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B. A. FARRAR DIES

Jackson Countian Passes Away
in California.

Word reached Jackson Monday that B. A. Farrar, of Huntington Beach, California, passed away in that city June 23. Funeral was held at Santa Anna last Thursday. The deceased was an uncle of Edgar Farrar of this city.

Farrar was married twice. His first wife was Miss Margaret Armstrong. After her death, Mr. Farrar married Anna Swanson of this city, who survives him.

The deceased was a native of the Buckeye neighborhood in Jackson County. He was 82 years of age.

JOHN W. WILLIS DIES SUDDENLY IN DETROIT

Remains Are Brought to I. B. Brookins Home—Funeral
Sunday.

Funeral services were held in Jackson Sunday afternoon for John W. Willis, aged 54, who passed away in Detroit Wednesday night after an illness of only a few hours. The services were held at the home of I. B. Brookins, father-in-law of the deceased.

Willis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis, and was born in Jackson in 1870. He married Miss Blanche Brookins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Brookins. The Willises left Jackson several years ago, residing at Lorain for a time, and later in Detroit, where Mr. Willis was employed in the Ford auto plant.

Surviving are the widow, one son, Robert I. Willis; one daughter, Mrs. Hester E. Davies; two grandchildren, Robert I. Willis, Jr., and Jeanne Willis; one brother, Edgar Willis of California; three sisters, Mrs. David Walters, Mrs. Isaiah Burnett, Mrs. Edward Griffiths, all of Jackson County.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. I. N. Grisso of the Christian Church, and interment was made in Fairmount by Charles L. Wood.

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IN MEMORY

JOHN W. WILLIS

John William Willis, son of Robert and Eliza Willis was born in Jackson, Ohio, Dec. 21st, 1870. He was married to Blanche F. Brookins, a daughter of I. B. and Flora Brookins, Jan. 22, 1890. He has lived a sober and industrious life up to the time when death claimed him at his home in Detroit, Mich. June 26, 1924, loved and respected by all. In passing away from this earthly life he has left to mourn his departure, a loving wife, one son, Robert I. Willis and wife, one daughter, Mrs. Hester E. Davies and husband, two grandchildren, Robert I. Willis Jr. and Jeanne Willis. Also one brother, Edgar Willis in California, and three sisters, who live in Jackson County, Mrs. David Walters, Mrs. Isaiah Burnett and Mrs. Edward Griffiths, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Frank Willis of Hamden. Added to those mentioned a large number of rela-

tives and friends have been left behind, who will miss the companionship of one who has bade farewell to the joys, sorrows and afflictions of earth and has passed over the river of Death and is now testing the realities of a life beyond the grave.

Several years ago the deceased moved from Jackson to Lorain, Ohio. For a few years he worked in the ship yards of Lorain and Detroit and then secured a position in the Ford automobile shops where he has been employed up to the day of his death. In early manhood he united with the Christian Church in Jackson, Ohio. At the time of his death he was a member of the Plum Street Disciple Church, now called the Hamilton Ave. church of Detroit, Mich.

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JOHNSON RECALLS EARLY HISTORY OF PLEASANT GROVE

Editor Standard-Journal:

The letter of Hon. Dan W. Williams in your paper recently interested me in a special and personal way.

"Pleasant Grove" and its environs constitute my original habitat and stamping ground. Everything, therefore, alluded to by Mr. Williams, including dominie Geo. W. Culp, is known to me personally. In addition to my own personal recollections, I am corroborated by the evidence of an old scrap book dating back to the early 70's. I turn to a page in the book and find the obituary, signed by Daniel H. Johnson (my father) and William Callaghan, both members of the neighborhood church. In part, it reads as follows:

Culp died at his home in Sejoto township on the 28th day of Oct. 1875, Elder G. W. Culp, aged 60 years, 9 mos. and 6 days.

The subject of this notice was born and has always resided in Jackson county. He became a member of church when 18 years of age. Was a class leader and exhorter for a number of years. Was a licensed local preacher in the M. E. church for six years. When the Christian Union church was organized by Elder Given, he became a member of the new church and was ordained one of its ministers. His moral worth and christian deportment, were his greatest means of success. This unexpected and sudden event has cast a gloom over the whole community and especially so, over the members of the Pleasant Grove church with whom he had been so intimately associated for so many years. Funeral services conducted by Rev. L. A. Atkinson of Jackson before a large assemblage of people."

A tragedy of the Civil War, was, that brother, in many instances, fought against brother and father, sometimes, against son. The Culp brothers were divided politically. Rev. Culp and his brother Jack were Democrats. Tillman was what was denominated in those awful days of strife and hatred, a "bitter abolitionist." Democrats were called traitors and copperheads and Republicans, in turn, were called black abolitionists and nigger-covers. This political prejudice and hatred was responsible for the organization of the Christian Union Church, its founder being one I. F. Given of Columbus. Because Democrats in the Methodist church were, in most instances opposed to a war to settle the question of slavery, they were unwelcome among Methodists. The little organization at the Tope school house along about the time of the war, was one of the manifestations of this difference of opinion on a governmental and moral issue. Jack Culp was drafted and he refused to go into the army whereupon, soldiers were put upon his trail. They succeeded, finally in capturing him, sending him to the ranks, where, as I remember he soon died. At the time of his impressment he lived on a bit

of the land now owned by Albert Johnson, who was mentioned by Mr. Williams, at that time owned by his father, John W. Johnson (Blackhawk). As I recall the circumstances now, Tillman aided the government in the capture of his brother.

I have a particularly vivid recollection of the building of Pleasant Grove church because, at the instance of my father, I did much of the hauling required in the erection of the building. We had a couple of yoke of oxen on the farm at that time and they came in mighty handy for the work to be done. Old Sammy Jacobs of-out-near- "Four Mile," laid the foundation. When his work was done I was delegated, with "Jim and Dime" to transport Uncle Sam and his tools to his home. We started late in the day. Night came as did pitch darkness and a fearful thunder storm. We kept going, however, Uncle Sam in the lead, calling on me to follow him, that being possible only when there was a vivid flash of lightning. We finally arrived at his home both drenched to the skin. As a boyish experience it was strongly impressed on my mind.

Samuel Eisnaugle was the man who did the carpenter work, mainly. One of his helpers, I recall was Tom Fry, a brother of the veteran Jackson county schoolmaster, George Frey, yet living, if I mistake not, at Richmondale, at an advanced age.

Geo. W. Culp was a fine citizen. He was not a strong preacher but a thoroughly sincere and honorable citizen. He was a model farmer on a small scale, pulpitiereing being an outgrowth of his intensely religious nature. Yes, as I remember him, he wore blue jeans, and if he ever wore anything else in all the years he ministered to Tope and Pleasant Grove, I can not now call it to mind. And what is more, he raised the sheep that produced the wool which his own wife and daughters spun and wove into the lindsey-woolsey and blue jeans, that clothed the family throughout the period of pioneer life, at least.

Among those who were organized into Christian Union at Tope school house and Pleasant Grove church I can recall Daniel H. Johnson and his wife Eliza, my beloved father and mother; John Lake and wife; Woodson Nunnally and wife; John W. Johnson (Blackhawk) and wife; James McClure and wife; William Callaghan and wife; John Erlewein and wife; John M. Stephenson and wife; Andrew Overly and wife; Samuel Overly and wife and James Anders and wife. Others I do not think of now.

For a dozen or more years, the church society increased in numbers and influence. Then there came a time when death, remorselessly invaded the ranks of the pioneers of this community and one by one they were laid to rest in the burying ground hand-by. By this time the children had grown up and selecting pastures of their own, they went away in guest of their own fortunes. As a result, the membership dwindled until at the present time, if I mistake not, but a single soul remains who was contemporary with the Pleasant Grove organizers in about 1870, Mrs. Alfred Lewis, yet living at the old homestead near the Tope school house.

And, finally, Mr. Editor, I must apologize for this encroachment upon your valuable space. The fact is I could write several chapters unfolding the history of dear old Pleasant Grove. A half century has gone into the past since those halcyon days. Little wonder Jim Riley sang so pathetically of "The Days Gone By"—

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JACKSON, O.

OBITUARY

We stand today in the presence of a great mystery—death. That monster we all dread has entered this home and taken our loved one from our midst. This is a problem we can not solve. There are times that we must walk by Faith and not by sight, when we must trust in the love and mercy of our Heavenly Father. We should bow in humble submission to the Divine Word and say:- “Thy will be done.” “Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.”

Mary Elizabeth Davis, daughter of Jacob and Sarah Brown, was born in Jackson county, Ohio, July 15, 1860 and departed this life June 2, 1924, aged 63 years 10 months and 17 days. She was united in marriage to Asbury J. Davis (now deceased) January 25, 1876. To this union were born

five children, Zella May, wife of R. F. Goddard of Wellston, O., George F., Bessie Pearl, wife of W. H. Miller, Louis Blaine who recently died in St. Louis, Mo. and Homer J. all of Lima, Ohio. Her husband preceded her in death 17 months ago. She is also survived by two brothers, George M. Brown of Delevan Ill. and W. P. Brown of Jackson, Ohio, and four sisters, Mrs. Harrison Schellenger, Mrs. Harvey Sheward, Mrs. Effie Morris of Jackson Ohio. Mrs. Ida Brunton of Ft. Wayne Ind. also two devoted grandchildren, James Goddard and Marjorie May Miller, and friends by the score.

The family has sustained a great loss. Mother was always here. For, being as she was, an invalid for many years, she was always here to welcome us, and it was such a comfort to come in and see her sweet smiling face as we entered her room. Death is but the drooping of the flowers that the fruit may swell. Leaves have their time to fall and flowers to wither. But thou O Death hast all season for thine own. For more than 25 years Mother has been a sufferer. But she endured it patiently. For the last two weeks her suffering could not be told it was so great. But we are confident that Mother is now resting sweetly in the home of her dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. But when we think of the days of suffering and the long, long nights of pain we are glad she has gone to rest. We would not call her again to this world of sorrow, but will wait with patience until we shall meet her in that glad tomorrow where sorrow comes no more.

In early life she became a member of the Christian Church at Antioch. Since coming to Lima she has been a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church. On account of affliction she was deprived of the joy of the fellowship of worship in the Church yet she maintained Faith in her Savior who helped her to live a beautiful Christian Life.

Her funeral was held at the home of her daughter Mrs. W. H. Miller, and burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima, Ohio.

OBITUARY

CHARLES M. WEED

Charles M. Weed was born January 11th, 1843 at Jackson, Ohio and departed this life at his own home in Kennard, Nebraska June 14, 1924, at about the hour of Sunset.

Our Kennard Community was greatly surprised at the sudden, unexpected departure of this good, public spirited man from us. We cannot understand his going. He will surely be missed on our streets and in the many interests of Kennard.

All our sympathies go out to the broken-hearted ones of the Weed family and circle.

To eulogize at any length upon the life of the late C. M. Weed is futile. Nevertheless we narrate a few of the great epochs of his life.

When the Civil War broke out and the call by Pres. Abraham Lincoln for Volunteers for 3 years service

was made, Mr. Weed, while a youth in his teens, stepped into the ranks with six other brothers. After that period he re-enlisted to the finish and closed the war with an honorable discharge. At the opening of the World War Mr. Weed very much desired to enter the ranks again, if, in his own language, "if nothing more than peel potatoes."

C. M. Weed and Eliza Jane Claare were married at Jackson, Ohio, Mar. 27, 1873 and just a little more than a year ago celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary, which was one of the happiest events of their life.

Mr. and Mrs. Weed came to Nebraska in the fall of '75, settling on a farm near Kennard and it was then and it was there the people learned to love this family of Mr. and Mrs Weed and six happy children, five of whom are now living, viz: Myrtle, wife of P. A. Tietsort, Scottsbluff, Abigail, wife of F. M. Butts of Fremont, Lura, wife of N. W. Gaines of Lincoln, Walter, living at Sioux Falls, S. D. and Emily, wife of Adam Clark of Gering.

He leaves also several grandchildren and many, many true friends.

Mr. Weed was also numbered amongst the teachers of the public school, being a graduate of the Teachers' College at Lebanon, Ohio.

In 1907 they moved from the farm and for seventeen years Mr. Weed served Kennard as a good and faithful postmaster. About ten years ago he retired from active business life and spent his time working about the home and visiting among his children and his host of friends.

Brother and Sister Weed are both life long members of the Christian Church.

C. M. Weed was a member of Order A. M. & A. F. Masonic Lodge in Kennard and having served as Master Mason in the Jno. S. Bowen Lodge No. 299 for over 50 years and delivered the 3rd degree lecture to many of its candidates. It was only proper that the Order should tenderly lay this body of a departed brother to rest in the Kennard cemetery with the Masonic Ritual.

The funeral services were conducted from the M. E. Church by former pastor Rev. A. W. Ahrendts, assisted by local pastor W. D. Smith and pastor Camp of Blair. Words of comfort were spoken from 2 Tim. 4:7—"I have fought a good fight, etc."

The pall-bearers were: John Blaco, G. R. Stewart, C. C. Cunningham, C. C. Van Duesen, J. F. Mcann, and O. W. Marshall.

Our dear old friend Weed, we miss you, but we shall still be joined in heart and hope to meet again.

—Contributed

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mapes of Bennett Avenue are the proud parents of twin boys born Friday June 21.

Gala

At the Jackson

Mrs. Caroline Kronk

The earthly pilgrimage of Caroline R. Jackson Kronk was of 74 years 3 months and 5 days' duration. It began March 11, 1850 and she was called home June 16, 1924.

She was the daughter of Joseph A. and Elizabeth Fout Jackson. Her native community was the vicinity of South Webster, Scioto County, Ohio. Her whole life was spent in Scioto and Jackson counties.

She was united in marriage with David Kronk a Scioto county young man Oct. 26, 1868. To this union were born Clarence W. and Charles M. The younger, Charles, assisted by his cousin Lizzie Kronk ministered to her needs during her last illness.

The deceased was a woman of sterling worth, a firm advocate of right principles in all the avenues of life. She was a devoted wife, an affectionate sacrificing mother, a benevolent neighbor and friend. To come in touch with her was to feel an inclination to higher and better things.

Hers was a temperament intensely artistic. She loved to design and make beautiful as well as useful things which many treasures left as keepsakes will attest. Her special work in art was floriculture, and with the aid of her son Charles, she has made quite a reputation as a florist. She never tired of entertaining her friends with the beauty and fragrance of her flowers, and of instructing them in names and culture of plants.

Like the bluebells which from the depths of its dark ravine, gazed upward at a beautiful star until it caught the image of the star in its chalice, so she gazed through and beyond earthly things into the heavens at the Bright Morning Star until all could discern by her life that in her heart she held His image.

As the body became frail the light grew brighter and brighter. The failing breath wafted the air of one of her favorite hymns, "O How Happy Are They who Their Savior Obey".

For many years she was affiliated with the M. E. Church of Jackson.

Two brothers, Samuel Jackson of Arkansas and Joseph A. of Columbus Ohio, her two sons and three grandchildren, Mabel of Los Angeles California, Edith and Frank of Springfield, Ohio, are left to mourn their loss. The husband and one grandchild, Lillian Gretta preceded her in death.