and his delight was in his children and grandchildren.

He leaves to mourn his loss his life companion of more than fifty-two years; two sons, Homer of Plainwell and Harold of Kalamazoo; and two daughters, Mrs. Gladys Garlinger of Nashville, and Mrs. Leila Reynolds of Battle Creek; eight grandchildren, and a very large host of friends who have been blessed by his companionship and his influence.

The funeral procession from the home to the Congregational Church Saturday at 2:00 o'clock was escorted by a delegation of the American Legion in uniform and Spanish American war veterans. The service was also attended by Comrades Joseph B. Stone and Dr. C. S. Snell. The casket wrapped in the American Flag was given by the Legion and was most appropriate. Rev. W. A. Briggs paid a fine tribute to the memory of the departed and voiced the sentiments of the large assembly who gathered to do honor to their friend and neighbor. Mr. and

Mrs. Claude Hatfield and Mr. Bruce Priddy sang: "The Old Rugged Cross," and "The City Four Square." Miss Martin accompanist.

The many beautiful floral pieces spoke of the love and esteem in which Mr. Brown was held.

Burial was in the family lot at Woodlawn cemetery and was conducted by Rev. Briggs, the flag guards and firing squad. The Civil War veterans were taken to the church and cemetery by Mr. Colburn. Those who acted as bearers were Frank Hay, Frank Cook, Frank Thrun, William Gehman, Orin Tubbs and Edward Brewer.

Free Coty perfume at the House dance Saturday night

(Charlotte Republican-Tribune), Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Town and daughter, Miss Paustine Town, left Tuesday morning by motor for Deland, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dikeman of Vermontville are spending some time with their daughter, Mrs. Zella Bryan. Mrs. Dikeman is quite ill and is being cared for by her daughter.

Miss Grace Macomber has returned to her duties at the W. Geddes Co. store after a long siege of illness.

Judge McPeck's schedule calls for considerable walking and Tuesday morning he walked into town from his farm and enjoyed it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells entertained Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hill and family of Vermontville at Sunday dinner in honor of the newly weds, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill.

Mrs. Frances Warner is home from visiting her daughter in Chicago.

Frank Hay of Vermontville has been appointed guardian of Esther and Curtis W. Rockafeller, minors.

The Williams reunion was held at Putman park, Nashville, with about 50 present. Officers elected were: pres., Asa Strait; vice pres., Mrs. Claude Riley of Battle Creek; sec'y-treas., Mildred Purchis of Nashville. Next year they will meet at Bennett Park, Charlotte.

Mrs. Lee Miles and son, Kenneth, and sisters, Mrs. Ella Bottomley, Mrs. Violet Hickok, and brother-in-law, Joe Willis, drove to Brown City Labor day and attended the Muir family reunion held at the home of John Muir, a cousin of the Robert Muir children. There were about 80 present, all of them grew up in the vicinity of Brown City or in Canada, near Sarnia, and didn't know of the Robert Muir family living in Vermontville until recently. They also called on Allie Carr and family in Flint and Mrs. Miles' children in Lansing.

E. D. Lake of Vermontville has been appointed special administrator of the estate of the late Arthur J. Hawes of this city. Mr. Hawes has about 400 acres of land in the northwest part of the county.

J. C. Nichols has been confined to his home this week. He was quite sick the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McLaughlin and daughter, Vivian, returned Saturday night from a trip to Philadelphia and the New England states. They had a fine view of the total eclipse in New Hampshire. Ion McLaughlin accompanied them home for an indefinite stay.

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