

## **Hoosier Baptists: Indiana Baptist Convention Death Notices**

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Since first appearing as independent local congregations in seventeenth-century England, Baptists have held tenaciously to the autonomy of the local church. This Baptist distinction has been traditionally troublesome for the genealogist since local autonomy by definition precludes uniformity in record keeping and record holding.

While rejecting outside control, Baptists historically have sought ways to foster connection among their churches. Following the English Civil War (1642–1649), Baptists began to collect their local bodies into associations. The Baptist association, unlike dioceses, presbyteries, conferences, and other organizations of denominational bodies, has no ecclesiastical authority over member churches, unless the members freely give it authority, which they rarely do. The first Baptist association to be formed in what is now the United States was the Philadelphia Baptist Association in 1707.<sup>1</sup>

Baptists began developing larger groupings—state and national conventions—in 1814, but not among all persuasions of Baptists. Therefore, understanding how, where, and when various associations formed can help the researcher know where to look for those Baptist records that have been collected in denominational, academic, local, and state libraries and archives. Several research lists concerning Hoosier Baptists, compiled by the author, are published in *Online Connections in the Genealogy Across Indiana Department*: “Baptist Associations in the State of Indiana: A Roster” (with a key to Baptist sub-denominations); “Baptist Associations in the State of Indiana: An Inventory of Published Proceedings” (with holdings throughout Indiana and in Louisville, Kentucky; Atlanta, Georgia; Cleveland, Ohio; and Nashville, Tennessee); and

“Indiana Baptist Associational Minutes Printed in the Annual Proceedings of the Indiana Baptist Convention, 1916–1931.” To view these lists, visit the Genealogy Across Indiana Department of Online Connections on the IHS website, <https://indianahistory.org/research/family-history/family-history-online-resources/genealogy-across-indiana/>, and look for articles titled “Hoosier Baptists.”

Articles published in *The Hoosier Genealogist: Connections* Genealogy Across Indiana Department, beginning with the Spring/Summer 2009 issue, give brief histories for several Indiana Baptist associations, telling when and where they were formed, when they disbanded or were absorbed into other associations, and introducing the secondary sources and authors that have discussed these associations. This article provides a listing in alphabetical order of death notices found in the minutes for the Indiana Baptist Convention from 1833 to 1900.

While the articles described above give an abundance of information for Indiana Baptist associations and their nineteenth-century members, they represent less than half of the information available. More work on this important resource would make a valuable contribution to historical and genealogical research.

## **INDIANA BAPTIST CONVENTION**

### **1833–Present**

Thirty-seven individuals, representing twenty churches, met together on Friday morning, April 26, 1833, at the Brandywine Meeting House in Shelby County to organize “for the purpose of promoting” and “uniting the energies of the Baptists of Indiana in support of the gospel of Christ.”<sup>2</sup> Known by various names throughout its history, the Indiana Baptist Convention (IBC;

today, the American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky) still strives toward this goal.

The year 1833 was a major watershed for Hoosier Baptists. When first organized as the “General Association of Baptists of Indiana,” those gathered represented a very small proportion of the nearly three hundred Baptist churches across the state. For many theological and practical reasons, a significant number of Indiana Baptists opposed organizing mission-sending agencies. Ironically, the organization that sought to unite the Baptists served instead to divide the Regular Baptists across the state into two camps, Missionary and Anti-Missionary (or Primitive).<sup>3</sup>

Throughout the next century, the IBC raised funds to help support the ministry of local churches statewide. This was accomplished in two ways: first, missionaries (normally local preachers, not “outsiders”) were commissioned to evangelize and plant new churches in a particular area; second, local pastors’ salaries were supplemented. Many Baptists were unable to pay any salary to their pastors, and this support helped to maintain the preaching ministry in countless congregations.<sup>4</sup>

This desire to undergird local ministries was also supported through education. Franklin College was inaugurated in 1834 as the first step in this direction, aiming to bring higher education to young Baptists. A number of the college’s founders had been present at the first meeting of the IBC in 1833. At the IBC’s 1834 meeting, a report was presented to establish an “Indiana Baptist Sunday School Society.” In the second half of the century a Sunday school missionary was provided to establish and strengthen schools in the churches across the state.<sup>5</sup>

It is important to be aware of the names for the IBC as one seeks to find records for it in the various archives. Taking the list up to the present-day, the various titles for this statewide organization are listed below:

1833–1836: General Association of Baptists of Indiana  
1837–1845: General Association of Baptists in Indiana  
1846–1863: Indiana Baptist General Association  
1864–1895: Indiana Baptist State Convention  
1896–1986: Indiana Baptist Convention  
1986–2000: American Baptist Churches of Indiana  
Since 2000: American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky

Because associations, like member churches, are autonomous, there are no rigid guidelines concerning archival storage of their historical records. Therefore, the annual minutes of a Baptist association often can be found in a variety of locations. Minutes for the Indiana Baptist Convention have been found in several repositories, but there are no extant minutes for the years 1859, 1862–1863, or 1865.

**American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky**

1350 North Delaware Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1873–1996

**Franklin College**

B. F. Hamilton Library and Archives

101 Branigin Boulevard

Franklin, IN 46131-2623

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1833a–1833b, 1835–1858, 1860, 1864, 1866–2001

**Indiana State Library, Indiana Division**

315 West Ohio Street

Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1854–1855, 1857–1858, 1860–1861, 1873–1899, 1901–1916, 1919–1969

**Indiana University**

Herman B. Wells Library

1320 East 10th Street

Bloomington, IN 47405-3907

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1876, 1920–1921, 1923, 1925–1934

**Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives**

901 Commerce Street, #400

Nashville, TN 37203-3630

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1834, 1849, 1868–1869, 1876–1882, 1884–1885, 1891–1892, 1900, 1902, 1905–1914,  
1916–1954, 1973

**Southern Baptist Theological Seminary**

Archives and Special Collections

2825 Lexington Road

Louisville, KY 40280

Indiana Baptist Convention records for years:

1833–1835, 1837, 1839–1843, 1846–1858, 1864, 1866–1870, 1873, 1876–1882, 1884–  
1996

Many American Baptist associations began to include obituaries in their annual published proceedings around the middle of the nineteenth century. While not uniform in approach and scope, these minutes are often similar in format. Some of these death notices include extensive genealogical data, while others merely list churches with names of deceased members from the previous year. Individuals who served as pastors generally have more extensive accounts.

After each name is the year of the printed minutes that are abstracted, page number for the entry, and either a brief account or a full listing of the notice. There were two meetings in

1833. The April 1833 meeting is listed as 1833a and the October 1833 meeting is listed as 1833b.

## Notes

1. Parts of this article were published previously in *The Hoosier Genealogist* in an introduction to Timothy Mohon, “Death Notices in the Annual Minutes of the Friendship Baptist Association in Central Indiana, 1855–1900,” Part 1: A–E (Fall 2002): 164–67; Part 2: F–S (Winter 2002): 238–41; and Part 3: T–Z and Church Roster (Summer 2003): 96–101.
2. The published proceedings of annual meetings for various Indiana Baptist associations are designated as *Minutes*. *Minutes* Indiana Baptist Convention (April 1833): 1, 5.
3. *Minutes*, Indiana Baptist Convention (April 1833): 7; Randy K. Mills, “The Struggle for the Soul of Frontier Baptists: The Anti-Mission Controversy in the Lower Wabash Valley,” *Indiana Magazine of History* 94 (December 1998): 303–22.
4. William Taylor Stott, *Indiana Baptist History, 1798–1908* (Franklin, IN: William T. Stott, 1908), 305–10, online on InternetArchive.
5. *Minutes*, Indiana Baptist Convention (1834): 3; Franklin College Board of Trustees, *First Half Century of Franklin College* (Cincinnati: Journal and Messenger, 1884), 5–26, online at Google Books.

### **Indiana Baptist Convention Death Notices**

**Adsit**, Rev. Samuel (1883): 37–38. “This good servant of God, whom we knew and loved, fell asleep in Jesus, at his home in Indianapolis, on the morning of May 18th, aged a little over seventy.

“He was born in Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y., March 25, 1813. In early manhood he was converted to God, and for nearly fifty years his life was devoted to the service of his Master; a half-century of faithful, zealous Christian work, of unsullied Christian example, leaving a memory which will long endure as a high and powerful inspiration, leading upward to that which is true and worthy of emulation in this life. His pastorates were at Weedsport, Prattsburg, Canandigua, Penn Yan and Sennett, N.Y. For a time he was in poor health, and for several years served as agent of the Bible Union; then settled as pastor of the Baptist Church in Palmyra, N.Y., over which he presided most faithfully and most patriotically during the years of the war—1860–65. There was no uncertainty regarding his theology or his patriotism. He was true to both. Leaving Palmyra, he was settled at Stockton, Chautauqua county, a few years, whence he was called to fill the position of Financial Secretary of the Rochester Theological Seminary. This he filled with great credit for a period of eight years.

“A few years ago his family, consisting of himself, his wife, and the motherless boy of Mary, their deceased daughter, left Rochester and made their home at Indianapolis, where the oldest son, Charles, and the oldest daughter, Mrs. George K. Share, were living.”



**Allen**, Mrs. C. B. (1895): 46. “Wife of Rev. C. B. Allen, of Terre Haute, Indiana, was born in Richland county, Ohio, April 30, 1833, died November 13, 1894; was married October 22, 1849; united with the Baptist church at Bridgeton, Parke county, Indiana, in March, 1854, and gave forty years of her life to the service of Christ. Her husband has given thirty-five years to the ministry, and two sons are now preaching the word, and another son and daughter are devoted to the Lord’s service. Thus her works follow her for good while she rests in her heavenly home.”

**Allen**, Mrs. Carrie E. (1879): 38–39. “Died of typhoid fever in Indianapolis, on the 17th of October, 1879, aged near twenty years. She was the daughter of Prof. A. J. Howe, of the University of Chicago; was born in Penfield, N.Y., and was married to Rev. C. B. Allen, jr., pastor of the Garden Church, Indianapolis, on the first day of July, 1879.

“She took a full University course at Chicago, and is said to have led her class, which graduated at the last commencement. In intelligence and promise of helpfulness as a pastor’s wife, few women of her age were her superiors.

“Her funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. C. Mabie, assisted by other Baptist ministers of the city, and the remains were taken to Chicago for interment.”

**Ames**, Almon S. (1888): 46–47. “Another of the older and retired ministers of Indiana, and one who also continued to enjoy, to the end the esteem of his brethren, passed away on Sunday morning, April 15, 1888, in Indianapolis, after three weeks illness, age 75 years. Bro. Ames spent the prime and the latter half of his life in Indiana. The generation with which he was particularly identified have mostly gone from the State or have departed

this life; still, his activity as a minister and an agent in benevolent work brought him into such a general acquaintance, that many still live among us who remember him and will be sadly interested in the tidings we here give. He served some of the churches as pastor, and the [American Baptist] Missionary Union and Franklin College as financial agent. In each and every position of trust he labored with conscientious fidelity. He went to his work as to a loved employ, with a full heart; with unction he presented the causes he espoused, and left them in favor wherever he went. He entertained high views of Christian duty and privilege, and offered to the churches no others as the ground of action. His manner was urgent, but kindly and gentlemanly. About fifteen years ago, Bro. Ames suffered a decline of health that made it necessary for him to desist from ministerial labor. He then entered into the service of the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company, and by his competency and faithfulness, he was soon promoted to a general agency, requiring the handling of large loans, mortgages and property. In all respects, he was true to his trust. The circumstances of his family became such as to require considerable means, and he felt that Providence was signally favorable in so placing him that he could meet the demand. During this business period he was connected with the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis, and he filled the place of an important private member, always in his place and doing his part. He was a means of strength to his pastor, and received his retirement from active participation in the work of the ministry with a becoming spirit.”

**Ashbaugh**, Eld. T. B. (1873): 20. “After twelve days, there followed the young workman of only 24 years, who during the last two of these years had been faithfully and successfully

devoted himself to the work and given great promise of future usefulness. This was ELDER T. B. ASHBAUGH, of Friendship Association, who died November 26th, 1872.”

**Arnold, J. D.** (1881): 31. “Died near Rockport, Spencer county, June 11. He was somewhat prominent, in labor and counsel, in the Evansville Association, of which he was for a long time a member. He was pastor of Pigeon, Pleasant Valley and other churches, and the memory of him will be cherished.”

**Babcock, Rev. Andrew E.** (1898): 134. “Was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, May 2, 1816, and died Feb. 1, 1898, aged 81 years and 9 months. He moved to Indiana in 1819. He was married to Anna Lawrence, whom he survived only a few months. In 1844 he moved to Fulton County, Indiana, where he lived till his death. He was a pioneer in earnest, by hard work earning his bread, and working for souls. He organized the first Sunday School in Fulton County, at the Ebenezer church, purchasing its library with his own money. He was licensed to preach in 1849, and ordained in 1853. Since that time he received into the churches more than 1000 people, traveling thousands of miles in all kinds of weather, and doing the work of an evangelist as well as of a pastor. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. O. A. Cook, of Lebanon, Ind.”

**Bailey, Rosa Adams** (1878): 22–23. “The following sketch we are permitted to take from the *Journal and Messenger*: ‘Widow of Rev. Silas Bailey, D.D., LL.D., was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, May 3, 1843, and died at Zeekong, Burmah [*sic*], July 26, 1878. Her parents had just removed to Shelbyville from Ohio. Her father was connected, not distantly, with the family of John Quincy Adams.

“She early developed an absorbing love for books, and at fourteen could scarcely be drawn from them for any purpose. This deep love of study became a great safeguard to her some years after her father’s death. Kind friends took her, and from the age of fifteen gave her all the advantages in their power to bestow. She taught two years in the Baptist Institute, at Indianapolis, and was one of the few first-class teachers.

“During this time she was converted and became an efficient member of the First Baptist Church of Indianapolis. She often expressed a deep love to her church and its pastor. Her place was never vacant. She was connected with the South Street Mission School, and the stormiest weather did not detain her from it.

“Then came Mrs. Ingalls with a call for help in Burmah. She saw Rosa, and became the finger of Providence to her by personally begging her to go with her. She was with Mrs. Ingalls about four years. Then it was thought best for her to take charge of the school in Henthada. She held this position for about one year. But she worked too energetically; and though her fidelity was crowned with wonderful success, the strain was too great, and she was sent home prostrated with a nervous disease.

“Some six months after reaching this country, supposing her stay was to be continuous, she listened to and accepted Dr. Silas Bailey’s proposal of marriage. Still she longed to go back to Burmah. Dr. Bailey gave her both love and care. His death, just as she was planning to turn her rallied strength to new work for the Master, in France, was a terrible ordeal, and she came home again with shattered health. But being determined to resume her missionary toil, she bent all her energies to the recovery of her health, and in two years was *well*—fit, as she felt, and as the physician said, to take up any work in life.

“She went to work with new efficiency, and was putting new life into her school at Henthada when she was prostrated by the climacteric [*sic*] fever, and sent to Rangoon, where were other missionaries. She was to stay two years, while Miss Gage came home; but her love for pioneer work was too great, and in a few months she went into the jungle with Mr. George. She was just ready to enter upon her labors, but God had something else for her—a heavenly home.”

**Bailey**, Rev. Silas, D. D. (1874): 17–18. “Was born in Sterling, Worcester county, Massachusetts, June 12, 1809. His father being a farmer, young Bailey followed that occupation until his nineteenth year, when he went to Amherst (A.D. 1828) to prepare for college. He entered Brown University in 1830, on a course of study for the law. He professed religion in 1833, and in 1834 united with the Baptist church in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he had gone to take charge of the academy.

“The following year he was united in marriage to Miss Mary P. Goddard, of Grafton. About 1839 or 1840, he entered the ministry, and became pastor of Baptist church in Thompson, Connecticut; from 1842 to 1845 he was mostly engaged as Agent for Foreign Missions in the State of New York. In 1845, he settled as pastor of the church in Westborough, Massachusetts. In 1847 he accepted the presidency of Granville College (now Dennison University), Ohio. In 1852 he accepted the presidency of Franklin College, Indiana. Here he labored arduously and successfully, until, his health failing him, he resigned the presidency in 1863. After recruiting two or three years as pastor of the church at Lafayette, he again engaged in teaching, taking a chair in Kalamazoo College, as teacher of metaphysics and theology; but, his health failing in the course of a

year or two, he returned to Lafayette, availing himself of a generous offer of the free use of a good residence in the suburbs of the city, which he called ‘the saint’s rest.’ In the spring of 1873 his wife died. The same year he married Miss R. H. Adams, late of the Burman Mission. In the pursuit of health and recreation, they together spent the winter of 1873 and 1874 in the South of France. He visited Rome and other points, and finally died in Paris, June 30, 1874.

“Dr. Bailey was eminently a good man, and a good preacher. He was a thorough scholar, and one of the best educators our denomination ever had in the west. Of him we may say, indeed, ‘Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their work, do follow them.’”

**Baker**, William (1881): 28–29. “Was born in Green county, Kentucky, July 4, 1804. Came, in boyhood, with his parents to the wilds of Orange county, and lived in the vicinity of Orleans and French Lick for twenty years. He served, as pastor, the following churches: Mt. Horeb, Mt. Pleasant, Spice Valley, Beaver Creek (Huron), Fishing Creek, Bogg’s Creek, Dover Hill and Lost River. Nearly all his Sabbaths were occupied, during his active ministry, and he baptized over 300 persons. His death occurred in a school house, Osage county, Kansas, in December, 1880, while undertaking to fill an appointment; having failed to quote his text from memory, and while seeking it in the Bible, he fell and died instantly. The remains were brought to Indiana and buried in the cemetery at Mt. Horeb church.”

**Baldwin**, Mrs. F. G. (1891): 37. “Widow of Rev. F. G. Baldwin, was born in Proctorsville, Vermont, May 29, 1809, was married to F. G. Baldwin August 30, 1826, who died

March 17, 1869. They came to Indiana 1836 and settled in the vicinity of Montpelier. Rev. F. G. Baldwin became a pioneer Baptist preacher in this section of Indiana. Mrs. Baldwin united with the church in her native state when quite young. She was a consistent member of the Montpelier Church, and remained a member until her death—over 52 years. She died January 7, 1891, in her 82d year.”

**Bartholomew**, Rev. E. (1882): 42. “Was born May 24th, 1797, in Harvinton, Conn.; died near Worthington, Ind., August 16th, 1882. He dated his conversion at the time of the great religious awakening under Judson, Newell, Rier and others. He and his wife first joined the Congregationalists, but becoming troubled over baptism he investigated the question and became a Baptist. He soon removed to Georgia, where he spent many years in business. He was ordained in 1842. He was pastor of several churches in Georgia, and served the church at Greenwood, Ind., as a supply for some time. After this he removed to Owen County, where he remained until his death, occasionally preaching as opportunity offered. He was thoroughly sound in the Bible doctrines, and was a safe counsellor.”

**Bell**, John (1881): 29. “Died at his home in Jackson county, after a short and painful illness, January 16th, 1881, aged 69 years, 8 months and 25 days. Brother Bell was converted about the middle of life, and was licensed soon after, by the Mount Pleasant Church, and was ordained to the work of the ministry. From that time until his death he was an earnest and faithful preacher, serving as pastor of many of the churches in the Brownstown Association. He served that Association as Moderator for a number of years in

succession. He was much beloved by his neighbors, as a most excellent citizen, wise counselor and faithful friend.”

**Benny**, Rev. John (1877): 20. “Departed this life at Valparaiso, July 3, in the seventy-third year of this age. He was born in London, England, April 28, 1804. He came to America in 1833, and spent two years in preaching in New York City and Catskill. Then he removed to Cleveland, Ohio, where he passed sixteen years, preaching and working at the tailor’s trade. He preached also two years at Akron, Ohio. In about 1853 he moved to LaPorte, and during the remainder of his life preached at various points in this state—at Jeffersonville, Anderson, Pendleton, Crown Point, and other places.

“Father Benny was a close student and a clear expounder of God’s word; a man of strong faith and irreproachable character. During his last illness, continuing sixteen weeks, he manifested great patience and cheerful acquiescence in the will of God. His faith was unwavering. He said, ‘I shall soon be at rest,’ and fell asleep in Jesus.”

**Bingham**, Rev. A. S. (1876): 22. “This brother was born in Rutland, Vermont, November 11, 1807, and, when five years old, was taken by his parents to Fort Covington, New York, where, at the age of eighteen, he was converted. Here his membership continued six years; and here he was married. In 1832, removed to Norton, Medina county, Ohio, where he was licensed to preach. Beginning in much self-distrust, he continued to preach until his last illness, a period of more than forty years. In 1843 he removed to Fort Wayne, where he was soon ordained, and commenced preaching to the Eel River Church. He continued his Pastorate, except as interrupted by illness, for about twenty years. His labors were blessed and his record is on high.”



**Blanchard**, Rev. C. H. (1898): 53. “Was born in Vermont, December 11, 1817, and died in the spring of 1898, aged a little over eighty years. He was converted in his youth, came to Indiana in 1837, was ordained in 1845, and became pastor of the Baptist Church at Wolcottville in the same year. He continued as pastor of this church for about forty years. He was a man of large heart and earnest spirit and would impress even a stranger with the depth of his sincerity. He was a man whom many sought as a business adviser as well as a guide in spiritual concerns. He was a student for some time at Franklin College, and always showed his affection for its higher aims. For more than fifty years he was honored and loved in the North Eastern Indiana Baptist Association.”

**Bland**, Rev. Ferdinand D., D.D. (1885): 51. “Died at Indianapolis, May 16, 1885, in his sixty-third year. He was born at or near Stilesville, Ind., Feb. 17, 1823. Bro. Bland was converted when about twenty-four years old. He had the advantages of Franklin College for a brief time, entering that institution in 1844. He was ordained at Vevay in 1852, though his first pastorate was at Camden, and continued about three years. Other pastorates—Vevay; Evansville; Madison, (eight years) Peru, four years; Lockland, Ohio, (three years); Keokuk, Iowa, (three or four years); Waltham, Mass.; LaPorte, (three years); then back to Camden, to close his ministry where he began it. He was agent of the State Convention two or more years, and in this period, became known throughout the State. During his pastorate at Keokuk, his services were sought as financial agent of Central University at Pella, and this office he filled for two years. Dr. Bland’s career of thirty years as a minister, mostly in Indiana, was marked by extensive revivals. When aroused, he preached with great power. He had the faculty of making the most of what he

obtained on a subject, and being a constant reader, he gathered much with which to sharpen and illustrate his points. His manner was simple, his utterance remarkably distinct, and his pleasant countenance and direct address very impressive. He had a talent for evangelistic work, and the last plan of his life was to labor in this direction and as supply. So far as we know, he never was diverted from the ministry to any other occupation, and was continually studying that he might prove himself a workman that need not be ashamed. The first money received for preaching was expended in the purchase of a family Bible; and thenceforward his home was a model in Christian culture. His last work was that of stated supply for South St. church, Indianapolis; while so engaged he was, on February 14, stricken with paralysis; after which his periods of consciousness were manifestly few and brief. For the first six weeks he could not articulate, and for the remaining seven he talked only in delirium. After three months of great suffering, and of severe trial to his daughter, the only remaining member of his beloved family, he entered into rest. The funeral services were held at the First Church, Indianapolis, many ministers participating in them, and the remains were buried at Crown Hill Cemetery.”

**Bland**, Mrs. Sarah A. (1884): 52. “Wife of Rev. F. D. Bland, D.D., died in Camden, October 26, 1884, aged sixty-one years. She was born in Monroe county, September 23, 1823. She was converted in early youth, and maintained a growing faith and devotion to the last hour of her life, and was of great assistance to her husband in his pastoral labors in various places East and West. The greatest work of her life, she thought, was done in Peru, where she was the means of bringing very many souls to Jesus, and instructing

them in the way of life more fully. Her intelligence was quite above the average, enabling her not only to labor efficiently, but also to entertain a rational and unshaken trust in her Lord in the trying hour of death.”

**Bond**, Rev. Edwin P., M.D. (1898): 134–35. “Was born in West Virginia in November, 1808, and died at Lawrenceburg, Ind., Sept. 13, 1898, nearly ninety years of age. The earlier years of his life he spent in the practice of medicine at Lawrenceburg. About the year 1837, he was ordained, and the remaining years of his active life he spent in preaching. Among his pastorates are included Lawrenceburg, Ebenezer, New Albany and the First Baptist church of Aurora. He is spoken of ‘as a preacher full of strength, and in the prime of his manhood . . . in no sense sensational, yet always abreast of the times, and interesting himself in the great fundamental doctrines of the gospel.’ His oldest son, Edwin P. Bond, Jr., died at the same time, and the funeral service of both occurred at the same time, at Lawrenceburg, September 14th, Rev. H. E. Wilson and Rev. H. P. Fudge, officiating.”

**Boston**, Rev. W. L. (1900): 58. “Died during the holidays at Washington, Ind. We are unable to gather any further facts.”

**Bowles**, Charles J., Sr. (1890): 36. “Was born at North Fairfield, Huron county, Ohio, June 2d, 1818, and died at Newton, Ind., Oct. 22d, 1889, at the age of 71. His work in Indiana began in 1851, and with the exception of two years, the remainder of his life was spent among us. He was a man of striking appearance and great originality and force of character. One who knew him has written thus; ‘He was at home in the pulpit, where he had no superiors, and perhaps no peer in western Indiana. Being a man of great physical

strength, sound in judgment and firm faith in the word of God and being a vigorous and independent thinker, and a profound logician, he combined in himself those qualifications so necessary to large and long continued usefulness in the gospel ministry.”

**Brown, Rev. Joseph (1878):** 23–25. “After a long and painful illness, was gathered unto his fathers August 11th, at the age of sixty-three years. An appropriate mention of his life and services in the *Journal and Messenger* spoke of him, also, thus: ‘Rev. Joseph Brown was born in Wickford, R. I., and died at his home in Indianapolis. When but three years old his father moved to Genesee county, N. Y. His early life was spent of the farm and in one of the woolen mills which his father owned. At this early day school advantages were very limited; and, having an anxiety to learn, he often studied while at work in the mill with his book before him, or at noon-time in the harvest-field. Under such embarrassments he acquired an education that enabled him to pass examination for the Freshman class of Yale College, in which institution he took a full course, and graduated in a class of ninety, with special honors. While pursuing his literary studies here, he availed himself of the lectures in the theological course. He paid the expenses of his course by his own exertions.

“After leaving Yale, he made arrangements to enter Newton Theological Institute; but, in deference to his father’s wishes, engaged in teaching; preaching, also, occasionally. In 1844 he returned to New Haven, took his second degree, and was married to Harriet M. Thursby. A few years later he taught in the Pittsburgh Female Seminary. Afterward he went to Gallipolis, Ohio, and organized a church there, under the auspices of the Ohio Baptist Convention, and was there ordained. Subsequently he

accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Ohio, which he held for ten years; and during this period took a regular theological course at Wittenberg College, same city. In 1860 he settled with the church at Terre Haute, Ind.; afterward with the church in Charleston, Ill., from which place, after two years of service, he returned to Terre Haute. In 1870 he moved to Indianapolis, and soon after entered upon the duties of Corresponding Secretary and Agent for the Indiana Baptist State Convention, and continued in this position for five years. His health had for some time been failing, and at the anniversary of the Convention, in Evansville, 1875, he laid down a work to which he was greatly devoted, and reluctantly retired from active service in the Master's vineyard.

“The services of Bro. Brown were characterized by that fidelity which is based upon principle. He judged of duty by the Bible, and not by the course of others; and yet was ready to yield, upon matters in council, to the convictions of his brethren. He had rare conscientiousness that held him closely to any work for which he was engaged, while to perform it in the most economical way seemed to be a special study. He was exceedingly careful that there be no waste of the means designated for the Lord's cause, and disapproved of extravagant expenditures, for any purpose, as equivalent to a withholding from God. As might be expected of such a man, he was benevolent.

“In manner, he was modest and reserved, and it was not easy to make his acquaintance; but when reached, he was found to be intelligent, sociable, tender and true. He did not elicit favor readily, but retained it when gained.

“As a preacher, he was eminently clear and scriptural. His extraordinary effort to take a theological course was crowned with attainments in Bible knowledge that qualified him to be a doctrinal expounder of rare ability. In agency work he preached the doctrines of the gospel constantly, and with great acceptance. He did much toward establishing the Baptists of Indiana in the truth, and the grateful remembrance of him, throughout the State, is particularly noticeable.

“As a pastor, his diligence in business and fervency in spirit were manifest. A man of his type would not be likely to fail to do his duty; hence he did good.

“The illness of Bro. Brown was exceedingly trying, being long protracted, yet his confidence in God and in his early religious experience sustained him. Justification by faith was a special theme with him. He relied upon truth rather than upon feeling or mental states. He died in peace, universally respected.

“The progress of the cause of Christ being very greatly desired by him, he was particular to set apart some of his means for the preaching of the gospel after he should depart. He left \$1000 to this Convention. He was also anxious that his library should be placed where indigent ministers might have the free use of it.

“The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Day, who thoroughly appreciated and loved him, and the remains were interred in the family lot at Crown Hill, Indianapolis. The memory of the just is blessed.”

**Brown**, Rev. Thomas B. (1872): 13. “One of the early settlers of Ray county, Ind. [*sic*], a minister of the Baptist Church for more than half a century, a soldier of the war of 1812,

and a man widely known for his piety and benevolence, died recently, at the age of eighty-five.”

**Broyles, Rev. Moses** (1882): 42. “Died in Indianapolis, August 31, 1882. He was born a slave near Centerville, Md. His age was supposed to be about 56 years, and he received his name from one of his masters. He bought his freedom from his master for \$300, earned in about three years. He spent three years in Eleutherian College (now Craven Institute), Jefferson County, Indiana. In 1838 he became a Baptist. In 1857 he came from college to Indianapolis and took charge of the Second Baptist Church. It then contained not more than thirty in its membership. By his services and their work they grew in fifteen years to about six hundred. From this body sprang five other churches in the city, each having a house of worship. Bro. Broyles sustained a noble character as citizen and as minister. He was intelligent, judicious and calm, having an admirable faculty for leading a large church of colored people, and keeping them in harmony and prosperity. He had about completed his first quarter of a century with the Second Church, and was preparing a memorial sermon when he fell asleep.”

**Bruner, Lorenzo D.** (1892): 36. “Was born in Virginia, January 7, 1816 and died September 23d, 1891, aged 75 years, 8 months and 16 days. He came to Indiana at the age of thirteen. He was converted and united with the Old Regular Baptist church in 1839, but becoming dissatisfied among them he united with the Bethel Baptist church, Union Association, where he served as deacon for a number of years. He preached with a license for several years but was ordained February 14th, 1875. ‘Bro. Bruner’s manner of

life was such that he was greatly loved and respected by all knew him, and he will be greatly missed.”

**Buchanan, Mrs. Annie J. (1890):** 38. “Wife of Rev. W. J. Buchanan, of Bellville, Ind—Was born Oct. 14th, 1855, and died April 17th, 1890. She united with the Bethel Baptist Church in 1876, and was married to Rev. W. J. Buchanan in 1877. ‘During her illness she often expressed herself as being ready and anxious to be absent from the body and present with the Lord.’”

**Buchanan, Rev. W. J. (1899):** 66–67. “Was born May 31, 1839, and died August 26, 1899, aged 66 years, 4 months and 5 days. He united with the Clayton Baptist Church in February, 1858, of which church he was a member at the time of his death. He was licensed to preach February 9, 1861. His first charge was West Union Church. He preached for a number of years in the southern part of the State. While there he was married to Miss Lizzie C. Bass. He was married a second time to Miss Annie J. Reed. Four sons survive to mourn a father’s loss. Brother Buchanan served in the capacity of a gospel preacher for thirty-seven years. He was an active worker and a devoted preacher and pastor in White Lick Association for thirty years. The funeral services were held at Stilesville by Rev. E. M. Ryan.”

**Burnett, Rev. (1867):** 25. “Of the Indian Mission.”

**Burton, Eld. H. (1873):** 20. “[On] October 5th, ELDER H. BURTON, a veteran of three score and fifteen years, heard, with thanksgiving, the blessed call ‘come up higher.’ He had, for many years, been an exceedingly faithful and honored laborer in Bedford and adjoining counties. His end was a triumphant one full of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.”



**Burton**, Eld. Simpson (1873): 20. “Died at Bloomington, December 6th, 1872, aged 39 years.

He graduated at Franklin College in the year 1860, and immediately entered upon the work of a teacher in the town of Mitchell, where he continued his labors some 8 years. In June, 1864, he was ordained. At the close of his teaching work in Mitchell he became Pastor at Bloomington, where he remained several years. The last year of his life’s work was in the profession of his first choice, in connection with Ladoga Institute. As a teacher he was eminently successful, and is, and ever will be, gratefully remembered by his many pupils. His services in behalf of sick and wounded soldiers during the war of the rebellion are also worthy of mention as characteristic of his readiness to do service, as opportunity might offer, for his fellow men. His last illness was brief, and his last moments a scene of triumph of christian faith.”

**Cain**, Eld. Daniel L. (1873): 20. “Sometime during the winter, ELDER DANIEL L. CAIN, of the Union Association, ceased from his labors. The committee, however, are not in possession of any facts concerning his work, age, or the exact date of his death.”

**Campbell**, Rev. Alfred (1895): 44. “Died February 26, 1895, aged almost 76 years. He was a Christian 55 years at the time of his death, and had been a minister of the gospel 27 years. He was a pioneer worker, and preached in school-houses, dwellings, barns and churches. He was pastor of this home church at Mississinewa Valley nineteen years, and of other churches, on the quarter-time plan, for long periods. He was a man of strong faith in God, and rested his salvation on the merits of Christ.”

**Carothers**, Mary A. Dean (1899): 66. “Born in Lawrence County, Ind., May 25, 1828, and died March 20, 1899, aged 70 years, 9 months and 25 days. She was married to Rev. Isaac

Carothers, March 7, 1898. 'She was a faithful Christian for more than fifty years, first a Baptist, then a Methodist, and died after expressing hope.' Services were held by Pastor Chadwick, assisted by Pastor Asbury, of the M. E. Church."

**Carpenter, L. D. (1892):** 34. "Born in New London, N. H., November 10th, 1844 and died August, 18th, 1892, at the age of 47 years, 9 months and 8 days. He came to Indiana in 1865 or 66 as a clerk in a woolen mill. A failure of his eyes caused him to retire from this business when he purchased a hardware store in Seymour, Ind., with which he was most actively engaged to the time of his death, with the exception of about two years. These two years he spent in Japan in missionary work, and for this end was ordained to preach the gospel to the heathen; passing such an examination as few brethren are able to pass. Political severity in Japan and business complications at home recalled him to his business and to his church work at Seymour, but ever was present in his heart a longing desire to return to the work in Japan. He was married to Miss Marietta Clark on March 17th, 1867. He was one of the few supremely noble men it has been the writer's privilege to know. He was to the last degree unselfish, generous beyond what any one person ever knew, but always wisely so. He was so humble that any child could approach him, and all children loved him; and so keen of intellect that every man who knew him felt the presence of a master mind whom no flattering could touch and no sophistry deceive, but the truth always would. His sincerity was so genuine and his sympathy so broad that he was the friend of everyone in need or sorrow, and yet he was possessed of much acuteness of mind as rarely if ever to become the victim of misplaced confidence. His greatest charm to his friends, and his greatest power among his brethren, was his

deep piety. His faith seemed never for a moment to waver, and his love never to grow cold. These characteristics were never more clearly seen than in the last few weeks and days of his summer vacation, where from the pure waters of the lake he loved so well, his spirit ascended to the purity of God's presence. His best days were days of genuine gladness and joy in which it seemed to us who were left that God smiled upon and blessed him."

**Case, Rev. John (1876): 22.** "Bro. Case fell asleep and was gathered to his fathers July 8, 1876, in the eighty-second year of his age. He was a member of the church almost three-score years, and for half a century preached the Gospel. He was not brilliant, but was sound in the faith, earnest and zealous. He died at his home near New Maysville."

**Cell, Eld. Jeremiah (1874): 16.** "Died at Greensburg, Ind., December 13th, 1873. He was born in Western Pennsylvania, April 13th, 1810; passed his boyhood on a farm; professed religion and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in the year 1841; married Miss Jane Warnock, August 25th, 1842. He united with the Baptist Church in 1846, soon afterwards began to preach, and in order to qualify himself for his work, removed with his family to Covington, Ky., in order to attend the Western Theological Seminary at that place. During a portion of the time he resided here he supplied the Baptist Church in Covington.

"He was settled as pastor as follows: at Aurora, Ind., two years; Ebenezer, eight years; Momence, Ills., two years; Galesburg, Mich., three years; Aurora, again, two years; Greensburg, Ind., two years; Galesburg, Mich., a second time, one year; Centralia, Ills., six years; Greensburg, Ind., was his last call. He died here of lung disease,

contracted in connection with a series of meetings held with the Greensburg Church, in February, 1873.

“His funeral was largely attended, and his remains were laid in the Presbyterian cemetery at Greensburg.

“He leaves a wife and three children, and many friends to mourn his loss. Bro. Cell possessed large native talent, and a considerable amount of acquired ability. He was an earnest worker, and an acceptable and popular preacher.”

**Chaffee**, Rev. Comfort Tyler, D.D. (1899): 66. “Born at Marcellus, N.Y., March 24, 1833. He was converted at a Methodist meeting in Jefferson, Ohio. He studied law and was admitted to the bar almost as soon as he reached his majority. He enlisted at the beginning of the civil war as a private and was soon promoted to be adjutant. On October 3, 1862, he was married to Miss Hattie E. Denison. In 1863 the church in Lima, Ind., called him as pastor and he was ordained there. His pastorates were as follows: Hudson, Mich.; Akron, Ohio; South Bend, Ind.; Centerville, Mich.; Three Rivers, Mich.; Lincoln, Neb.; Saginaw, Mich.; Quincy, Ill.; LaPorte, Ind. He was also a stated supply at a number of places during the years of his broken health. ‘Dr. Chaffee was a man of strong convictions and great pulpit power, and privileged to baptize 699 persons.’ His wife, two daughters and four sons survive to mourn his loss.”

**Chandler**, Eld. Henry (1879): 38. “Born in Fleming Co., Ky., Aug. 12, 1853. He died near Alfordville, Ind., in his twenty-sixth year. His father moved to Indiana when the deceased was quite young. His death was not unexpected to his relatives and brethren, because he

died of consumption. He said to one a short time before his departure, ‘I will soon be at rest over there; and what a glorious exchange it will be.’

“Brother Chandler united with the Sugar Creek Church, Daviess County, Indiana, when he was about 16 years old, and was baptised by Elder Lewis Loveless. He was ordained to the gospel ministry and went to his work heartily, laboring only two years and six months before his Master called him from labor to reward.

“As a minister and christian brother, he was companionable, humble and honest; as a preacher he was pointed, clear, systematic and fearless. Loyalty to Christ, and fidelity to the truth, he preferred to the praise of men.

“To those who knew him, his death was a mysterious providence; but then we remember that this is the nature of all God’s providences.”

**Chord**, Rev. J. W. (1870): 11. “Died in the early part of November, 1869, while yet in the prime of life, and in the midst of his usefulness. He was for many years pastor of the Churches at Bethel and at Vernal in the Friendship Association, and was very highly esteemed by both of these churches, as also by his brethren throughout the State.”

**Christie**, William (1889): 41. “Of Coatsville, Ind., who died March 27, 1889, almost at the 75th year of his age, was a preacher of the Gospel for 30 years in Central Indiana. He was a man of warm heart and willing hands—a practical home missionary. Enduring great pain, he died with the full hope of the reward of the faithful.”

**Christy**, D. M. (1892): 33. “Born near Greensburg, Ind., March 20th, 1849, and died at his home in Mitchell, Ind., April 16, 1892, at the age of 43 years and 26 days. He pursued his studies one year in Shurtliff College, five years at Denison University and three years in

Rochester Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was at Bryan, Ohio, where he was ordained in June, 1877, and where he remained about four years. Poor health forced him to close his pastorate at the Madisonville church near Cincinnati, Ohio. After a brief rest he became pastor at Ithaca, Michigan, where he remained for seven years in most successful work. He was pastor at Laporte, Ind., a little less than two years. In August, 1891, he became the pastor of the church at Mitchell, Ind., where his work was finished and he fell asleep in the Lord. His work is thus mentioned in a Mitchell paper: ‘The church has been wonderfully strengthened and eighteen members have been added during his short term as pastor. Nearly every citizen of this place has come in contact with him, or his family, religiously or socially. By his social qualities he has endeared himself to the young; by his great interest in education he has won a place in the hearts of all friends of education; by his true, upright Christian life and character he has gained a strong hold upon the affections of religious people of every denomination; by his firm stand for temperance he has made himself a strong friend to temperance people everywhere, and by his good spirit and holy walk he has won a claim to the lasting friendship of every good man and woman with whom he has come in contact.’”

**Churchell**, Rev. A. (1867): 25. “Of the Laughery Association.”

**Clarke**, Mahala Kirkman (1898): 53. “Born in Bartholomew County, Ind., February 14, 1838, and died at Campbellsburg, Ind., August 18, 1898, aged sixty years, six months and four days. In July, 1856, she was married to George McCracken. To this union were born five children, four of whom survive to mourn the loss of a mother. Soon after this marriage she joined the Alto Baptist Church. On October 9, 1882, she was joined in marriage to

Rev. Milton C. Clarke, one of Indiana's faithful sons. She passed away happy in her faith in Christ. Funeral services were held at Sharon Church, August 19, 1898, by Rev. I. C. Tedford, assisted by Rev. H. R. Todd."

**Clay, Bradley S.** (1869): 13. "Died in Missouri, August 14, 1869, at the advanced age of 80 years. Of these years 59 were spent in the ministry. His labors were mostly pioneer, in which he was largely successful. Many of these years were spent in this State. His last sermon was preached in Missouri, about six months before his death, from the text, 'What I say, I say unto all, watch.'"

**Coffey, Rev. C. V.** (1897): 50–51. "Son of Rev. Jacob Coffey, was born in Monroe county, Ind., Oct. 23, 1857, and died at his home Nov. 3, 1896, aged 39 years and 10 days. He professed Christ early in life and united with Bethel Baptist church, where he remained a consistent member until his death. He was licensed by the church to preach April 13, 1881, and was ordained to the Gospel ministry July 6, 1887."

**Coffey, Eld. Jason** (1873): 20. "[Died] September 12th, 1873. . . . When 33 years old he gave himself to this service and was set apart by the laying on of hands. Only two years of labor were allotted him and then he entered into rest."

**Coffey, Eld. R.** (1854): 20. "A tried friend of the missionary cause, and a pioneer in the State of Indiana, and several times a missionary of this Board, has laid down his armor and gone to rest. He labored with great delight among the destitute. By his gentleness and humanity he secured the affection of all who knew him. He died on the 22nd of February, 1854, after a short illness of two weeks."

**Cole**, Rev. W. S. (1871): 14. "Of Friendship Association, a good, earnest man, regarded such by the Church and the world. After a long service in the Master's vineyard, he was called home March 4, 1871. He sleeps in Jesus, and his works are held in remembrance."

**Collier**, James F. (1881): 29. "Died February 15, 1881. He was born April 2, 1801, in Pennsylvania county, Virginia; early moved to Floyd county, Kentucky, and at twenty-two years of age removed to Ohio. From Ohio he came to Indiana, in 1830, and finally settled in Madison county where he died. Elder Collier was baptized in 1824, in Ohio; after coming to Indiana he aided in organizing Union Baptist church, of which he was a member to the end of his life, a period of forty-four years. He was ordained in January, 1840, and took the pastorate of above church which he retained till his death. The simplicity and meekness of his character and the blamelessness of his life gave him influence as a Christian and a preacher."

**Collop**, Mrs. Sarah (1895): 43. "Wife of Rev. P. J. Collop, of Versailles, Ind., died August 16, 1895, aged 44 years, 7 months, 27 days. Converted in early life, she served as a faithful, efficient worker while life continued. In Sunday-school, in mission, and young people's work, she was ever active. Her sweet voice added great power to many an earnest revival sermon preached by her husband, when souls were being invited to Christ. Her place as a worker for the Master will not be easily filled. Doubtless her place in heaven is happy and filled with songs of praise for her Redeemer."

**Connelly**, Rev. A. (1897): 50. "Died at Milan, Ind., June 24, 1897, aged 81 years. He was born at Lexington, Ky., in 1816, and came to Versailles, Ind., in 1831. He entered the ministry and became pastor of the Baptist church at Sparta, where he moved in 1847. He married



Delila A. Ware in 1836, and they both united with the Baptist church at Versailles by baptism in 1845. In 1846 he was licensed to preach and was soon ordained to the ministry. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and acquired at the bench by study much of that knowledge which was the source of his power in after years. His pastoral work was mostly in the Laughery Association, at Sparta, Franklin, Hogan Hill, Ebenezer, Wilmington, Manchester, Rising Sun, Bear Creek, Union and Sunman, as well as in some other churches in other Associations. He was a man honored and loved. His services as a minister extend over more than 50 years."

**Connelly, Mrs. Delia A. (1900):** 57. "Wife of the late Rev. A. Connelly, died at Milan, Ind., April 8, 1900, in the eighty-fourth year of her age. She was married to Rev. A. Connelly in 1836. She and her husband joined the Baptist Church at Versailles, Ripley County, Ind., in 1845. She was always deeply interested in her husband's work, who preached the Gospel for fifty years. Her funeral services were held at the Moore's Hill Baptist Church, April 10, conducted by Rev. R. P. Wilson, assisted by Rev. C. J. Carry and Rev. A. C. Edwards."

**Cook, Rev. R. H. (1874):** 16-17. "[Died] March 10th, 1874. Bro. Cook was one of our early pioneers in the ministry in Southern Michigan and Northern Indiana, having removed from New York over thirty years ago, as one of the missionaries of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, in Michigan and Indiana. Under his preaching, hundreds have been converted and added to the faithful.

"He was an earnest and efficient worker in the Master's vineyard. At the time of his death, he was laboring with the Eel river church, Whitley county. Brother Cook died

at his post, with his armor on; his last days in the ministry will be long remembered. He leaves a dear wife and three daughters to mourn his loss.

“His hope was stayed on Jesus; his work was done; with much resignation he fell asleep in Jesus, after commending his family and friends to Him who rules all things, after the counsel of his own will. Brother Cook was fifty-eight years old, forty years a preacher of Christ.”

**Cool, William** (1892): 35. “Born March 27th, 1814, in Ontario Co., N.Y., and died December 5th, 1891, aged 77 years, 8 months and 7 days. He was married to Maria L. Warner, November 19th, 1835. He was converted and united with the Melvin Hill Baptist church in 1839. In the same year he moved to Miami county, Ind., where he resided until his death. He was ordained in the year 1855 and has been a faithful worker, not only during his ministry, but from his conversion, thus serving his master for 52 years. A wife and two daughters remain and with ma[n]y friends mourn the loss of a good man.”

**Coon, Rev. Stephen V. R.** (1895): 44. “Born in Troy, New York, April 30, 1807, died in Fulton county, Ind., August 30, 1895. He was ordained by the church at Antioch in 1853, and gave forty-four years to the ministry in serving the churches near his home.”

**Cooper, Lucia Mary Saxton** (1900): 56. “Wife of Rev. D. H. Cooper, D.D., was born at Westville, Otsego County, New York, April 22, 1857, and died at Peru, Ind., January 14, 1900. When a child she moved to Unionville, Ohio. She received her education at Austinburg, Ohio, in Grand River Institute. In 1876 she returned, with her parents, to live again at Westville, where she was married to her husband, Rev. D. H. Cooper, D.D., August 18, 1878. She lived afterwards at Milford Center, Hamilton, Waterford, Waverly

and Lockport, all in New York, at Port Huron, Mich., and Peru, Ind. Her death was due to heart disease and occurred while her husband was faithfully preaching the Word, without any warning of the death angel's visit. Mrs. Cooper was a woman of strong mind and truer heart, great self-reliance and independent judgment. She possessed a decided taste for the fine arts and always found time and opportunity for their study. But her greatest delight was in the cause of Christ's Kingdom. She was supremely happy in the work of spreading abroad the knowledge of a Savior's love. Until the last hour of her life she maintained a lively interest in the cause which was so dear to her heart. Her only regret while living at Peru was that she could not take as active a part in the cause of Christ as in other days. In the days of her strength she taught in the Bible school, led prayer and missionary meetings, called upon the sick and strangers, prayed in the homes of those who were seeking Christ, dealt with anxious ones in inquiry meetings, and with voice and organ led the service of song in the House of the Lord. Her zeal for these things consumed her days. In them she was supremely happy. In the home she was always the center of interest and love, even thinking more of others than herself. She left one son to revere her memory and mourn her loss in common with her husband."

**Cooper**, Rev. James, D.D. (1886): 48. Not from Indiana; served as District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society (district included Indiana) and died in Detroit, Michigan on April 1, 1886.

**Corbin**, Eld. Wm. (1842): 6; Trustee of the General Association.

**Cox**, Rev. J. M. (1868): 21. "Pastor of the Graham church in the Madison Association, died during the year."

**Crabbs**, Eld. J. D. (1866): 22. “One of the pioneer ministers of Indiana. About thirty years ago he began his labors with the church at Salem, Indiana, under the appointment of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Making that his base, he extended his labors over a large part of the State, and with great sacrifice of home and the comforts of life, he ‘went everywhere preaching the word,’ planting churches and watering them, while God gave great increase. His labors abounded second to no man who has ever lived in the State. Through all Southern Indiana his praise is in the churches and his memory embalmed in divine sweetness in the hearts of multitudes whom he has led to Christ and fed with the living bread. Be it said to his praise that he passed from this scene of death up to life from the midst of a church and people to whom he ministered for more than a quarter of a century. He was a good man, full of truth, faith, prayer and holy fruits.”

**Craig**, Rev. Robert B. (1876): 20–21. “Died at Brookston, Indiana, February 17, 1876, in the fifty-sixth year of his age. He was born in Adams county, Ohio, and, when a child, came with his parents to this State. The family settled near Thorntown. He was married to Miss P. J. Cason, who still survives him, April 8, 1852. Bro. Craig was brought up in the faith of the Seceder Church, but, upon conversion, united with the Bethel Church, near Thorntown, in 1848; was ordained to the ministry, November 17, 1850. His labors in the pastorate were principally with the following churches: Wolf Creek, Bethel, Lebanon, Elizaville, Northfield, Sugar Creek, Union, Michigantown, Rossville, Thorntown, Crooked Creek, Bradford, Brookston and Camden, sustaining the pastoral relation to the last three at the time of his death. He assisted in organizing the Judson Association, and attended all its anniversaries; was several times its Moderator and several times its Clerk.

Was also frequently chosen to represent this body in the State Convention Board, being a member of the Board when he died. Bro. Craig gave himself to constant ministerial service through his life, and, although his health had been declining for a year, he kept at work, and was engaged in a protracted meeting at a distance from his home when the call to rest came.”

**Crambers, Rev. John** (1882): 41. “Born in Shelbyville, Ky., June 5, 1800; came with his father to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1809, where he resided until his death. He was converted and became a member of White River Baptist Church, and was baptized by Rev. Thomas Hill, on the third day of March, 1834, and never changed his membership to any other church. In 1841 he was licensed to preach, and in the next year was ordained. He was twice married, and twice left a widower. His only child died when she was a little girl; so in his last severe illness he was left alone, but for friends whom God raised up for him. He was not brilliant, but as a teacher he was plain, faithful, earnest and true, a very safe counsellor and a good man. Near eight years since he was paralyzed, and has done no work since, and for several months was as helpless as a child. For six years he prayed for rest. His prayer is heard and he ‘rests from his labors.’ He died August 5th, 1882.”

**Crews, J. F.** (1893): 25. “Died April 26, 1893, in his sixty-second year. His membership at the time of his death was with the Coatesville church. His manners were very agreeable, and made him a pleasant companion to both old and young. ‘He has been preacher to many churches in Central Indiana, and under God, very successful in bringing souls to Christ.’ His wife and five children survive him.”

**Cross, Rev. W. T.** (1896): 51–52. “Died August 3, 1896. He was born in Indiana, October 5, 1860. At the age of twenty years he was converted and joined the ‘Church of God,’ and soon after felt the call of the Spirit to enter the ministry. He was married to Miss Prudence E. Wilson in 1890. His first and only pastorate in the Baptist denomination was at Evansville, this State, where he was ordained March 16, 1893. He was eminently a spiritually minded man, strong in his convictions and perfectly fearless in expressing them. Having finished his work, he entered into the rest and joy prepared for those who love and serve the Lord.”

**Croy, Mrs. Sarah A.** (1896): 50. “Wife of Rev. J. A. Croy, departed this life February 11, 1896. She was born in Pennsylvania, December 23, 1853. Her death brought sorrow to many friends, three brothers, three sisters, six children and a husband. Since a girl, Mrs. Croy was an ardent believer in Christ, and true to the Church and her Savior.”

**Curtis, Eld. T.** (1842): 6. Trustee of the General Association.

**Daughters, G. M.** (1834): 4. “With this religious year some of the most devoted friends of this institution, have terminated their pilgrimage and changed their station in Christ’s Church below for a place in his upper temple. I allude particularly to our beloved brethren Rice McCoy and G. M. Daughters, whose holy lives will exert a salutary influence on the cause of their Redeemer while their bodies mingle with their kindred earth.”

**Daughters, Mrs. Nancy** (1895): 43. “Wife of Rev. Benjamin W. Daughters, of Elrod, Ind., died May 30, 1895. A great sufferer for two years, she was patient, and quietly awaited her Master’s call. She was, when able, always in her place and ready to show her colors for

Christ; faithful at home, faithful to her obligations, her life closed in full hope of a glorious fruition.”

**Davis**, Sis. Lizzie (1883): 39. “Wife of Elder B. J. Davis, pastor of Orleans and Salem Baptist churches, died October 3, 1883. For years before her marriage she was recognized as a leader in the church, both in planning and in working. She was quick to see, prompt to act, strong and positive in her convictions, modest in estimating her own powers, faithful as a Sunday School teacher, and possessed the peculiar power of making every one her friend. For two years and two months she had proven to be her husband’s wise counsellor.”

**Davis**, Rev. Rees (1880): 39. “Died at his residence in Waveland, Montgomery County, March 5, 1880; aged 60 years, 8 months and 10 days. He was born in Tazewell County, Va., June 25, 1813. When he was three years old his father died. He came to Montgomery County in 1829. He was married to Elizabeth Rice in 1832. He united with Freedom Church, (Freedom Association) in 1841, and was ordained in 1848. From then till his death, he was a faithful and efficient pastor, a good friend, wise leader and an earnest preacher.”

**Day**, Rev. Henry, D.D. (1897): 51. “Of Indianapolis, Ind., died Aug. 1, 1897, aged 79 years. He was born near Westfield, Mass., in May, 1818, and was the son of Rev. Ambrose and Sarah Day. His boyhood was spent mostly on the farm, but in early manhood he entered Brown University. He relied largely upon himself while passing through college. After two years in college he spent a year in Worcester county High School. He returned to Brown University and graduated with high honors in the class of 1843. On leaving

college he taught in the Providence High School three and a half years. He was licensed by the First Baptist Church of Providence to preach, and accepted the Professorship of Mathematics in Georgetown College, Kentucky. Having been invited to the Professorship of Physical Science, he spent another year in Brown and Harvard Universities. He remained only one year in Kentucky after this, and then became pastor of the Baptist church of Ashland, Mass. After one year he became Professor of Natural Science and Astronomy in Brown University. Two and a half years later he became pastor of the Broadstreet church, Philadelphia. These changes were due to the failing health of Mrs. Day. At the end of two years' failing health he severed his connection with this church and rested for two years. He then entered upon the most important work of his life. He became pastor of the First Baptist church, of Indianapolis, in 1860, and continued until July, 1876, a little over fifteen years. The church was small when he became pastor, and had a membership of more than 600 when he left it. During his pastorate three new churches were formed out of the old one—the Garden, North (now College Avenue), and South Street. After his retirement from this church he never again entered upon a pastorate, but spent his time in Indianapolis and New England and in a trip abroad. He was a noble man and as noble a preacher. His greatness of soul has left its impress on the First church, of Indianapolis, on man[y] of the older citizens of that city, and on a multitude of noble women who came out of the Young Ladies' Institute, and enjoyed while there the blessings of his ministry.”

**Day, Philmer** (1892): 35–36. “Born at North Madison, Ind., September 8th, 1856 and died



July 7th, 1892. He graduated at the Indiana State University in 1885, and ordained to the ministry in the same year and was pastor of several churches in Indiana. In 1889 he gave up the pastorate as his regular work and spent the remainder of his life in teaching. His life was an earnest spiritual force and counted for good among all with whom he associated. He enjoyed in a marked degree during his last sickness the presence and peace of the Master, and leaves blessed memories to those who loved him most and knew him best.”

**DeBolt**, William (1886): 45–46. “A native of the State and a tried and trusted minister within it, died at Flora, July 19, in his forty-ninth year. He was born October 31, 1837. When he had reached manhood he became a follower of Christ and united with Sharon church, Carroll county, and soon after began active labor for the Master. To qualify himself for higher usefulness in the ministry, he took a course in the Normal School at Lebanon, O., and also a course in Shurtleff College, graduating from the latter in 1871, with the highest honor. He was ordained in 1872, and was pastor at Rossville, Galveston, Deer Creek, Sugar Creek, and finally at Frankfort. Intervening the first and second of these pastorates he was Principal of Rural Home Institute, at Huntington, and of Ladoga Seminary. He was a capable man as preacher and pastor, and did his work well, was in active sympathy with all departments of our benevolence and was a respected leader among his brethren—a Moderator of Judson Association for many successive years and foremost in its enterprises. He was one of the men who gain rather than lose by acquaintance, he being in continual honor in his own country. Under the encroachments of a painful disease his pastoral work ended some two years before his death, yet he continued to do for the cause

whatever he could do; at last submitting to the Divine pleasure and entering peacefully the portals of day. Those to whom he had ministered, in turn ministered to him in his want, and by their hands and in their midst was he granted funeral rites and fraternal sepulture.”

**Delp**, Rev. E. J. (1895): 44. “Of Rochester, Ind., died November 23, 1894, aged 64 years and 4 months. He united with the Baptist Church in 1858, and was ordained to the ministry in 1867. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the U.S. service, was promoted to Captain, was severely wounded in the arm and shoulder at the battle of Walker’s Ford. This ended his service, as his wound was so severe that he never recovered. As a minister he was loyal to Baptist standards and to his God, preached at many funerals, was instrumental in turning many to Christ. He was unpretentious as to learning, but knew well his Bible, and presented God’s truth in love, plainness and great power. Being a man of God, he was a man of power among the people. His works follow to praise him.”

**Dobbs**, Mrs. Mary E. (1884): 51. “Wife of Rev. C. E. W. Dobbs, D.D., died at Madison, July 1, 1884, in her forty-third year. She was born in Portsmouth, Va.; became a Christian and a member of the Court Street Baptist Church of that city, in her fourteenth year. Her baptism was the first witnessed by the future husband, and through her influence he was encouraged to prepare for the ministry, and to the last of her life he was sustained by her faith and counsels. Her health was poor for some time, and when finally both body and mind yielded to the fearful power of disease, she entered upon the unbroken rest of the people of God.”

**Dorland**, George C. (1893): 26. “This brother though not a minister, had so long been an active and interested worker of our denomination that he was as well known to those who are active in denominational affairs as many of our preachers and pastors. He had served his own church at La Porte for many years as clerk and had been a deacon of the same. He was active in his own association, having served as clerk and moderator, was interested in the organization of Pine Lake assembly association, had served the State in connection with State missions, and was at the time of his death one of the five directors of The Indiana Baptist Publishing Company, and was on his way home from attending the annual meeting of the stockholders of that company when he met his death. He will long be remembered as one of God’s earnest loving servants and has now entered into rest and his works do follow him.”

**Dunlap**, Rev. J. H. (1868): 21; Monticello association.

**Edwards**, Rev. Moses C. (1876): 21–22. “Born in Newark, New Jersey, July 28, 1801, where he resided until he was about fifteen years old; then, with his father, Rev. Moses Edwards, he removed to Bethel, Ohio. Here he remained until 1833; then removed to New Marion Ripley county, Indiana, where he resided most of the time for nineteen years. He was Pastor of the church at the latter place, and of several others in Southern Indiana. Deceased joined the Church at Bethel, Ohio, in 1828; was ordained at Versailles, 1833; Elders John Vawter, Thomas Hill and others officiated. From this time he was actively engaged in the ministry, until failing health compelled him to discontinue his labors—a period of more than thirty years. Bro. Edwards died at Aurora, June 8, after long and painful illness, and his remains were borne to Bloomington, Indiana, for interment.”

**Eldridge, William B.** (1881): 29. “Died February 8, 1881. He was born in Nelson county, Kentucky, in 1792. In 1818 he emigrated to Indiana, and located in Sullivan county. In 1821 Little Flock Church was constituted, and soon after he became a member of it by baptism. He immediately manifested great interest in the meetings and was licensed to preach. About 1835 he removed to the vicinity of Second Prairie Creek Church which called him to ordination as its pastor, and which he served in that capacity thirty-one years. His last pastorate was that of Friendship Church. About ten years before his death he was stricken with paralysis, in the pulpit of Union Church, and afterwards was seldom seen in public. With resignation and cheerfulness he passed away at his old home in Vigo county.”

**Elgin, G. H., D.D.** (1890): 38. “Born near Claysville, Washington county, Ind., March 16th, 1848, and labored on his father’s farm until of age. He became a christian before he was nineteen years old and joined the Lost River Baptist Church. In February 1870, he entered Franklin College and graduated June 16th, 1875. He was ordained at Columbus, Ind., in August of 1875. He was graduated from Rochester Seminary in June 1879, and became pastor of the North Church of Indianapolis, in July of the same year. In August 1881, and while still pastor of this church he began the crowning work of his life, in the issue of the first member of the *Indiana Baptist* assisted by brother U. M. Chaille. For this work the Baptists of Indiana owe him a debt of gratitude that this generation is able, neither fully to appreciate, nor repay. The demands of the *Baptist* became so great that he was compelled to leave the pastorate of the North Church in February, 1882. But he always kept on preaching regularly to some one or two churches, not because he needed

the financial assistance so necessary to the success of the *Indiana Baptist*, but because the unquenchable fire of the true preacher burned within his soul. He was unquestionable among the foremost preachers of our State. Daring in thought, safe in his conclusions, eloquent in voice, manner and idea, chaste in imagination, boundless in the tenderness of his heart, he caught and inspired the hearts of all. But the end draws near. He whom some of us loved most because we knew him best, hears the Master's call. With a beautiful and christian patience, he bore his long and painful illness and fell asleep in the Lord, at Southport, May 5th, 1890, at the age of 42 years, blessed of God, honored of men, loved by his friends."

**Elliott**, Mrs. Harriet A. (1893): 25. "Born January 13, 1820, and died at Greencastle, Ind., December 23, 1892. She was the wife of Rev. M. C. Elliott during fifty-two years. 'She was a Baptist during forty years, and was of help to her husband in his work.' She was an invalid for five years, and bore her sufferings with patience. Her husband and four children survive to mourn the loss of a wife and mother."

**Eskridge**, Bro. James (1866): 22. "Was comparatively a young man, but his record with his brethren is that he was an earnest and devoted laborer in the field of Christ, whose work was well done until that day he was taken up to the glorious seat of the saints."

**Fallis**, Rev. I. C. (1899): 67. "Of Haughville Church, died in June at the age of 72 years. He was born of Quaker parentage February 13, 1827. He united with the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1856. He was an active Christian business man for thirty years. He was licensed to preach in Minneapolis, Minn., in 1874, and was ordained in Chicago in 1876. He was pastor at Utica, Earlville, Streator, Plainfield and Rossville, in

Illinois. He was also pastor at Fredonia, Kan., and at Carroll, Manchester and Storm Lake, Iowa. His last pastorate was at Haughville, six months before his death. 'He was much engaged during his different pastorates in evangelistic work and the Lord largely blessed his labors. The churches which he served were always built up and made stronger in spiritual life.' His funeral was conducted in the afternoon of June 2, by Rev. C. H. McDowell, assisted by Rev. A. D. Berry, of Woodruff Place, and Rev. A. W. Wood, of the Haughville M. E. Church. His wife, three daughters and a son survive him."

**Farris**, Eld. Sylvester (1869): 13. "After laboring in the ministry for many years, mostly in this State, in the bounds of the Laughery Association, died in June last, in Versailles, at the advanced age of about 85 years. Gathered home like a shock of corn fully ripe, 'Though dead, he yet sleepeth.'"

**Feagler**, Mrs. Mary L. (1898): 135. "Widow of Rev. Onward F. Feagler, was born at Madison, Ind., Dec. 7, 1825, and died Sept. 1, 1897, aged 71 years, 8 months and 24 days. In early life she united with what is now called North Vernon Baptist church. Her husband died Aug. 27, 1876, leaving upon her the care of a family. Two sons and two daughters survive, to mourn the loss of a christian mother."

**Ferris**, Eld. Ezra (1857): 15. Born in the State of Connecticut, April 26th, 1783. He was licensed by the church in Columbia, Ohio, to preach the gospel, in the year 1806. For fifty-one years, therefore, he stood connected with the Baptist Ministry. He died at his residence in Lawrenceburgh, April 19th, 1857. Aged 74 years. A good man and a faithful Christian Minister."

**Fisher**, Rev. I. O. (1880): 39. “A missionary pastor of this Convention at Kendallville, fell asleep in Jesus, Wednesday, October 6, after only six months of labor in his promising field. Brother Fisher was 60 years old, but a man of great physical vigor and buoyancy of spirit. He was converted early in life, and was for many years connected with the M. E. Church. He was for a long time an earnest and acceptable preacher among them, and once or more was honored by an appointment as Presiding Elder. He came to Kendallville early in May last, from a successful pastorate at Ashtabula, O. He entered upon his work under very promising auspices. His amiable, gentle and sympathetic spirit; his earnest and zealous ministry; his practical and spiritual preaching, and his consistent and godly walk, promised a large and most gratifying success. He soon won the confidence of his brethren. The fruits of his labors were already beginning to be gathered. Brother Fisher leaves a loving wife, his co-worker for more than thirty years, and a stricken church and people.”

**Fiske**, O. J. (1886): 45. “A comparative stranger to us, closed a long and useful career in the past year, within our State. He was a New England man and a graduate of Brown University. He held high positions during his prime, including the presidency of a college in the South. In later life he lived in Illinois and labored there as pastor. He is remembered by those who know him as a modest, informed, capable, devout Christian man. He was permitted to close his life in the family of a son in Indianapolis; and as a beloved member of the North Baptist church in that city.”

**Foote**, Adrian (1886): 46–47. “He was born at Pittsfield, Mass., April 2, 1787, and he died at Rochester, Ind., July 19, 1886, at the remarkable age of 99 years, 3 months and 17 days.

At the age of 19 he was married to an excellent Christian woman, who was the means of his conversion. When 30 years old he accepted Christ, and soon after commenced preaching the Gospel, which was the main work of his long life. Feeling the need of a better education he spent two years at Madison University and graduated in the English Department in 1826, and he lived longer probably than any other one of the numerous alumni of that institution. The following twenty-five years he spent in western New York and Meadville, Pa., in which places he was the means of doing valuable service for the Master. In 1856 he came to Indiana, lived awhile in Laporte, and then located on a farm near Lake Maxinkuckee. The last fifteen years he lived in Rochester. During the seventy years spent in the ministry of the Gospel, he was, by divine grace, enabled to maintain a character altogether without blemish. We must largely mingle gratitude with our regrets at the termination of a life which may be regarded as having been singularly honored and blessed; a life protracted not only beyond the ordinary term of human existence, but also beyond the power of active labor, and closing so serenely amidst the consolations of the Gospel he had preached. His manner of preaching was logical and Scriptural, and, therefore, convincing. He was more of an evangelist than pastor. Carrying the Gospel into many parts, he was the means of turning many from darkness to light, organizing churches and erecting several houses of worship. Some of us enjoyed the rare privilege of looking upon and hearing the voice of this sunny old man as he stood on the border of Glory-land and reflected its light. With what accuracy he related events! With what clearness and joy he spoke of the way of life and salvation! With what satisfaction he held his place in the courts of the Lord, and with what zest he engaged in religious



conversation! His sun tarried long in the setting, and even the third generation was permitted to see the truly ripened shock ere it was finally gathered home.”

**Forest, Rev. J. W.** (1887): 52–53. “Died at Rigdon, Ind., July 28, 1887, aged 76 years. He was born in Virginia; moved to Madison county, Ind., in 1848; was ordained to the Gospel ministry in 1858, and was pastor in the Harmony Association as follows: Mt. Pisgah church, 16 years; Second Salem, 7 years; New Harmony, 1 year. He did much preaching in destitute places and was efficient in organizing churches. He led a blameless life, and had the unqualified respect of those who knew him.”

**Frakes, Rev. Asa** (1874): 15–16. “Born in Spencer county, Ky., April 10, 1803. When but a child his father moved to Indiana, near Connersville, and soon after settled near Middletown, Vigo county, where Asa grew to manhood and lived the remainder of his life. In early life he married Rebecca Dickerson, and settled in Middletown. It is not known in what year he was converted to Christ; but he was baptized in 1828, by Elder William Stansil, and was an exhorter in the church the same year. He was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in March, 1836. He served First Prairie Creek Baptist church as pastor, 35 years. He also had the care of the following churches: Second Prairie Creek church, Union, Fairbank, Friendship, Little Flock, New Harmony and Hudsonville, but just how long is not now known. He died at his residence, near Middletown, Vigo county, Ind., December 8, 1873. His funeral is to be preached by Elder Wm. Stansil, November 1, 1874.

Elder Frakes was a frontiersman without the advantages of an extended education. He was uncouth in his manners, and to some extent rough; but possessing a large share of

common sense, great native shrewdness, and an immense amount of humor, with other peculiarities, he became an attractive and popular preacher, and exercised for more than an entire generation, a controlling influence for the Baptist denomination throughout Curry's Prairie Association."

**French**, Rev. David S. (1881): 28. "Died at his home in Brookston, November 2, in his sixty-sixth year. He was born in Miami county, Ohio; was a student in Granville College four years—1835–39—but completed his course at Madison University, New York. On leaving college he came to Wabash county and there spent his active life, a period of about forty years, in the work of the Ministry. He was ordained as pastor of the church in Lafayette and served it for several years; and subsequently labored in western Indiana and eastern Illinois, where he is well remembered for his fidelity and ability as a preacher."

**Fulmer**, Mrs. S. C. (1892): 35. "Born at Plymouth, Ind., November 22d, 1859, her maiden name being Carrie Gambrill. She was married to Rev. S. C. Fulmer at Walkerton, Ind., November 30th, 1882. She united with the Baptist church at South Bend while Rev. W. C. Learned was pastor, and was baptized Oct. 23d, 1884. She died January 6th, 1892, after a lingering illness, at the age of 32 years. A faithful husband and three children mourn their loss and have as their comfort the memory of her earnest christian life."

**Fuson**, Rev. George P. (1898): 135. "Born at Flat Rock, Ill., Aug. 12, 1846, and died in May, 1898, aged 51 years, 8 months, 28 days. He was one of six children born to Rev. A. J. Fuson. He went into the army at 17 years of age, and served until the close of the war. In 1866 he married Mary Jane Malcom, the mother of his five children, all of whom survive

him, except one. He was ordained Nov. 27, 1869. His pastorates in Indiana were Fairbanks, Shelburn, Sullivan, Door Village, Brown's Valley, Waynetown and Crawfordsville. The services were conducted by Rev. D. R. MacGregor and Rev. R. D. Trick."

**George**, Eld. Thomas (1870): 11. "Born in Kentucky, in 1824, came to this State while yet young. Experienced hope and united with the Baptist Church at Hubert's Creek, Ind., in his 15th year. The church gave him license to preach the Gospel in 1854, and he was ordained in 1861. From that time he faithfully preached the Gospel until he was prostrated by disease (Palsy), which eventuated in his death November 14, 1869. Thus in his prime another workman was removed."

**Gillaspy**, Eld. William (1879): 36. "Departed this life December 25, 1873, aged sixty-three. He was born in Clark County, Indiana, August 8, 1813. In 1831 he was converted and joined the Slate Ford Baptist Church, and in 1839 was ordained to the ministry. His ministerial labors were confined mostly to the Brownstown Association, and extended through a period of nearly forty years. He was the first to preach missionary sentiments in the Association; was compelled to endure many hardships, incident to pioneer work. A man of unassuming, sincere piety, intelligent (considering his opportunities), a good preacher and a safe counsellor, his death is much felt by the ministry of the Association and his memory is blessed."

**Girdwood**, Rev. J. (1867): 25. "Of the Tippecanoe Association."

**Givan**, Eld. J. W. (1842): 6. Trustee of the General Association.

**Gleason**, Rev. Ira (1867): 25. "Of the Sand Creek Association."

**Goodin**, Rev. Smith (1896): 51. “Died at his home in Muncie, April 17, 1896, aged 77 years. He was ordained in Ohio, where he served a number of churches. During the war he was chaplain of one of the Indiana regiments. During his service he was a faithful soldier and a gallant officer. For more than twenty-five years he has been a resident of the State, during which time he was connected with the Church at Bluffton and Montpelier. For thirteen years he was clerk of the Muncie church. He will be missed by the church and community. He leaves a wife and four daughters, to whom his pure life and gentle spirit must ever remain a precious legacy.”

**Graham**, G. C. (1889): 40. “Closed his work at Cherubusco, in February, 1889, and went to report to the Master who had sent him into the field to reap until He should call for him. The early years of his Christian ministry had been spent in this and other States, and he came to us ripe with experience and a heart full of love to God, and zeal for his kingdom. He was a man remarkable for building churches—remarkable for zeal and skill. He was stricken down with a severe fever while in the midst of a revival meeting. Resigned to God’s providence, he longed to toil still more for the cause he loved so much.”

**Graw**, Rev. E. M. (1887): 52. “Died near Blue Grass December 24, 1886, aged 60 years, 1 month and 4 days. He was born in Harrison county, Ky., Nov. 19, 1826. In 1859 he was baptized and became a member of the Crooked Creek church, Cass county; in 1860 he was licensed to preach, and in 1862 was ordained. Thus his ministry extended through a period of 25 years, and was one of much activity. He traveled mostly on foot, and he stated that he had traveled 10,000 miles in the discharge of ministerial duty. His remuneration was evidently small, since, though living inexpensively, he was at the last

reduced to dependence on the Ministers' Aid Society. As a preacher he was unusually fervent; he preached to the utmost of his ability, causing men to feel that he was in earnest, and thus impressing them with the reality of religion and turning them to the way of the Lord. For a number of years he was in feeble health, and an attack of congestion of the lungs hastened the fatal issue. His last pastorate was that of Yellow Creek church. His closing hours were full of peace. The funeral and the burial took place at Kewanna."

**Greenslade**, John M. (1885): 50. "Born in Devonshire, England, and was a member of the Congregational Church. Emigrating to America in 1849 his views of Bible doctrine underwent a change and he was baptized into the fellowship of Lost River Church by Elder J. D. Crabbs. He supported himself on his farm and labored among the churches within his reach as opportunity was presented. He was a godly man, noted for his faithfulness to what he believed to be his duty. He fell asleep in Jesus December 23d, 1884, at the ripe age of 77 years. His body rests in the cemetery at Livonia, Indiana."

**Hanna**, Rev. J. T. (1885): 49. "Died near Linton, Greene County, November 13th, in his 74th year. He was born in Greene County, Penn., February 7, 1811, and at the age of five years came with his father's family to Steubenville, O., and at the age of seven to Jackson County, Ind. In 1828 he removed to Lawrence County, and in 1849 to Green[e] County. In relating his Christian experience only a few days before his death, he said: 'The Lord met me on the 4th of November, 1831, and converted my soul, and I have never seen an hour since that I wanted to give up my religion. I often feel that I have done so little for the Master that I am not worth noticing by him, but I am trusting in his mercy and grace alone. I have felt more than once, since I have been lying in this bed, to say, 'Glory to

God for what he has done for my soul.’ Soon after his conversion he united with the Guthrie’s Creek Church, and was licensed to preach; and not long afterward he was ordained by what are known as the Anti-Mission Baptists. He said he often felt that the gospel ought to be preached to the uttermost parts of the earth; but, being naturally timid, if he expressed sentiments of this kind he was held in check by his superiors, until about thirteen years ago, when the church to which he belonged (Bethel, Greene County) formally adopted the views of the Missionary Baptists. From that time, however, he was not able to travel as formerly, but he lent a willing hand to those who did so. He was a man of firmness, of intense and glowing piety, yet manifestly conscious of meager intellectual attainments. He led a blameless life; was truly a son of God without rebuke.”

**Hannawalt**, Eld. Wm. L. (1866): 23. “Our dear young brother, Wm. L. Hannawalt, who has been with us but a few times in our State Anniversaries, yet he was a promising and faithful young brother at home, in his church, in his association, in the Sabbath School, where he was ‘a host,’ and was very efficient in colporteur work [peddler of religious books] for the American Baptist Publication Society. Last summer he was ordained as pastor of the Mt. Zion church, in the Monticello Association. But the Master needed him in another and higher sphere, and we think he has ‘entered into the joy of his Lord.’”

**Harding**, Bro. Israel (1842): 6; Trustee of the General Association.

**Harding**, Samuel (1836): 1, 2. [p. 1] “In the absence of brother Samuel Harding, deceased, brother George Mathews preached the introductory sermon from 2 Cor. 2:12–16.”

[p. 2] “The following resolution by brother Mathews, was unanimously adopted.

“*Resolved*, That in the death of our beloved brother, Samuel Harding, we not only sympathize with his bereaved family, and ministerial charge, but feel ourselves called upon for deep humiliation before God, and for renewed diligence in the service of our blessed Redeemer.”

**Hedge**, Eld. T. P. (1850): 15–16. “Eld. T. P. Hedge, one of our missionaries, is also among the fallen. He also died at Delphi, Carrol county, aged 27 years. Bro. Hedge had spent some time at Franklin College, though he did not graduate. He had been in the ministry only two years. During that time, his labors had been crowned with good success. Such was his grade of talent, the stability and fervor of his piety, he was a brother of more than ordinary promise.”

**Hervey**, Rev. Samuel (1876): 22. “‘Father Hervey’ was born in Ocean county, New Jersey, in 1795; died, August 31, 1876, at the residence of his son-in-law, Rev. H. B. Rupe, Cambridge City. When about sixteen years of age he united with the Baptist Church, at Pemberton, New Jersey; commenced preaching at the age of twenty-one, and was ordained at Eavesham, New Jersey, in 1834. Came to Eastern Indiana in 1838, and there spent the remainder of his life. Though obliged to labor constantly for the support of a large family, he preached most of the time to various Baptist Churches of this section. With a keen appetite for knowledge, especially for theology, he studied closely, as circumstances admitted and acquired much. He was strong in the truth, and left a permanent influence for it. The last four and a half years of his life were passed in almost total blindness, induced by too severe application to books, thus leaving him destitute of his main source of entertainment; yet he valued very highly the society of his friends. He

died suddenly, of congestion of the lungs, after a busy life of more than four-score years, in full hope of the glorious life of the redeemed in Heaven.”

**Hibbard**, Mrs. (1868): 21–22. “The following things are said of the late Mrs. Hibbard, of Vincennes:

Under God, Mrs. Hibbard was the instrument of raising up the Baptist interest in Vincennes, and after laboring and sacrificing for it in her life, in her will she donated \$2,150 to the Vincennes Baptist church to procure a bell and upholster the house. Then looking at the cause elsewhere she gave the Richmond Baptist church \$425; the Chesterfield Baptist church \$425; the Cambri[d]ge City Baptist church \$255, and the Indianapolis Female Institute, \$170; all of which has been paid. To secure the fulfillment of her wishes she selected Rev. S. Tucker, of Logansport, as her administrator, by whom the bequests have been paid and the estate closed up. How many more like Sister Hibbard might leave monuments to the glory of God, monuments of more value than the marble column which arises at their graves. The munificence of this Christian Sister is saying to all others in like circumstances with her, ‘Go thou and do likewise.’”

**Hicks**, O. (1886): 44–45. “Came last summer from Illinois to this State and settled with one or more churches in the Monticello Association, and among the kind people of his care he passed, very soon and very unexpectedly, to his final rest. The hopes of his flock were cut off and again left shepherdless. May we believe that he had finished his course, as we must that he has obtained the crown.”

**Higby**, Rev. John (1882): 42. “Died in Lima, LaGrange County, Ind., July 22, 1882, aged 71 years. He was born in Greenburh [*sic*], Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1811. He was



converted at about twenty years of age; united with the church at Northville, Conn., in 1831; ordained in Mars in 1836. In 1846 he moved West and settled in Illinois. In his old age he removed to Indiana in order that he might be nearer his son, a Baptist minister in our midst.”

**Hill**, Rev. Allen (1898): 53–54. “Died after an illness of some weeks, on August 6, 1898, at Spencer, Ind., of which church he was the beloved pastor. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Hill, Jr., and was born in Jennings county, Indiana, January 10, 1831, where he resided until 1863. In the fall of that year he moved, with his family, to Coles county, Illinois, and in February, 1865, was converted and united with the Little Flock Baptist Church. Soon after his conversion he felt that it was his duty to enter the ministry, yet his keen appreciation of his lack of collegiate education was an almost insuperable barrier to his following the promptings of duty. The influences of the Spirit, and the persuasions of his brethren, however, at last prevailed, and in 1869 he was licensed to preach the gospel. Having thus become identified with the ministerial calling he worked earnestly to prepare himself, and in January, 1870, was ordained. Brother Hill entered heartily into pastoral duties in Illinois for a period of eight years, supplying numerous churches. In the spring of 1878, through the earnest solicitations of numerous friends, he was induced to return to the old homestead in Indiana and take up the pastoral care of the Coffee Creek Church, which had enjoyed the tender watch-care of Bro. Hill’s father, Rev. Thomas Hill, Jr., for almost thirty years, and had been founded by Rev. Thomas Hill, Sr., in 1822, and of which he was pastor till the infirmities of age compelled him to retire from active preaching, at which time Thomas Hill, Jr., was chosen pastor.

Since his return to Indiana, Bro. Hill has held pastorates at Coffee Creek, Freedom, Zion, Tea Creek, First Marion, Lick Branch in Coffee Creek Association, Vernon in Madison Association, North Vernon in Sand Creek Association, Galveston, Kokomo, Clayton and Spencer, which latter pastorate he held at the time of his death. For nearly three years he was the State evangelist of the denomination in Indiana, traveling the State from border to border, visiting destitute churches, encouraging the faint-hearted, establishing new churches and Sunday schools.

Bro. Hill served in the war of 1861 as captain of Company H, Twenty-seventh Indiana Infantry. In the service he contracted the disorder that eventually caused his death.

His death was like sinking to slumber—calm and peaceful. His interment took place at Galveston, Ind., being laid to rest by the side of the mother of his children, Maria E. Hill, who died December 12, 1889.”

**Hill**, Eld. John (1852): 12. “It is also our painful duty to record the death of Elder John Hill, a Missionary of this Board, who fell like a true soldier of the cross, on the field of battle.”

**Hill**, Mrs. Maria E. (1890): 37. “Wife of Rev. Allen Hill.—Sister Hill was born in Jennings county, Ind., Dec. 24th, 1833, and died at Kokomo, Howard county, Ind., Dec. 12th, 1889, aged 55 years. She was married to Rev. Allen Hill in 1856. She became a christian at about the age of thirteen years, and was baptized by Rev. Thomas Hill, her husband’s father. When her husband felt called to the ministry, and the wages of the worthy laborer was too scant to meet the requirements of home, with rare devotion and the true spirit of self-sacrifice, she cheered her husband on in his work, and nobly did more than her part.”

**Hill**, Rev. Thomas (1876): 21. “This venerated servant of God was born September 12, 1797, and died March 27, 1876. He was converted in 1822, and ordained to the ministry in 1825. He was the first missionary in Southern Indiana, entering the work first under the appointment of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and afterward of the General Association of Indiana (now the State Convention). He continued in this work until the year 1838—a period of thirteen years—when he became Pastor of the Coffee Creek Baptist Church, and continued in this pastorate twenty-seven successive years, and in all thirty years, holding membership in the same church fifty-four years. He preached in the same neighborhood for about fifty-three years, his last sermons being in the old church on the second Saturday and Sunday of February, 1876. He was likewise Moderator of the Coffee Creek Association thirty-nine years. Bro. Hill was a man of the age. For integrity and solidity of character he was excelled by none. As a minister, he stood pre-eminent among his brethren. He was decidedly a textual preacher, and always found his text in God’s book; was a very safe adviser and faithful teacher, honest in all his convictions of right; an earnest sympathizer with the oppressed; a warm and liberal friend to the poor. He was a man of strong faith and ‘effectual prayer;’ one of the earliest advocates and a leader in the cause of temperance; a pioneer in every good cause in Southern Indiana. Earnest and very eloquent in his preaching, he was always listened to with attention and deep interest, and his brethren in the ministry especially were always delighted to form a part of his audience. He was a man of God. He has entered his Master’s employ above, and his ‘works do follow him.’”

**Hinckley**, Eld. A. R. (1847): 6. Board member, who died in 1841.

**Hogg**, Rev. Washington (1883): 38. “[Died] [a]t his residence in Brownstown, Ind., of pneumonia, after a severe illness, aged forty-one years.

Bro. Hogg was a most faithful and zealous preacher, having baptized more than four hundred persons during his eight years’ ministry. Four churches and a number of neighborhoods where he preached in school houses week-day evenings, in Brownstown Association, are left pastorless. The high estimation in which he was held was shown by the large audience that packed the court house at the funeral services, Sunday afternoon, April 15. The sermon was preached by Rev. Albert Ogle, of Seymour, from I Tim. 4:8.”

**Holman**, Eld. J. L. (1842): 6. Trustee of the General Association.

**Holman**, Hon. W. S. (1897): f.p. “Born Near Aurora, September 6, 1822. Baptized by Rev. Wm. Johnson in 1843. A Member of Congress for over Thirty Years. A Member of the Aurora Baptist Church for over fifty years. Died April 22, 1897.”

**Hoppel**, Mrs. Thirza V. Walker (1892): 33. “Wife of Rev. L. C. Hoppel was born in England, and while yet very small emigrated to Baliza [*sic*], and from thence to the United States. In Cincinnati and at Newport, Ky., most of her childhood was spent. Later she moved to Dupont, Ind. She was converted and united with the Baptist church during the pastorate of the late Rev. M. B. Phares. She taught in the public schools of Madison for several years with remarkable success. For six years she taught in the public schools of Franklin, Ind. ‘After her marriage to Rev. L. C. Hoppel in 1881, she united heartily with him in work for the colored people at Roger Williams University, Nashville, and later at Benedict Institute, Columbia. When failing health made it necessary for Mr. Hoppel to leave the South, she threw herself just as heartily into other work. As a pastor’s wife, as

an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, she was loved and honored by all.' She died after a brief illness November 17th, 1891. Some one who knew her well says of her: 'She was the most hopeful, the most unselfish person I ever knew. It was an inspiration to better living to be with her.'"

**Horrall**, Rev. W. H. (1895): 44. "Died October 29, 1894, aged 35 years. He had been a minister about nine years, and was faithful in his work. He was open and frank in his beliefs and doings. He baptized 299 persons during his short ministry; was a progressive, warm-hearted, useful man. He doubtless now gives glory to God among those who have crossed the river before him, and where no sorrows or bitter disappointments can ever come."

**Howard**, Rev. Anderson, M.D. (1883): 37. "Born in Russell county, Va., October 4, 1817. His father and mother removed to Indiana in 1831, and after a short stay in Wayne county, settled in the unbroken wilds of Boone county. He was converted in the year 1846, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethel church, near Thorntown, Ind., in December of that year by Elder P. T. Palmer. Nine years after his conversion, having previously been licensed, he was ordained to the work of the ministry April 29, 1855, as the pastor of Bethel church. He served this church some three years. He lived fifteen miles from the church, yet rarely, if ever, during the years preceding his ordination, or during his pastorate did he miss the regular monthly meeting of his church. Being troubled with bronchial disease, he had to give up the ministry, and in 1862 he began the practice of medicine. After a residence of nearly fifty years in Boone county, he removed to Marion [county] in April, 1880. In December, 1880 he and his wife put their membership into the Crooked Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis Association. He met his death in a very

sudden and shocking manner. While he and his oldest daughter were on their way to church, about 6:30 o'clock on the evening of January 25, their buggy was struck by a passing train, and he was thrown some distance and instantly killed.”

**Huff, J. D.** (1890): 38. “Was converted and united with the church in 1856, and was ordained to the ministry in the year of 1861. His labors were mostly confined to the Bethel [sic] church near his home, and Mt. Carmel Baptist church, Perry County Association. He died May 15th, 1890, near Troy, Ind., aged 73 years.”

**Hunt, Rev. George W.** (1877): 19–20. “Born at Rising Sun, June 13, 1847, and died at same place June 24, 1877. He had been preaching for about six years, the last two at or near Worthington. Being in delicate health, he had returned to the home of his mother with a view of recruiting [recuperating], and there entered upon his eternal rest.

Although his career was brief, Brother Hunt seemed to have accomplished much good. He was the means of many additions to the colored Baptist church of Rising Sun, a few years ago, and also of a large accession to the Providence Church, Greene county, a short time before his death. His hope of extended usefulness was cut off, but his hope in the Savior, we believe, has its full fruition.”

**Hunt, Rev. T. L.** (1853): 15. “In the death of Rev. T. L. Hunt, of Crown Point, Ind., this body has sustained a loss not easily repaired. His meekness and deep-toned piety, combined with fixedness of purpose and energy of effort, has endeared his memory to all within his acquaintance; and while we deeply deplore his early death, we rejoice it was triumphant, giving evidence of the power of religion to destroy the sting of death; and that we deeply

sympathize with the bereaved widow and fatherless children of our deceased brother, and pray that God would be their support in this hour of their trial.”

**Husted**, E. S. (1889): 40–41. “One of our farmer-preachers must also be mentioned. Providing his own living, he wrought as God gave opportunity. He was of that class of men who did the pioneer work in our State, and they did it nobly, and we honor their memory.”

**Irwin**, Eld. Joseph L. (1879): 37–38. “Born in Nelson County, Kentucky, December 18, 1815, and died at Judsonia, Arkansas, July 19, 1879. In his childhood his father with his family moved to Putnam county, Indiana. At the age of eighteen he went to Wisconsin, where he remained for 20 years. During this time he was converted. Returning to Indiana he was baptised by Elder J. W. Thomas. Early in 1841 he commenced preaching, and was ordained to the gospel ministry, September 22, 1849, in Scott, Wisconsin. In February, 1855 he returned to Indiana, and became pastor of Maria Creek Church, and was pastor after this in several churches in Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois and Arkansas. Served awhile for A.B.H.M.S., was some two years chaplain in the army, and some three years served The Standard as Indiana corresponding editor.

The life of Brother Irwin was fraught with much trial, being interrupted by personal illness, domestic afflictions, and frequent changes. He had a large family to care for, and was continually short of means. He was well established in the doctrines of grace, and derived great comfort from them in his last hours.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. J. Bishop, who preached from Amos 4:12, the text of a funeral sermon which was the means of his early convictions.”

**Johnson**, Rev. Abel (1891): 37. “Born in Harrison county, Ohio, February 6, 1814. He married Sarah Smith in Muskingum county, April 2, 1835. He was baptised by Rev. Spencer, in Muskingum county, August, 1830, and licensed to preach at Salt Creek Church in 1838. His ordination took place at Duncan’s Falls in 1841, and he came to Indiana in 1850. He died April 9, 1891, at Liberty Center, Ind. He was pastor of a large number of churches in this state, having organized and built up quite a strong church at Liberty Center. He has had the honor of being President of the Indiana Baptist State Convention.”

**Jones**, Rev. E. S. (1870): 11. “Of this brother, we know only what is recorded in the Freedom Associational minutes for 1870. ‘On the 20th day of May, 1870, he was removed by death. He was afflicted for a long while, and with difficulty could travel—was finally stricken down with paralysis and died.’ He was firmly attached to the denomination—a safe counselor to the church, a good neighbor and a kind companion and father.”

**Jones**, Eld. John (1852): 10. “During the past year they [the American Baptist Home Mission Society] have employed twenty Missionaries in Indiana, occupying important fields of labor. Of that number one has been removed by death (the beloved Bro. John Jones).”

**Jones**, Preston (1888): 50. “Departed this life August 29th, 1888, in the community and church with which we are assembled [First Baptist Church, Shelbyville]. Born in Union County, March 17th, 1827, and removing to Shelby County in 1839, and to Decatur County in 1857, thus living in each place for a considerable period, he became well known in this latitude. Here he participated actively in business, civil, and religious affairs. In 1846, he professed religion and united with the Separate Baptist Church and a year later was ordained. For some twenty years he resided at Adams, and though engaged in business



there, he labored constantly in the cause of God, preaching and counseling as occasion presented. He was largely instrumental in the raising up of the Little Flat Rock and Adams churches, and for many years was an important factor in Baptist affairs within the Flat Rock Association. But disasters in business crippled him, and crushed his sensitive spirits. He removed to Shelbyville in 1877, and again engaged in business, preaching but little for many years. Taking heart again in some degree, he resumed the ministerial functions. He was a man of much ability, widely trusted and influential in his prosperity, and in his death is much lamented.”

**Keeler**, Rev. Heman (1873): 20–21. “Died at Kokomo, Indiana, was born in Bridgeport, Conn., October 15th, 1798, and was consequently seventy-four and a half years old. He lived at Buffalo, N.Y., Newport, Ky., in Cincinnati, in Pleasant View, in Madison, Ind., and Kokomo. Father Keeler was first a Methodist. Later in life he united with the Baptist church, and being ordained a minister, strove to teach what he considered the right way, until failure of health compelled him to retire from the pulpit. He was a self-educated man, without early opportunities, a profound thinker, and bold in the assertion of right. He looked forward without fear to an immortal life beyond the grave.”

**Keith**, Rev. Warren C. (1874): 17. “Died at his residence in Bicknell, Indiana, April 28, 1874, of typhoid-malarial fever. Brother Keith was born April 19, 1819, in Mead[e] county, Kentucky, removed with his mother’s family, in 1836, to Knox county, Indiana. Married Miss Elizabeth Chambers, daughter of Judge Chambers, of Maria Creek, in the year 1843. Professed religion, united with Maria Creek Church, and was baptized by elder William Stansel, in September, 1852. Was ordained to the work of the Gospel ministry in

February, 1866, and was pastor of the following churches: Indian Creek, Edwardsport, Bicknell, and, at the time of his death, of Union and Lick creek churches, in Union Association.

Brother Keith was a good man, and a good preacher, and although he had few educational advantages in early life, he was a close thinker, a careful student of the Bible, and great reader; consequently he accumulated a large amount of useful and biblical knowledge, and a good stock of sound theology. He leaves a wife and seven children, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss.”

**Kennedy**, Eld. Aaron (1879): 39. “Very recently departed this life. He was a member of the Valparaiso Baptist Church; and, although but little known outside of his church, was greatly loved by those who knew him. He was a man strong in the faith, and died trusting in the Master whom he had so long served.”

**Kerr**, Rev. J. G. (1868): 21. Monticello association.

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**Kirtley**, Eusebius (1886): 43–44. “Born in Burlington, Ky., March 11, 1847, amid an extensive and settled kinsfolk, his life was mostly passed within a short radius of that place. Admirably endowed by nature with personal virtues, he was not lacking in a sharp moral sense, on account of which he was the subject of early and deep religious impressions; and in his twenty-fifth year, under the ministry of his father, Rev. James A. Kirtley, D.D., he embraced the Savior. His conscientious regard for duty being strong and controlling, and his conviction that he ought to preach being clear, he soon received license and entered the Georgetown College to prepare for the ministry; and having graduated from

that institution he spent two years in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was ordained in May, 1877; was then pastor at Carrolton, Ky., two years, and finally at Vevay, Ind., five years. As a preacher he was earnest, direct and fervent, aiming to preach not himself, but Christ; as a pastor, active, discreet, sympathetic and particularly regardful of the poor and the distressed; as a man, unassuming, beloved, benevolent. When he died it was felt that a young preacher of unusual promise had fallen. After a protracted illness from Bright's Disease, attended with great suffering but with cheerful submission and unfaltering trust, he fell asleep at his old home, near the place of his birth, on Sunday morning, November 8, 1885, and was gathered to his fathers."

**Krueger, J. H.** (1886): 44. "Born in the ancient city of Bremen, Germany, on the 5th day of February, 1813, and died in Ripley county, Indiana, April 19, '86, aged seventy-three years; was born of Lutheran parentage, and was brought up under religious influences. When quite a young man he went to Hamburg, where he learned the necessity of a change of heart, and where he found the Savior. By simply studying the Bible, he, in connection with the late Dr. J. G. Oncken and seven others, came to embrace Baptist principles. Though the youngest of the constituent members of the Hamburg church, he was, in 1838, elected one of the two deacons, and served as such for a number of years faithfully, bearing his part of the labors, privations and persecutions of the work. He also made several missionary tours through all parts of Germany as the traveling companion and assistant of Bro. Oncken. In 1851 he emigrated to this country, and entering the services of the A.B.H.M. Society he was sent to Peoria, Ill. Here he organized the

German Baptist church, in 1852, and served as its pastor for a number of years; and he continued to reside here until 1883. Then he received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the little church in Caesar's Creek, Ind., where he finally put off the armor and laid down to rest. His most marked characteristic was ability to plead with God. He was the last survivor of the first seven German Baptists mentioned above, who were baptized by the late Rev. Dr. Sears on the night of April 22, '34, in the river Elbe, near Hamburg; and he lived to see the work spread all over the world, so that at the time of his death there were nearly fifty thousand German Baptists in hundreds of churches in all the five parts of the world. His vision from the Glory-land must be indeed enrapturing."

**Lacy, Eld. William (1875):** 24–25. "Born in Belmont county, Ohio, July 22, 1828. Forty-one years ago he came with his parents to Indiana. He was converted to Christ during the winter of 1858, and baptized, and united with Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, March 18, of the same year. Three or four years afterwards he commenced preaching, and was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry, January 11, 1866. He died of consumption at his home near Pleasant Lake, Steuben county, Indiana, March 18, 1875.

Our brother was never able to give himself entirely to the work of the ministry, being forced to labor a good share of his time for the maintenance of his family. Nevertheless he did what he could, and was blessed in his labors in leading many souls to Christ. Brother Lacey left a beloved wife and six children to mourn his departure. May the blessing of heaven rest upon them! He was buried at Pleasant Lake, March 19, 1875; funeral sermon by Elder R. P. Jones, of Auburn, from Psalms 23:4. 'Bless the Lord there is a rest for the people of God.'"

**Lampton**, Rev. H. T. (1897): 50. “Born in Breckenridge county, Ky., Jan. 20, 1814, and died at Owensboro, Ky., Aug. 27, 1897, aged 83 years, 7 months and 7 days. The funeral service occurred at Rockport, Ind., where he had served as pastor many years, under the direction of Rev. W. H. Dawson, of Kentucky, assisted by other Baptist ministers. He entered the ministry at the age of 26, in Kentucky. In 1874 he moved to Rockport, Ind., where he organized the First Baptist church, which he served several years as pastor. On the Sunday before his death he preached his last sermon to the old congregation, in which he bade them a long farewell. In length of service, in devotion to duty, in breadth of influence, he had few equals in the Baptist church in western Kentucky.”

**Leakey**, James E. (1888): 44. “Representing the younger class of ministers, was called away in February last in his twenty-eighth year; his birth having occurred August 17, 1860 and his death February 25th, 1888. When nineteen years of age became a member of Union Church, Madison Co.; was licensed to preach the next year, and at the end of the second year of his Christian life was ordained. He labored two years as pastor of Lily Creek Church, two with the Montpelier Church, and after one year of health seeking in Kansas, gave to the latter another year of very laborious and successful service. During his ministry at Montpelier, he was instrumental, largely, in the erection of a fine house of worship and the ingathering of about one hundred souls. Having been called to Liberty Center, he gave to that church his energies for the residue of his short career and left with it the testimony that he pleased God and sought the salvation of sinners as the supreme aim of his life. He had elements of power, but an insidious pulmonary disease blasted the hopes of his friends quite early and his death was not a surprise. A wife and two children,

with some two hundred whom he baptized and many others who saw his work and labor of love, mourn his early death.”

**Lewis**, Eld. James W. (1873): 19–20. “Of Seymour, was the first to receive the summons. He died November 14th, 1872, when nearly 56 years of age, completing a ministry of about 30 years. The field of his labors was chiefly in the Flat Rock and Brownstown Associations, where he earned a good reputation for christian consistency and fidelity to the Master’s cause, and was greatly honored as the instrument of bringing many converts into the churches.”

**Liston**, Lic. Joseph (1875): 25–26. “Although but a licensed minister of the gospel, deserves more than a mere passing notice. Father Liston was born in the State of Maryland early in the year 1782, emigrated to the State of Ohio about the year 1800. Thence to Jefferson county, Kentucky; was married in 1802; settled at Maria Creek, Ind., in 1808; professed religion, was baptized and united with the Maria Creek Church, Nov. 18th, 1810; was the first person baptized by Elder Isaac McCoy (Missionary to the Indians) and also the first person baptized into the membership of this church, and also the first person baptized in the waters of Maria Creek. Brother Liston built the first log cabin in Vigo county; was with Gen. Harrison, October, 1811, when he marched to the battle of Tippecanoe; was sent back on detached service, and remained in the ‘Home Guard’ service to the end of the war. In October, 1818, Brother Liston accompanied Elder McCoy on his Indian mission, and built the ‘Log Cabin,’ McCoy’s first residence in the Indian country. In the early part of the winter of 1820–21, Brother Liston assisted in the mission by soliciting money and provision, a portion of which was taken in hogs, which he drove from Knox

and Vigo counties through the wilderness, up the Wabash River to Fort Wayne, where McCoy had removed his station. Brother Liston settled near Hartford, Vigo county, Indiana, between 50 and 60 years ago, and became a member of Union Church, and was licensed by this church to preach the gospel about the year 1824, and on the organization of Union Association, in 1824, he became an active worker in that body, continuing to attend its sessions until prevented by the infirmities of old age. He was a member of the Baptist Church (Maria Creek and Union) sixty-seven years, and an active worker in the cause of Christ for more than half a century. He died at his home in the early autumn of the present year in the ninety-fifth year of his age. His funeral was preached by Elder Wm. Stansil, from 2 Tim. 4:6–8, Sunday, November 21, 1875. Bro. Liston was a good man, noted for his earnestness and zeal in the service of God.”

**Martin**, Rev. Jacob (1882): 41. “Born [n]ear Newtown, Hamilton County, Ohio, January 17th, 1798; died at his home near Greensburg, Decatur Co., Indiana, March 10th, 1882, after a[n] illness of half an hour. In 1827 he removed from Hamilton County, Ohio, to Campbell County, Ky., where he lived eleven years. In 1838 he removed to Decatur County, Ind., where he resided until his death. In his 20th year he was converted and joined the Little Miami Baptist Church in Ohio. In 1822 he was licensed to preach, and May 7th, 1825 was ordained. He was in the ministry sixty years. He enjoyed great success, especially in the earlier part of his ministry. In one meeting of two weeks in Ohio he received and baptized 200. His pastorates in Indiana were Sand Creek, Liberty, Mt. Zion, Rock Creek and Pleasant Grove. He ‘was in labors much,’ mighty in the Scriptures, a pillar in the Baptist faith.”

**Mayhall**, Mrs. Susan E. (1891): 36. “Wife of Rev. A. S. Mayhall, was born January 2, 1843, and died at her home in Ladoga, April 16, 1891, at the age of 48 years. She joined the church when 23 years old, and was married to Rev. A. S. Mayhall, February 23, 1866. ‘She leaves three sons and an adopted daughter and a husband to mourn their loss. Sister Mayhall was an estimable Christian, faithful and true to the last, an affectionate and devoted wife and mother.’”

**McCallum**, Mrs. Nellie (1896): 50. “Died at New Richmond, February 25, 1896, aged 60 years, seven months and ten days. The deceased was born in Switzerland County, Indiana, July 15, 1835. She was the daughter of Samuel and Susan Bray, of Braytown, Indiana. While quite young, she united with the Spring Branch Baptist Church. In 1880 she removed her membership to Vevay, Indiana, where it remained until her death. In April, 1853, she married Rev. Alexander McCallum, who died in February, 1875, leaving ten children, nine of whom were present at her death, and are left to mourn their loss. In 1889 she moved to New Richmond, where she resided until she was called home. She was a faithful mother, a good neighbor and a Christian character.”

**McClain**, Matthew (1893): 25. “Born in Kentucky in 1806 and died May 26th, 1893. He came to Indiana in 1820 and was married July 21st, 1829 to Emily A. Swincher, who died in 1860. ‘Early in life he was identified with the Baptist denomination, and was widely known as a preacher in southern Indiana.’ He became blind in 1866, while living in Marion county, but still continued his chosen work of preaching the gospel.”

**McCormac**, Rev. Samuel (1867): 25. “Of the White Lick Association.”



**McCoy, Miss Eliza (1892):** 36. “Born April 1st, 1813 on Silver Creek, in Clark County, Ind., and died in Texas, November 8th, 1891, at the age of 78 years, 7 months and 7 days. In 1844 she offered herself as a missionary to the Indians and for almost nine years she gave herself unreservedly to this work revealing in these years that beautiful and modest spirit so characteristic of her in all her remaining years. She was marked by her unselfish benevolence all the years of her life. In the last half of her life she had the disposal of over \$145,000 and *almost all* of it was for benevolent objects. She endeared herself to the friends of Franklin College by contributions amounting to \$9,125; to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary \$30,000 was the amount of her gift. She gave to the American Baptist Home Mission Society \$4,000 besides leaving it a bequest estimated at \$20,000. These are only a portion of her gifts to the Lord’s work and indicate the singleness and completeness of her personal consecration to God. The humility and gentle kindness of her earnest and godly life will long linger in the memory of her friends who knew her in Franklin, Ind., and as well in the hearts of countless others among whom she lived and for whom she toiled.”

**McCoy, James (1833b):** 3. “Whereas, by the ravages of that desolating scourge of nations, the Cholera, God, in his wise and mysterious providence, has removed our beloved brother James McCoy, from the shores of time, to reap the rewards of his labours, as we trust, in the upper sanctuary; therefore,

*Resolved*, that while we deeply sympathize with the afflicted family who have been bereft of an affectionate and indulgent father, and the church who have been deprived of the labours and counsels of their beloved and worthy pastor, we will hold in

long and grateful remembrance our departed brother as an upright and honest citizen, a plain, faithful and efficient preacher of the Gospel, and a consistent and zealous advocate of all the scriptural efforts which are made for the dissemination of truth, the salvation of sinners and the conversion of the world.”

**McCoy, John E.** (1891): 37. “Born at Lexington, Scott County, Ind., November 8, 1843, and died at his residence in North Vernon, Ind., July 24, 1891. He spent some years at Franklin College, from which he went, very reluctantly, before graduation, forced by poor health. While in college he made a host of friends and kept them to the last. His frankness, sincerity, kindness, gentleness and piety won the lasting esteem and love of his classmate, who with a sad heart, pens these lines to his memory. His kindly spirit and enthusiastic nature made him very successful in bringing men to Christ, and he was never so happy as when engaged in his Master’s work. Like his father, William McCoy, many have known him and loved him and will bless his memory. His faithful wife survives to mourn her loss.”

**McCoy, John R.** (1893): 25–26. “Born in Clark county, Ind., Feb. 2nd, 1825 and died at his home in Clear Spring, Jackson county, Ind., April 3rd, 1893, aged 68 years, 2 months and 1 day. He was converted in 1842 and joined the Blue River Baptist Church in Washington county, March 13th, 1852, which within a month licensed him to preach and ordained him Sept. 18th, 1853. He was married to Mary Razor, June 1st, 1843. Two sons and four daughters survive to mourn his loss as well as the wife of his youth. He was pastor of churches in as many [as] five counties in southern Indiana, and was pastor of Clear Spring church for about 30 years. One says of him, ‘He kept the faith and fought a

good fight and finished his course with joy, like a ripe shock of corn gathered into the granary, his work was done and well done, and the Lord called him from labor to reward.' He served as chaplain of the 120th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteers. His father Rev. James McCoy was one of the founders of the Baptist State Convention, and he was also a nephew of Rev. Isaac McCoy the well known missionary to the Indians."

**McCoy, Mary E.** (1895): 42. "Wife of the late Rev. John E. McCoy, died at Dupont, Ind., April 16, 1895, sincerely mourned by those who knew her. For fourteen years she lived an earnest Christian life, ready for Christ's service, and to her last hours was faithful to her vows and rejoiced in her Saviour."

**McCoy, Rice** (1834): 4.

**McCoy, William** (1891): 36–37. "Father McCoy was born near Sellersburg, Clark County, Ind., December 21, 1814, and died at his home in New Philadelphia, Washington county, Ind., May 22, 1891, aged 76 years, 5 months and 1 day. He joined the Baptist church in May, 1830, and was married October 1, 1839. He was licensed to preach in the spring of 1842, and was ordained the fourth Sunday in August, 1843, in Salem, where he preached his first sermon and where he was pastor for twenty-five years. He was pastor of Mill Creek church from 1844 to October of 1891 [1890?], where failing health compelled his resignation. He was also pastor of New Philadelphia, from the same year until his death. These two pastorates were continuous for forty-seven years. He attended every meeting of the Bethel Association since its organization in 1837. He was clerk of this association for twenty-nine years and moderator for ten years. He was no less marked for the regularity with which he kept all his appointments than for the sincerity and faithfulness

with which he served the people and his Master. Multitudes have been led by him to become servants of Christ, whose heads are now white with age, and many others have gone on before to reap the reward of their faith. He left a widow and five children to revere his memory, one of whom in two months more was to join his faithful father in the spirit land.”

**McMasters, Rev. William** (1885): 50–51. “This beloved and veteran servant of the Cross died at Montezuma, Feb. 7, 1885, having filled up the allotted period of three score and ten. He was born in Berks County, Penn.; at four years of age, went to Philadelphia to live, and there was baptize[d] at the age of sixteen. In 1845 he came to Indiana, and settled at Eugene, near the western border of the State. He was ordained while a member of the old Bloomfield Church, (Ills.) Sept. 30, 1848. He preached at several places in the section divided by the state line separating Indiana and Illinois, viz.: Hickory Grove, Ills; Newport, Ind.; Broulett’s Creek, Ind., (13 years); Mt. Carmel, Ind., (2 pastorates—8 years); Hiddle’s Prairie, (9 years); Bloomfield, Ills., (3 years), during which the church was removed to the thriving town of Chrisman, where a good house of worship has been built; Paris, Ills., (3 years); At Zion, New Discovery, Dana and Tennessee Valley, Ind., for varying periods. Thus his ministry extended over a period of thirty-six and a half years and was characterized by prosperity. More than three hundred are known to have been received by the churches under his ministry, not including a record of some of the churches not obtained. His most cherished work was the organization and nurture of the Tennessee Valley Church, which began with twelve members and under his labors had an

accession of ninety, he being its only pastor to the time of his death, a period of twelve and a-half years.

When it is remembered that the country in which he labored was undeveloped to a late date, and that his work was altogether in rural sections, the record he made is quite creditable. He carried a steady hand and maintained a character that enabled him to continue in a single field for more than a third of a century—a general field embracing Vermillion and Park[e] Counties, Ind., and Edgar County, Ills. In personal traits, Bro. McMasters was amiable, guileless, by no means self-seeking, and steadfast in principle. He made his friends happy in his presence and was justly beloved. When preaching, he seemed to be conscious of the dignity of his calling and sought to fasten the attention of his hearers on the great truths of the gospel. He was a prominent and faithful member of the Freedom Association, wise and moderate in his views of policy, and clear and firm on questions of doctrine. His last thoughts on earth were of the dear church he had reared, and had aided in building a house for the Lord—the only Baptist house of worship in Vermillion County. On the morning of the day of its meeting, at the breakfast table, he referred to his inability to attend it, say[ing] to his wife, ‘We’ll not go to Tennessee to-day,’ and in a few minutes thereafter, he passed away.”

**McRae**, Eld. M. (1866): 23. “One of the pioneer preachers of Southern Indiana; a man of very superior education, but endowed with a natural strong mind. He seemed peculiarly suited to the wants and demands of the people among whom his early labors were given. Many were the seals which the Master gave him as an indorsement [*sic*] of his work. He was moderator of Union Association for many years, till within three of his death. His health

failing, he retired for all active labor, except in the social meetings of the church at Edwardsport, of which he was a constituent member. He fell asleep in Jesus, surrounded by wife, children, and brethren, and is doubtless gathered to the convention of the blood-washed throng.”

**Miner**, Harley (1881): 30. “Died in Goodland, Newton county, May 18, 1881. He was born in Martinsburg, Lewis county, New York, September 5, 1808. He commenced preaching when nineteen years of age, and was ordained at twenty-one. His first pastoral charge was at Pittsford, N.Y., then at Henrietta, Walworth and Bethel, same State. He then went to North Carolina for his health, where he labored as pastor for six year[s]. Also was employed by the American Baptist Home Mission Society as missionary in same State. From North Carolina he moved to Connecticut. His next settled pastorate was at Grand Blank, Michigan. He was then called to Vernon, but was compelled to quit preaching on account of failing health. He went to Minnesota, and preached at Rice Lake two years, then to Geneva, Ill.; and then to Goodland, Ind., in 1873, and preached to the Goodland Church three years, and to the Brookstone Church one year. Since the latter pastorate he preached only occasionally, on account of failing health. During his public ministry he baptized near fifteen hundred. He was buried in Manchester, N.Y.”

**Moncrief**, Rev. Caleb (1870): 11. “This father in Israel was called home January 6, 1870, in his 79th year. For the last 12 years he suffered from illness, but the struggle is over and he ‘sleeps in Jesus.’ He was instrumental in founding two Baptist Churches in the southern part of the State, Butlerville and Branch Creek.”

**Monroe**, William Y. (1890): 35–36. “Born in Kentucky, April 3d, 1824, and died at Franklin, Ind., Oct. 13th, 1889, at the age of 65 years. At the age of ten years he came to Scott county, Ind. with his father. In 1842 he was converted and united with the Methodist Protestant church. He had strong convictions as to his duty to preach, and after trying for years to escape, then he yielded to the demands of this conscience and the Holy Spirit, and in the year of 1849, with his wife, joined the Liberty Baptist Church of Scott county. On the same day he was licensed to preach, and in the evening preached his first sermon from the words, ‘If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.’ Matt. 16:24.

He continued in the work of the preacher until failing health robbed him of his voice and of his strength. Multitudes were converted under his preaching, won not only by the charms of this thought, but also by the dignity and earnestness of his unselfish life. He was in an eminent degree the friend of the widow and orphan, the sad and the sick, the saint and the sinner. He filled offices of honor and positions of trust, nor did the state of citizen ever charge against him the loss of a cent. Twice was he treasurer of his county, twice a member of the Legislature from his county, and ‘executor and guardian of more estates than any other man in the State of Indiana, and no estate ever lost a cent by him.’ In August of 1887 he removed to Franklin, a confirmed invalid, and yet in the two years of his life which he passed in that city, it has been well doubted if any of its citizens did more for humanity and Christ than he. The student in college, the lawyer, the preacher, the teacher and the stranger alike, sought his room and were always richer in noble impulses when they left his presence.”

**Moore, Mrs. Octavia A. (1887):** 53. “Wife of Rev. R. Moore, died of heart disease at her home in Worthington, April 8, 1887. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist church at Greencastle by Rev. P. H. Evans, in 1856. Her life was quiet and undemonstrative, yet it was helpful to the cause of Jesus, in its exemplary character. As a wife, mother, neighbor, her influence was ever on the side of Christ. She was a true Christian, a faithful companion and a loving mother. She leaves a husband and three children to mourn their loss, and to follow her as she followed Christ. Those whose privilege it was to be entertained in the home she left, will not fail to bear with them a remembrance of her gentleness, contentment and cheerful and cordial manner. In this case of bereavement the living have a sharp sense of ‘home without a mother.’”

**Moore, Dea. Ralph Douglas (1895):** 43. “Born in Butler county, Ohio, March 8, 1837; married in LaFayette, Ind., May 24, 1871, and died in that city April 5, 1895. He was for many years and up to his decease, a member and a deacon of the Baptist Church at LaFayette. It is said of him that he was in every sense the pastor’s pastor and helper, to whom he was most thoroughly and righteously loyal—his unfailing support, his wise counselor, his best friend. He was of very large heart, excellent business capacity, keenly alive to honor, honesty, justice and mercy in all affairs in the church and out of it; was unwearied in beneficent labors, eminently missionary in spirit and work, giving his very life, talent and strength unreservedly to God’s service. He supported a mission almost alone; and his widow—in noble Christian spirit is carrying on much of his work. He was in every sense an ideal layman. He was, at the time of his death, a member of the State Board of Managers of the Y.M.C.A., and of the Executive Committee of the American Baptist



Missionary Union. He was believed to be the most useful man, religiously, in the city of LaFayette. He leaves a widow and two children. His son, Earnest L., now in Franklin College, has entered upon preparation for life's work in the ministry. As a Christian man he was modest, earnest, true, full of beneficent spirit and labor, and devoted to Christ's service."

**Moore**, Eld. W. (1871): 14. "Of Shelbyville, after a long series of years in the service of the Master, fell asleep in Jesus. Elder Moore was a man mighty in the Scriptures; well established in the faith once delivered to the Saints. He had no fellowship with error, and yet had a warm feeling for every lover of Jesus. He died, and a large concourse testified to his worth, as they followed him to the grave."

**Morgan**, Rev. James A. (1895): 44. "Died April 18, 1895. He was cut off in the flower of youth. After graduating at Franklin College he proceeded to the Divinity School, Chicago, to prepare for the foreign field. He was pastor at Sitka and at Pine Grove, where his good work witnesses to his fine qualities. His was an active, earnest Christian life, but now he serves his Master in a higher, happier realm."

**Murray**, D. H. (1891): 35. "Born March 4, 1817, and died March 14, 1891, at the ripe old age of 74 years. He was ordained in 1847, and about forty years ago came to Indiana, where he labored until prostrated by his last illness. The field of his labor was the Evansville and Perry County Associations. He was patient in his protracted afflictions and expressed himself as willing to die in that faith which he had so long been commending to others."

**Nicholas**, Eld. Philip H. (1875): 24. "Died of pneumonia at his home near Poston, Ripley county, Indiana, February 28, 1875. Brother Nicholas was born Sept. 18, 1808, in Salem county,

New Jersey. In May, 1837, he emigrated to Franklin county, Ohio. In the year 1850 he removed to Ripley county, Indiana. In 1857 he removed to Randolph county, Missouri. After remaining in that State four years, he returned to Ripley county, Indiana, where he resided until his death. Brother Nicholas was converted in 1829, and united with the Methodists. In the year 1858, after prayer for divine guidance and earnest reading and study of the Scriptures, he changed his religious sentiments and united with the Baptist Church at Poston, where he was ordained to the work of the gospel ministry in April, 1873. On the organization of the church at Otter Village, he united with it. His last years and his last labors in the ministry were with his home church. While engaged in a protracted meeting here he was stricken down with disease, of which he died. At the time of his death twelve converts were waiting baptism.”

**Osgood, J. R.** (1871): 14. “One year ago this brother was with us, working earnestly for the glory of God, and the advancement of the Baptist cause in the State. He was wise in counsel, ardent in his temperament, and inflaming in his zeal and efforts in the work for Jesus; and his success in bringing souls to Christ, and the warm place which he had secured in the hearts of this brethren, shows us what may be done by laying ourselves upon the Altar of Sacrifice for Christ, and earnest, loving work for the Master.”

**Owen, Bro. E. D.** (1853): 15. “Our much esteemed brother, E. D. Owen, of Madison . . . we appreciate his labors as Editor of the Messenger, as an active co-operator in all our benevolent movements, and an esteemed Pastor, and extend our sympathies to his bereaved family.”

**Parks, R. M. (1890):** 37. “Was one of the pioneers of the Baptist pulpit of Indiana, and was born on the north side of White river, near Lawrenceport, Dec. 16th, 1815, and died at Bedford, Ind., Feb. 17th, 1890, at the age of 74 years. He followed the vocation of the teacher for fifteen years, and never lost a keen appreciation of the delight and dignity of the true teacher’s work. In 1833 he became a christian, at the age of eighteen years, and in 1842 he was married to Jane T. Short, who still survives him. He began preaching in 1842, and was ordained in 1843. He was a very active man all the years of his life until his last year, when disease compelled him to leave preaching forever—one absorbing passion of his life, the delight of his soul. The writer can never forget the words of cheer and encouragement that came to him from Father Parks, years before he was entitled to call him Father, and while carrying the doubts and fears and timidity of a ministerial student in Franklin College. All over central and southern and northern Indiana, gray haired men and women to-day bless his memory as precious to their souls.”

**Pavey, Rev. James (1884):** 50. “Died in Adams, Decatur county, March 12, 1884, in his seventy-second year. He was born in Harrison county, Ky., November 16, 1812. At the age of ten he came with his father, Rev. John Pavey, to Indiana, settling at Vevay. He was converted in 1837. He was ordained to the gospel ministry at the Salem Baptist Church, Milford, Decatur county, in 1855. He labored faithfully in the work of preaching the gospel until 1872, when failing health compelled him to cease his much beloved work for the Master. Having a large family and receiving small salaries, he labored with his hands for the necessaries of life. He was a man of strong convictions and he fearlessly maintained

them; was also an exemplary Christian in his daily walk, and died trusting in Christ alone.”

**Pavy**, Eld. John (1870): 11. “Departed this life, from his home in Adams, Decatur County, in this State, November 9th, 1869, in the 79th year of his age. He was a native of the State of Delaware. Settled in Indiana 1818, and commenced preaching soon after in the bounds of the Laughery Association. He was a faithful laborer, both in this State and Kentucky to the close of his life. He was a man of vigorous zeal for the truth, eminently sound in the Baptist faith and rigid in its maintenance.”

**Pavy**, Mrs. Margaret T. (1900): 57. “Wife of Rev. James Pavy, deceased, was born in Switzerland County, Ind., February 17, 1816, and died a member of the Mt. Moriah Church of Adams, Ind., March 22, aged 84 years, 1 month and 5 days. She was married to Rev. James Pavy September 12, 1833. Three sons and a daughter survive to mourn the loss of their mother. She was converted and united with the Baptist Church sixty years before her death. She loved her church and attended services as often as her delicate health would permit. The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. F. Huckleberry.”

**Porter**, Mrs. Anna H. (1891): 36. “Wife of Rev. J. B. Porter, died at her home in Waynetown, Ind., about April 11, 1891. She was born February 18, 1826, in Kentucky. She was baptised when a young woman, by Rev. John Gano, in her native state. She is mourned by five children and her husband, as those sorrow when the family circle is first broken. At the memorial service for her it is said, ‘The church was crowded with people desiring to pay their respects to, and show their sympathy for the one who had been so long known and loved as a model Christian, wife and mother.’”

**Porter**, Rev. J. B. (1900): 57. “Died at his home in Waynetown, June 13, 1900. He was born in Henry County, Kentucky, in 1818. He joined the church in 1829. He was licensed in 1841, ordained in 1847. He was pastor and preacher to twenty-six churches—eight in Kentucky, seventeen in Indiana and one in Illinois. He held a great many revival meetings and some of them of remarkable power. He was greatly loved by those who have been blessed by his labors. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. K. Fuson, a life long friend of Brother Porter. He leaves five children to mourn the loss of a godly man and father.”

**Potter**, Mrs. Sallie J. (1891): 36. “Wife of Rev. John W. Potter, died at the old homestead near Greensburg, Ind., May 13, 1891, aged 47 years. She was baptised and became a member of the Aurora Baptist church in 1861. She was married December 25, 1866, to Rev. John W. Potter, and came to Greensburg. ‘Her life for awhile was one of secluded, patient devotion to children and home, in which her husband’s parents were passing through long suffering, slowly but surely to their graves. Her quiet efficiency in bearing every burden and comforting the dying, was the admiration of all who knew her.’”

**Putnam**, Catharine Relvea (1898): 53. “Wife of Rev. A. I. Putnam, died at Mt. Ayr, Ind., July 27, 1898, aged seventy-nine years, seven months and four days. Mother Putnam was born in New York, but spent several years in Ohio. In 1874 she and her husband came to Fort Wayne and cast their lot with that church, when it was a feeble organization. In 1881 they came to Newton County, where they organized the Mt. Ayr church and spent their lives toiling for the Master. She was a great helper to her husband in his work as a preacher. Father Putnam is quite feeble. May God bless and comfort him in his affliction.

The sermon was preached to a large audience at Mt. Ayr Church, by Rev. V. O. Fritts, from Heb. 4:9.”

**Ragsdale**, Mrs. Elizabeth A. (1898): 135. “Widow of Rev. J. W. Ragsdale, who died some two years ago, was born May 14th, 1821, in Hardin County, Ky. At the age of 22 she was married to G. W. Culver. Three years later her husband died. She was married to Rev. J. W. Ragsdale Nov. 21, 1852, and for 43 years was his faithful helper in his laborious and successful work. She died at the age of 77.”

**Ragsdale**, Rev. John Wade (1896): 52. “Of Morgantown, Ind., died at the age of 84 years. He had been a minister in the Baptist denomination for more than sixty years. He had preached the gospel in the vicinity of Morgantown for fifty-five years. He was well known in Johnson and Brown Counties, and in the southern and eastern parts of Morgan County. He left two daughters and many friends, whose loss is his eternal gain. He was a devotedly pious man; as was remarked at his death: ‘If ever there was a good man, John Ragsdale was one.’”

**Rairden**, Mrs. Lillian S. (1887): 53. “Wife of Rev. J. R. Rairden, a missionary of this Convention, died in Jeffersonville, on the morning of February 1, 1887. She was born in Louisville, Ky., May 20, 1862, and, thus, was nearly 25 years old at her death. When 18 years of age she professed faith in Christ and was baptized by him whom, in the following year she married. Her marriage was a most happy one. She left two children, one of whom has since died. Though young when she entered on the responsibilities of a pastor’s wife, her amiable nature and domestic traits qualified her to meet the demands of a minister’s life—a home of light and love. Never will Bro. Rairden cease to miss the

beautiful form of the wife of his youth. She went with him to his first pastorate, at Galveston, and, returning with him to the vicinity of her friends, filled up the measure of her days as the wife of the beloved pastor at Jeffersonville.”

**Read**, Frances M. (1886): 47. “Wife of Rev. James S. Read, entered into rest at Chauncey, March 9, in her forty-ninth year. She was born in Illinois (August 18, 1837), and was educated at Jacksonville, same State. She was baptized at Butlerville, this State, by her husband, and was a useful member there at Bloomington and Chauncey, also at Wilmington, Del., where peculiar and lasting friendships were formed. Her life was quiet and undemonstrative, yet it was helpful to the cause of Christ in its exemplary character; in the unremitted service she rendered as organist for the churches with which she was connected; in the ‘aroma of faith, love and adoration for her Savior,’ and in the relish she ever manifested for the preaching of the Word—all aiding the minister and recommending the Christian religion. ‘As a wife, mother, Sunday-school teacher, neighbor—in the mission circle, in society, everywhere—her influence was in one direction.’ She leaves three children, with her impress on them, to follow her as she followed Christ. The memory of her is blessed.”

**Reber**, Eld. George (1879): 39. “Died during the year, was born in Berks County, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1807, and was, therefore, in his seventy-second year at the time of his death. When converted, he united with the Albright Methodist denomination and preached for it fifteen years. He united with the Baptist church in 1859; was ordained at Newtown in 1866. He was a faithful minister and many souls were converted through his

instrumentality; was loved by all who knew him, and died with an abiding faith in his Redeemer.”

**Reece**, Eld. Benjamin (1854): 20. “Who has so often mingled in our councils, and a long time a member of our Board, is no more. Bro. Reece has been foremost in his efforts to build up the cause of Missions in the State. His indefatigable labors and kindness won for him the name of *Father*, in the Association where he lived. His constant attendance at the General Association manifested his confidence in our plan of operation, and his hope of our ultimate success.”

**Reed**, Rev. James S. (1899): 65–66. “Died December 31, 1898, at LaFayette, Ind. His early manhood was passed at Vernon, Ind. He was one of the first of the young men from that locality to enter college. He graduated from Franklin in 1849—one of a class of three. His purpose in life was to teach and preach. In 1851 he went to Oregon with Rev. George C. Chandler, D.D., his college president. He taught in Oregon City College during his stay there, and was instrumental in the organization of the Table Rock Baptist Church. He returned to Indiana in 1854, and soon entered Newton Theological Seminary and took about half the regular course; also continued teaching and preaching. He was pastor at Butlerville and Franklin. He organized the Kankakee City and churches in Kankakee County. He taught and preached for a time in Bloomington. He died a member of the Chauncy Church. For several years he was blind, but did not cease his study of the New Testament. Rev. E. R. Clevenger and President W. T. Stott conducted the funeral services.”



**Rees, Eld. William (1850):** 15, 46–49. “Our highly esteemed and beloved brother, Elder William Rees, is of this number. He departed this life at Delphi, Carrol county, Ind., Jan. 25th, 1850, aged 52 years. He was constituent member of this General Association when it was formed with the Brandywine church, Shelby county, April 26th, 1833. From that time until the day of his death, he ever held a prominent place in this body, either as agent, missionary or trustee. For six years he was its agent, and at all times its untiring friend. As a Regular Baptist he was scriptural in doctrine and practice; as a christian, eminently devoted to the cause of the Redeemer; as a benefactor of man, wise in council and energetic in action; as a preacher, evangelical and discriminating; and as a pastor, husband and father, full of kindness, forbearance and decision. No man could ever more fully enjoy for a succession of years the undiminished confidence and affection of his brethren universally. Truly he was a good man. Though dead, he yet speaketh.”

“Biographical Sketch of Eld. W. Rees”

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The subject of this notice was born in Washington Co., Pennsylvania, August 17th, 1797. When he was about 10 years of age, his parents moved from his native State to the vicinity of Columbus, Ohio, where his mother, Mrs. Nancy Rees, still resides. Having fully given his heart to the Saviour by repentance and faith in his atoning blood, he was buried with Christ in baptism, December 9th, 1816, into the fellowship of the Union Baptist Church, Ohio. April 13th, 1820, he was married to Miss Mary White, of Muskingum Co. Having removed his relation from the Union to Mt. Zion Church upon Will’s Creek, May 20th, 1820, by which he was licensed to preach the gospel, June 17th,

1820, he was ordained to the work of the ministry on the 20th December following, by Eld. George Debolt.

After his ordination, he had the charge of several churches in Muskingum, Washington, Guernsey, and Morgan counties, Ohio, where his labors were much blessed to the conversion of sinners, and the building up of Zion, until October, 1833; during which time he baptized 326. Many still live in that region who can testify to his ardent piety and consecration to the cause of Christ.

In October, 183[3/2], he moved to Delphi Carroll Co., Indiana, where he soon organized a Baptist Church and commenced erecting a house of worship, which, after the severest struggles, was at last completed. For a long time he stood almost alone as a Baptist preacher in that region, constituted a large number of churches in that vicinity, and in 1834 organized the Lafayette, afterwards called the Tippecanoe Association. At the time of its formation, he was the only preacher in it. He continued in the pastoral relation with the Delphi, and other churches in that vicinity, viz: Camden, Grand Prairie, Dayton, Rossville, and others, until about the year 1839, when he became an Agent of the General Association of Indiana.—From this time till his death, a period of ten years, he spent most of his time in Agency for Franklin College, and the Ind. Baptist General Association.

Nov. 15th, 1840, he was called to part with his first wife. This was a severe Providence indeed, and bore heavily upon him, as seven motherless children were left upon his hands. But painful as this dispensation was, it was calmly borne with Christian fortitude and sweet resignation. Oct. 14th, 1841, he was again married to Mrs. Mary

Martin, of Delphi, Ind., who survives him, and still resides in that place. By his first wife he had seven children, of whom five are still living, and by his last two.

In the last part of the summer of 1849, after returning from a tour in the south part of the State, where his labors had been somewhat severe, he was attacked with a slight fever, accompanied with inflammatory rheumatism. During several weeks he was severely indisposed, but was able by very great exertion to be at Indianapolis during the anniversary of the General Association the first of October, though not able to be in attendance upon any of the meetings, being confined to his room during the whole time. He aided, however, very materially, upon several important committees, whose sessions were held in his sick room, and even at the annual meeting of the Board. After remaining at his old friend's, Henry Brady's, for several days, and becoming somewhat recruited, he returned home, to go no more out. Weeks and even months passed away, while he lingered, fondly hoping again to resume his highly responsible duties at his favorite post as Agent of the Gen. Association. At an unexpected moment his disease changed its character, assumed a threatening aspect which defied all medical aid, and he was hurried into the presence of his Maker, Jan. 25, 1850. But his end was peaceful and triumphant. He died just as we should expect he would, in view of his devoted life; and when he died, all who knew him felt that a standard bearer had fallen, a good man had been removed to his rest in glory, and that they had lost a friend and brother, and society an invaluable member. There were some traits of character possessed by this man of God, which deserve at least a passing notice.

Whilst he was not a literary man, he was nevertheless a most devoted advocate of education. He was one of the founders of Franklin College, and never had that institution a more consecrated friend. He gave to it his time and money bountifully, and the toil of his mature years. He realized the necessity of an educated ministry, in view of the characteristics of the age in which we live, the civil, literary, and religious institutions associated with our government, and the high responsibilities of a Preacher of the Gospel of Christ. He ardently desired them to enjoy the privileges which he never partook of amidst the privations of a Pioneer's life.

Though not a literary man, yet he was a man of intelligence, possessing much of that sterling, sinewy, common sense, derived from a knowledge of men and things as presented in the turmoil and bustle of life. He looked at things as they were, anticipated them as they would be, and labored to prepare the present elements of society for the happiest issues in future.

He was not an eloquent preacher, or in any sense a brilliant man. But, as the celebrated Dr. William Cary, Missionary to India, once very significantly said of himself, "He knew how to plead." Elder Rees possessed that indomitable perseverance, stern self-application, unblanching fortitude, and holy consecration to labor, which made him a stranger to defeat in any enterprise to which he put his hand. He was emphatically diligent in business, and his life presents a beautiful demonstration of the results of a settled purpose to do good, amidst many very unpropitious circumstances.

He was remarkable for his great kindness under all circumstances. As Providence made him a leader in the Missionary cause, from his first coming to the State, and as he

was brought in contact, especially in his agency for the College and Gen. Association, with many opponents of Missions, this trait of character won for him and the Missionary cause many friends, and bore down a vast amount of opposition. He was ever affectionate, courteous, and gentle as a lamb, but as fixed to his principles as the polar star. He never visited a family, church, or association, where they were not glad to see him again. All loved *the man*, though many an Anti-Missionary Baptist despised his principles. He ever kept his eye upon the future, and labored to live for coming time. In these particulars, he was a pattern for all agents. He never made it an object to secure the dimes at the expense of the hearts of the Churches; but if he lost the dimes, he always bore away their hearts, and they were glad to see him return. As a pastor, a husband, a father, and an ecclesiastical councillor, that same trait shone conspicuously, threw gladness over all the circles where he moved, and rendered him an object of peculiar affection and confidence until the day of his death.

But our dear brother has fallen, upon the high places of Israel, and he returns no more with us to the field of conflict. His fall has left a wide vacancy in our ranks. We have already deeply felt his loss, and doubtless shall for years to come. But our loss is doubtless his gain, while his spirit is reposing in the bosom of divine love, far beyond the sorrows of earth. May our surviving ministry listen to the solemn admonition which comes from the grave of our departed brother! May we be more Christ-like, more consecrated to our work in soul and body, and ever be found living for eternity, and when the summons shall come, may we be prepared with confidence to exclaim, "I am now ready to be offered"—"For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain."

**Rider**, Rev. Isaiah (1869): 13. “Died in Painesville, Ohio, in the month of August. He had, for several years, lived in connection with the First Baptist Church, of Indianapolis.

Although in feeble health, yet he was an earnest and zealous christian, and as such was highly esteemed by his brethren in the church. He was earnest in preaching the gospel to the destitute. His last sermon was preached at Muncie, and was delivered as by a dying man to dying men. He rests in peace.”

**Riley**, Eld. A. J. (1879): 36–37. “The subject of this sketch, was pastor of the Hiddle’s Prairie Baptist Church at the time of his death, which occurred on February 19, 1879. He attended the church at its regular meeting on the first Sabbath in the month, and commenced a series of lectures on Monday night following on the subject of the Tabernacle and its services. On Thursday night after the second lecture, he was taken sick, and after two weeks illness, nervous prostration set in which terminated in his death.

He died as he had lived, with implicit confidence in his Redeemer. During his illness he said to a friend, ‘I put my hand in His that He may lead me. I know He will bring me out all right, either on this or on the other shore.’

He was greatly beloved as a christian and an able minister of Jesus Christ. All who knew him best, loved him most. His remains were taken to his home in Indianapolis for interment.”

**Robbins**, E. C. (1890): 39. “Was born in Miami county, Ind., July 16th, 1853, and died June 8th, 1890, at the age of 36 years. He was converted when sixteen years old, and united with the M. E. Church, but in Jan. 1877, his convictions having changed, he united with the Chili Baptist church from which place he removed his membership to the Denver church

at its organization. He was licensed to preach in 1885, and his pastorates were the Palestine and Niconza churches. He was loved and respected for his character and his works.”

**Robertson**, Eld. T. N. (1879): 37. “Fell asleep in Jesus, at the parsonage in Orleans, Orange county, Indiana, on the 13th of March, 1879, in the 77th year of his age. He was born in North Carolina, March 31, 1802. He attended the common schools; and, later, Seane’s Academy for two years. Came to Washington County, Indiana, in December, 1816; professed religion in the winter of 1819; was baptised by Elder A. Stark on the first Sunday of the following March, uniting with Clifty Church. He was licensed to preach by the same church, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry, December 6, 1858, by Elders James McCoy, Wilson and Roice McCoy. He traveled, preached and was pastor in country towns and cities, in Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky. He was pastor of 28 Baptist churches and added to them by baptism over 2,000 different members. Solemnized many marriages and attended hundreds of funerals, averaging 175 sermons annually.

A useful and good minister has fallen and rests from his labors. He was a man of excellent natural ability, of a warm, generous and social nature; much loved and respected by those who knew him well, and at one time among the most able and successful ministers in the southern part of the state. ‘He rests from his labors; and his works do follow him.’”

**Rowden**, Rev. Philip, M.D., D.D. (1875): 25. “Died April 4, 1875, in the 47th year of his age, at his residence, in Rochester, Indiana, leaving a wife, two sons and a daughter to mourn his loss. Dr. Rowden was born in England, and in early life came to New York. Experienced

religion in Newark, N. J., where he graduated, and subsequently entered the ministry of reconciliation. Dr. Rowden's ministerial labors were signalized by many precious revivals of religion, both in Cass county, Michigan, and in Bronson, Michigan. Also, in Chili, Indiana, and in many other places where God called him to labor. Dr. Rowden was a man of more than ordinary ability, sustaining, also, a high position in other relations of life. A man of great research, and kind and genial disposition, a true lover of the great and the good of all professions. At his decease he was Vice-President of the American Anthropological Association; prominent in science, philanthropy, materia medica and theology. Many of the Baptist churches over which he presided as pastor, can witness to his fidelity, zeal, truthfulness, spirituality and love for the cause of the dear Redeemer, whom he loved and adored."

**Rupe**, Rev. Henry R. (1897): 50. "Died at Richmond, Ind., June 24, 1897, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 76 years. 'He was a Baptist minister and was well known over the State. He was the father of Hon. John L. Rupe, of Richmond, Ind.'"

**Rupe**, Mrs. Jane M. (1890): 36. "Wife of Rev. H. B. Rupe.—She was born at Haddonfield, N.J., 1824, and died at Richmond, Ind., Nov. 10th, 1889, at the age of 65. She joined the church at the age of eleven years, and with her father settled at Richmond, Ind., in 1836. In 1843 she was married to Rev. Henry B. Rupe, and with her death has broken the first link in the family chain. Five children remain to mourn the loss and revere the memory of a mother."

**Rynerson**, Eld. Jacob (1857): 15. "Was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, in the year 1788. In 1808 he professed a hope in Christ, and soon after commenced his labors in the ministry,



which he continued until the time of his death, a period of forty-nine years. In 1832 he came to Indiana. He died at his residence in Hendricks county, May 29th, 1857. Elder R. was an early friend of Missions, and a long and earnest advocate of Temperance. His sun went down without a cloud, and his memory is that of the just.”

**Sanford**, Elizabeth H. (1900): 56–57. “Wife of Rev. E. Sanford, was born December 12, 1857, and died February 3, 1900, aged 42 years, 1 month and 22 days. She was married to her husband October 22, 1878. Three children and her husband survive to feel the sorrows of a broken home. She joined the First Baptist Church of Washington, Ind., in December, 1879. She had also been a member of Mt. Aerie Baptist Church, Decatur County, the Martinsville Church, and at the time of her death, of the Indian Prairie Church, of which her husband is now the pastor. ‘She was a Christian of the highest type. Quiet, reserved, timid, she nevertheless took a most profound interest in all the Lord’s work. Her chief characteristic was her anxiety for the salvation of sinners. Her life was most closely interwoven with the lives of those she loved. What was grief or sorrow to them was equally so to her.’ The funeral services were held February 5 in the Indian Prairie Church and were conducted by Rev. R. E. Neighbor, of Indianapolis, for many years a personal friend of the bereaved husband.”

**Sellers**, Rev. M. W. (1868): 21. “Departed this life June 1st, 1868, aged 70 years. . . . Was set apart to the work of the gospel ministry by solemn ordination in April, 1837. He was chosen pastor of the Little Flock church the same year, and remained in that relation for 37 years, until disabled by disease to preach, which was but a few months before his

death. He was in the ministry 43 years. But his work is at length ended on earth, and he has gone to his glorious reward.”

**Sherrill**, Rev. James W. (1883): 38. “Was born June 13, 1829, in Putnam county, Indiana, near where he lived the greater part of his life. He was married to Mary C. Denney, April 3, 1851. He professed Christ as his Saviour, and joined the New Providence Missionary Baptist Church in 1848 or 1849. In 1868 he was licensed by his church to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. May 15, 1869, he was ordained as a regular minister in the Baptist church. He died September 29, 1883, at the residence of his son, J. E. Sherrill, in Danville, Indiana, his age being fifty-four years. He leaves a wife and six children. He was widely known through Central Indiana, and his funeral, which was at his old home in Putnam county, was attended by one of the largest concourses of people ever gathered in that community, there being in attendance citizens from Owen, Morgan, Putnam and Hendricks counties. Of his private and Christian life much could be said. Since he first obeyed Christ, he has been ‘a meek and lowly follower’ of the Master. He was an earnest, devout and exemplary Christian, and his whole life is worthy of emulation. The Bible was his text-book, and he was proficient in his knowledge of the Scriptures. He was faithful in every duty as a Christian, and never avoided a responsibility. His whole life was that a true Christian. He was a devoted, affectionate and true husband, a kind, loving and indulgent father, a citizen universally loved and respected. He did much hard work for the Master. He preached the Gospel ‘without money and without price.’ He preached the Gospel because he felt it to be his duty. The love and worth of immortal souls were

more to him than the gold of Ophir. The churches to which he ministered sustain a loss which to them seems irreparable.”

**Slaven, Mary E.** (1895): 45. “Wife of Rev. Samuel Slaven, died September 22, 1895. She was added to the Pleasanton Baptist Church, July 21, 1872, and continued a faithful member of the same to the time of her death. Her last words were, ‘Lord Jesus, come and take me.’”

**Smith, Harry** (1888): 45–46. “Gladly went to meet his Lord, March 31st, 1888. He was born in Connecticut, September 27, 1810; when eight years of age, his father removed with his family to Livingston Co., N.Y., and settled on a farm. . . . He became a Christian when a mere boy and . . . very early [was] constantly engaging the attention of his fellows by fervent appeals on the subject of religion. He employed the winter months in teaching for some nine years; then his father sent him to the institution at Hamilton, N.Y., to prepare for the ministry. He was unable to complete the course, and returning to Western New York, he settled and preached there at several places, then removed to Valparaiso, Ind., where he was pastor five years. He held other pastorates in Indiana as follows: Greensburg, Laporte [*sic*], New Albany, Trafalgar, Columbus, Thorntown, Flat Rock, South Street in Indianapolis, Walesboro and other places. . . . To near the end of his life his voice was heard in different pulpits in Southern Indiana . . . yet for a few years past he experienced some physical debility which . . . kept him at home most of the time. His last pastorate was at Brownstown, as appointee of the State Board. He purchased a small, comfortable home in Columbus, and there closed his life amidst former parishioners and hosts of friends. Bro. Smith was closely and heartily in sympathy with every good work;

a constant reader, intelligent and benevolent. For some years he traveled throughout Indiana as State editor of the *Standard*, and in this time he preached continually and with no uncertain sound. . . . The conversion of souls was a great joy to him. . . . The elements of constancy, courage and firmness appeared as supreme in his character. . . . By his death, the ministry of the State loses a tried and trusted member; his wife, an only son, and a number of relatives and friends, one whom they knew only to honor.”

**Smith**, Rev. Hezekiah (1871): 14. “Of Smithland, after more than fifty years of service in the Gospel Ministry, was called home to his reward, leaving behind him a fragrance which breathes over those who remained of his associates, the spirit of kindness and love.”

**Smith**, Mrs. Sarah (1892): 34–35. “Wife of Rev. T. C. Smith, was born January 20th, 1842, at Tupper’s Plains, Ohio, and died August 24th, 1892, aged 50 years, 9 months and 4 days. She was trained as a Presbyterian, but joined the M. E. church at thirteen years of age, and continued there, until, in the summer of 1879, when giving the doctrines of the Bible a candid study and also the doctrines and customs of the Baptist church, unsolicited by her friends, she connected herself with the Aurora Baptist church where she was then living. As an organizer of missionary work among the young she had but few equals and no superiors. ‘She organized The Mite Gatherers Foreign Mission Band, which she led with great success for the remaining eight years of residence there,’ i.e. at Aurora. During these eight years they raised over twelve hundred dollars for mission work. When her husband entered the pastorate at Adams her modest yet persistent missionary spirit bore noble fruit for the mission work. While Bro. Smith was pastor at Auburn she organized and led the Y.P.S.C.E. She was gifted in the ability to wisely adminis[t]er funds in the

way of charity and was often thus engaged. She was married to Dr. T. C. Smith, September 27th, 1865. Three children survive our sister, whose earnest christian lives must often have cheered the heart of their devoted mother as they comfort the life of their mourning father.”

**Smock**, Rev. Jacob (1895): 44. “Of Terre Haute, Ind., died August 27, 1895. He was a native of Kentucky, converted in 1857, at New Discovery, Ind, licensed to preach in 1858, ordained in 1859 at Bridgeton, Ind. For thirty five years he served churches in Freedom and Curry’s Prairie Associations, being Moderator of the latter for several years. The fruits of his labors will be long remembered. He departed calmly and peacefully, and hopeful of a bright resurrection.”

**Snider**, Rev. R. M. (1876): 20. “Died at Don Juan, Indiana, November 23, 1875, aged seventy-two years. He was converted and united with the Baptist Church and entered the ministry, over forty years ago, in Kentucky, his native State. Over thirty years ago he removed to Indiana, and commenced his labors in the bounds of the Perry County and Evansville Associations, where there was a strong anti-mission and anti-temperance spirit. On account of his boldness in opposing error he met with considerable persecution, and received but little remuneration for his services, while he had a large family to support. Nevertheless, he contended earnestly for the faith, always ready to work and to give for the promotion of the cause of Christ. About seventeen years since he lost his eyesight, yet continued to manifest his zeal, preaching as he had opportunity. He fought a good fight, kept the faith, and has entered, we believe, upon a life of sight and rest.”

**Snyder, Bro. F.** (1853): 15. “Beloved brother, F. Snyder, late of Terre Haute, Ind., has recently deceased in New York, we express a deep sense of our loss (though it is his gain), for he was highly esteemed as a man, and as a Christian Minister he was a bright and shining light.”

**Sparks, Samuel K.** (1881): 30. “Died at Terre Haute, May 8, 1881. He was born in Kentucky, August 10, 1786; came to Indiana in 1812, but returned in the same year, and came again to this State in 1835 and resided here to the time of his death. He was baptized in 1800, began preaching in 1830 and was ordained in 1834. Shortly after ordination, at the age of fifty, he settled as pastor of Second Prairie Creek Church, Vigo county, and continued as such five years. Meantime he brought about the organization of the First Church of Terre Haute, and served it as pastor during the first five years of its existence; also the Salem Church, (Vigo county), which he served for a time. He was instrumental in constituting Mt. Zion, New Providence, Otter Creek and Second Terre Haute Churches, all in Vigo county, and all of which he served as pastor for many years. Mt. Zion Church he was pastor of for twenty-nine years. His labors resulted in the baptism of more than 1,200 persons, from which number have come at least eleven ministers. He attended all the sessions of his Association until 1875, forty-two in number.”

**Spillman, Rev. J. N.** (1884): 50. “Died in Lancaster, August 5, 1884, after an illness of two weeks, aged thirty-five years. He was born in Carroll county, Ky., and came to Indiana about three years ago. When about seventeen years of age he was converted and united with the church. His ministry commenced only about eight years since, and, as he was a husband and father when called into the work, he entered upon it without special

education. Nevertheless, he was useful and successful in winning souls in the fields in which the Master permitted him to labor. He was called away in the midst of his labors at a time when he gave promise of great usefulness. He was greatly beloved for the tender interest in the spiritual welfare of the people, which he constantly manifested, and leaves an influence that will long abide in the churches with which he labored.”

**Stalker**, Rev. John M. (1896): 52. “Pastor of the church at Bedford, Ind., died suddenly on Monday morning, June 16, 1896. He was one of the honored pastors of the State, a man generally beloved. He had been in poor health for some time, but attended church services on Sunday the day before his death, though he did not preach. He was nearly seventy-five years of age.”

**Stansil**, Josephus M. (1881): 30. “Was born in Vigo county, January 3, 1831; was licensed to preach January 10, 1874, and on June 7, 1876, was ordained, at Sullivan. He served as pastor at Springville and Sullivan, Ind., and at Louisville, Ill. On account of failing health he closed his labors at the last named place early in the present year, and came to the home of his parents in Sullivan, where he died May 2, 1881.”

**Stansil**, Rev. William (1885): 49–50. “This aged servant of Christ died at his home in Sullivan, Ind., December 17th, in his 85th year. He was born in North Carolina in 1800, united with the Baptist Church in 1821, and was ordained to the ministry in 1823. It thus appears that he preached the gospel about sixty-two years; and we understand that he baptized more than two thousand persons. A considerable part of his ministerial life was spent in Indiana, in the southwest part of the State, where he wielded a wide influence and was much esteemed. His amiable traits of character entitled him to be called a ‘beloved

disciple.’ He was contemporaneous with Daniel Parker, and labored throughout the region in which Parker’s baleful influence was exerted, and did much to counteract it and establish right views of the gospel.<sup>6</sup> He performed but little ministerial labor for some years past, yet his interest in the cause was unabated, and he entertained his younger brethren by recounting the scenes through which he had passed, and by characterizing the men he had known. The names of three of the veteran ministers of the lower Wabash, who have passed away within a few years, now occur to us—Samuel K. Sparks, Wm. B. Eldridge and Wm. Stansil—each of whom lived to a great age.”

**Stark**, Daniel M. (1881): 31. “Died at his home, near Pimento, Vigo county, July 23, aged seventy-two. An account of his life, though solicited, has not been furnished. He was for a period quite active in ministerial work in Curry’s Prairie Association, but for a long time has been in retirement from professional service.”

**Stevenson**, Rev. Robert (1896): 50–51. “Died March 13, 1896. He was born in Kilmarnock, Scotland, February 15, 1815. When he was thirteen years old, his father came to this country, and located in the southern part of this State. Brother Stevenson’s early training was of the Scotch Presbyterian type. He became dissatisfied with the teaching on baptism, and in August, 1843, he followed his Savior in this ordinance, uniting with the Brush Fork Baptist Church. On the following Wednesday he entered the ministry. He was twice married and was the father of nine children. From these relations there were left six children, a faithful wife and hosts of friends and admirers to mourn their loss. As a preacher he was a pioneer. He was a man of strong personality, to which his robust physique and power of endurance gave additional force. He was a champion in exposition



and in the delivery of his sermons. He was true to the New Testament teachings, his convictions and his God. He passed away (as he said to his loved and loyal wife) ‘to be with Jesus and to receive his crown.’”

**Stimson, Mrs. Jane Willis (1888):** 49. “Wife of Rev. Dr. Stimson, died in Terre Haute, July 26, 1888, in her seventy-third year. She was the daughter of Hon. George Cornelius, a prominent business man, and was born in Petersburg, Ky., December 25th, 1816. In 1832 she was married to Hon. John G. Davis, prominent in state and national politics. Mr. Davis died in 1866, and in 1871 she was married to Rev. S. M. Stimson, D.D., who, with her two sons and one daughter by the former marriage, is very deeply bereaved by her death. Mrs. Stimson, by her long residence in Terre Haute and her active interest in its affairs, had come to be recognized as one of its best citizens though unable for years to appear often in society. She was a daily reader of the papers and entertained an intelligent and vital concern for the public interests, local and national. For the larger part of her life she was a member of the Baptist church and aided very considerably and cordially to promote its good. She was a silent, but a liberal giver, and our missionary causes and all true charities felt the results of her benevolence. For some twelve or fourteen years past she had a comfortable home in convenient nearness to her church, and . . . she gave the best of hospitality to the Lord’s public servants. . . . Dr. Stimson came in from his protracted and wearing missionary tours to find the comforts he needed; and there also were the . . . accommodations requisite to the prosecution of his missionary secretaryship. She rightly felt that a good home is the greatest help a minister’s wife can render to her husband. Her executive powers, with clearness of view and great energy, were quite

unusual; and with these there was a happy and lovable disposition that assured for her the deference of her friends. Her sickness was very protracted, but it was patiently borne and she was enabled in calmness to leave the best of homes on earth for the Father's better mansion on high."

**Stimson**, Rev. S. M., D.D. (1895): 45–46. "Of Greensburg, Ind., died November 23, 1894, aged 79 years, 9 months, 8 days. . . . He was born February 6, 1815, in Winchenden, Mass., of a ministerial ancestry; settled in 1819 with his parents near Batavia, Genessee county, N.Y., then a wild wilderness. . . . In 1829, they moved to Amherst, N.Y., a wilder region still, where gospel and Sunday privileges were not. A faithful mother taught him in his own home. In 1830 he was converted at a meeting held in a wayside tavern, and was baptized in Tonawanda creek. Two years later he united with the Baptist church at Pendleton, Niagara county, N.Y., whither the family had moved; was licensed to preach in 1840, ordained in Shelby, N.Y., in 1843, where he served as pastor. He served six churches as pastor in thirty years' time, viz: three in New York, one in Massachusetts, two in Indiana. . . . In 1873 he was appointed District Secretary of the American Baptist Missionary Union, for Indiana, Michigan, Southern Illinois and Missouri. Later the district was narrowed to the two States first named. . . . He filled this . . . position for twenty years with marked ability, grace and acceptance. . . . He wrought great things for Christ . . . up to his crowning effort to secure a million dollars for missions in the centennial year of 1892. . . . He was always helpful to other departments of gospel work. . . His well rounded and most useful life closed in happiness and peace. He left . . . a nation of Baptist co-laborers to mourn his departure. He left innumerable friends to feel

bereaved. He left children with bright memories to lighten their sorrows. He left his devoted wife, Mrs. E. C. Stimson . . . full of confident peace and a great quiet faith that she would meet him again at Jesus' feet. . . . Rev. B. F. Cavins, D.D., of Peru, in the presence of a goodly company of eminent divines, conducted his funeral at Greensburg, Ind., and his remains were deposited in Sand Creek Cemetery.”

**Stone**, Rev. James R. D.D. (1884): 52. “We can but turn our thoughts to him who for many years presided over this Convention with remarkable urbanity and precision, and for more than thirteen years was the loved pastor of the church with which we meet [First Baptist Church, Fort Wayne]. Ten years ago he was here to welcome the Convention, and to receive its sympathies in his fresh bereavement—the loss of a son of rising power in the ministry. To-day we think of his active and intelligent interest in denominational work, his mental, social and spiritual culture, and from his loving heart, all dust as it is, we seem to obtain a full return of the affectionate recognition we here place upon our records. He went from the State—to die. And when we say of him that he lived, loved and labored for men for almost sixty-six years, we tell in brief the story of the good man.”

**Storms**, Mrs. Nelly (1895): 43. “Wife of Rev. J. W. Storms, of Kempton, Ind., died October 26, 1894, aged 63 years. Her long, last illness was borne with Christian fortitude and resignation. She early professed Christ, and was baptized at the Mt. Moriah Church in Decatur county, by Elder James M. Smith.”

**Stott**, John (1888): 43–44. “Was born near Frankfort, Ky., March 14th, 1811, and died at Franklin, Ind., surrounded by his family, December 29, 1887; age nearly 77. In his

boyhood he came to Indiana and in his youth united with the Vernon Church; he also became a constituent member of the North Vernon Church and by it was licensed to preach, and was shortly afterward ordained and became pastor successively of churches in Jennings, Ripley and Decatur Counties. He was a faithful and fearless expounder of the Gospel and he witnessed the conversion of hundreds through his preaching. Faithful to every engagement under the most unfavorable circumstances, he became a pillar to both church and community, yet was poorly rewarded for his labors. Being genial and tender, he was greatly beloved at home and abroad. When laid aside from the ministry by age and infirmity, he found comfort in his family with whom, in 1884, he celebrated his golden wedding, and by their hands he was served to the last hour. Calmly and fully conscious of his acceptance with God, he committed his soul to Him whom he believed, as he entered into rest. His children all followed him as he followed Christ and became useful—one of them the president of our college [Franklin]. His father, W. T. Stott, Sr., was eminent in Southern Indiana, and father and son labored long and joyously together in the ministry and now rejoice together. His beloved wife walked and worked and sympathized with him through his protracted career, and now only waits until the shadows are a little longer grown.”

**Stott**, Rev. William T., Sr. (1877): 19. “Died at the residence of his son, Rev. John Stott, near North Vernon, April 14, 1877, at the advanced age of eighty-seven. He was born in Woodford county, Kentucky, and joined the Salt River Baptist Church in his thirteenth year. Father Stott came to Indiana in A. D. 1815, and the year following became one of the constituent members of the Vernon Church, in which he was ordained (A. D. 1825),

and which he served as pastor more than forty years. Few ministers in this age have had a public career so long and so free from fault as that of Father Stott. He was a prayerful man, and his petitions produced a deep impression upon those who heard them. He was also very familiar with the word of God, from which he obtained exact and positive religious convictions. His preaching, though not severely analytic, was always with great plainness and power. Social magnetism was a marked characteristic. Brethren of the ministry loved to gather about him and receive his explanations of scripture, as also to catch that cheerful and sometimes jubilant spirit which he uniformly exhibited. The young loved him as well as the old. He took great interest in the civil government, not failing to go the polls to the end of his life. This interest may be accounted for, in part, by the fact that he was a soldier in the war of 1812. He desired to die, and at the last gently fell asleep. The funeral service was held at Vernon, on the very spot where, sixty-one years before, he had aided in organizing the church. His name will long live in the hearts of the many whom he led to Christ, while he will be remembered throughout southern Indiana as a prominent and faithful servant of Christ.”

**Stout**, Eld. Joab (1878): 22. “Was born in 1802; died November, 1877, in his 76th year. For more than fifty years Bro. Stout was actively engaged in ministerial labor; first, in Franklin county, Indiana, extending his travels often into Ohio, but especially up and down the White Water valley. Finally he removed to Decatur county and settled near the Liberty church, which he found in a very low condition, weak in numbers and having little spiritual influence. For more than twenty years he labored as pastor of this church, and was permitted to see it grow from weakness and to become one of the best country

churches in the southern part of the State. Bro. Stout was a pioneer minister, indeed, traveling much on horseback. Mud, high waters and cold had no terrors for him; at least not enough to cause him ever to disappoint his congregations. The last year of his life was one of great affliction, but he bore it with Christian resignation, retained his consciousness to the last, and died in peace.”

**Stout**, Rebecca K. (1895): 43. “Of Mt. Aerie Church, widow of the late Rev. Joab Stout, died July 20, 1895, aged 76 years. From early youth she was one of the most loyal, faithful and consistent of Christians. She left bright evidences of her full acceptance with Christ.”

**Swan**, Dr. Thomas J. (1881): 30. “Died on the 29th of May, in Rockport. He was born at Wheeling, Va., February 12, 1810. Having studied medicine, in both America and Europe, he entered upon the practice of the same and continued it, with little intermission, until his death. He united with the Baptists in 1860, was ordained by them. He served in the Union army as surgeon. In 1867 he removed to Rockport, where he resided till the time of his death. He was public-spirited, energetic and studious.”

**Swincher**, Eld. James B. (1879): 37. “Was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, October 29, 1803, and died in Vernon, Indiana, September 9, 1879. A third wife and one son survive him. He was born again at the age of forty, and laid all upon the altar of service to his Redeemer; and in January, 1843, being a member of Bethany Baptist Church, Jefferson County, Indiana, was licensed to preach the gospel; and in October of the same year was ordained to the ministry. Brother Swincher in manner, was plain and unassuming; in his relations with men, very punctual and faithful to his promises. He worked very much for small pay, but always lived within his means, and rigidly upon the rule, ‘Owe no man

anything.' It may be truly said of him, that he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Elder John Stott preached the funeral sermon, and the remains were buried at Vernon. 'He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him.'"

**Taylor**, Mrs. Anna M. (1884): 51. "Widow of Rev. David Taylor, a former pastor of the Terre Haute Baptist Church, died at the home of her son, Samuel Taylor, in Indianapolis, November 21, 1883. Born in Harpham, England, March 24, 1803, married July 17, 1828, and was soon after baptized, her life was one of unceasing devotion to the welfare of others through the scores of years she was permitted to spend on the earth. Coming to America at the age of thirty, she aided her husband in his various and useful pastorates here, until his death at Terre Haute. Her interest in all the enterprises of the denomination, and her sympathy with the ministry continued to the end, and many will rise at the last day to bless her name."

**Taylor**, Eld. David (1857): 15. "Was born in Yorkshire, England, August 29th, 1800. In 1823 he was urged by the members of the church with which he had previously united, to engage in preaching the gospel. He at length yielded to these solicitations, and closed his labors in the ministry only with his life. His decease occurred at his residence in Terre Haute, August 2, 1857. Aged 57 years. He was well read in the department of Theology, and was an able expounder of the word of God. In his general deportment he was blameless, and enjoyed the christian confidence of the inhabitants of the city in which he spent the last few years of his life, as he uniformly had done in other places where the Providence of God had called him to officiate in the ministry."

**Terry, Mrs. Nancy A. (1884):** 51–52. “Died in Stinesville, October 19, 1884, aged fifty-nine years. She was born October 15, 1826; united with the Cave Spring Baptist Church, Muhlenburg county, Ky., in August, 1845. She was married December 21, 1847, to the now bereaved husband, to whom she was a true helpmeet, aiding and encouraging him in his ministerial labors in every possible way, both in the home and in the church. Patient and trusting, she died as she lived, leaning on Jesus.”

**Thomas, Rev. E. D. (1897):** 50. “Living near Danville, Ind., died June 18, 1897, at the age of 75 years. He had been a minister in the Baptist church for nearly 50 years.”

**Tilton, Elizabeth W. (1887):** 53. “Widow of the late Rev. Enoch Tilton, died at Potomac, Ill., June 20, 1887. She was born in Beaver county, Pa., Jan. 12, 1811, and was married in 1833. By the death of her mother she, though a child, was left with the care of the large family of small children, and, on account of her father’s poverty, was deprived of education. Coming to Indiana in 1845, she here spent nearly forty years, during which time she was a member of the Washington church, Ripley county, and her husband a minister of the Gospel in the same section. She was regarded as a woman of fine endowments and was greatly respected by those who knew her. After a life of fifty years with her husband, with whom she reared a large family, and after adding a few years of widowhood to that period, she fell asleep at the home of her son, in the seventy-seventh year of her age.”

**Tilton, Rev. Enoch (1884):** 50. “Of Ripley county, died November 12, 1883, aged seventy-three years. He became a member of the Laughery Association at an early day, succeeding the



first pioneers, and for many years was a laborious minister within its bounds; and he is there, especially, kindly remembered by his co-laborers and others who knew his worth.”

**Tisdale, Rev. J. W. B. (1873):** 20. “Who died near Greensburg, March 2nd, 1873, in the 64th year of his age, was in the ministry over forty years. Born in Virginia, he became converted and entered the ministry in that State at an early age; but after a few years he moved to western Pennsylvania where he passed some fourteen years in active ministerial service. He came thence to Ohio, in which State he preached about three years, and then settled in Indiana where he spent the remainder of his life. He is said to have baptized more than 700 persons. His last work on earth was missionary labor. His end was peace.”

**Tisdale, Mrs. J. W. B. (1898):** 135. “Wife of Rev. J. W. B. Tisdale, who died in March, 1873, was born in Ohio, Oct. 26, 1820. After the death of her first husband, Herman J. Craven, she removed to Jefferson County, Ind., to enjoy the society of her husband’s relatives. After eight years of widowhood she married Brother Tisdale. The last two years of her life were passed with her only surviving child, Mrs. S. M. Stimson, and they were years of suffering and weakness. She was a constant reader of her Bible, and always deeply interested in missions.”

**Tisdale, Eld. Robert (1857):** 15. “Was born in Louisa county, Virginia, April 15, 1778, commenced preaching the gospel 1812, and continued in his work until the time of his death, a period of forty-four years. He attended the anniversaries of this State last year, at Ladoga, and on his way home was taken ill, and died the 16th of October, 1856. Aged 78 years.”

**Trent**, Rev. L. W. (1883): 38–39. “Was born in North Carolina, in 1820. We have not the date of his conversion to Christ, not the exact time of his ordination to the work of the ministry; but do know that for about thirty years he was engaged in preaching the gospel of our blessed Lord, and that by his perseverance, faithfulness and zeal, he won for himself a reputation that can never die. The workers in Friendship Association will greatly miss him. He fell asleep in Jesus in January last.”

**Vawter**, Rev. William (1868): 21. “Died at North Vernon, July 17, 1868, aged eighty-five years. A father in Jesus has fallen, and we mourn for him, but we mourn in faith, knowing he was a ripe shock in readiness, and anxiously awaiting the call from the Master of assemblies. Of him we may say[:] Servant of God, well done, Thy glorious warfare’s past, The battle’s fought, the victory won, And thou art crowned at last.”

**Veatch**, Rev. Thomas E. (1868): 21. “Departed this life on the 6th of February, 1868. . . . Was a good man and an earnest worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He died in the triumphs of that faith he so earnestly preached.”

**Vickers**, Bro. Carson (1847): 6. Board member, who died in 1843.

**Vickers**, Bro. Corson (1843): 10. Treasurer.

**Wallace**, Mrs. Elizabeth M. (1888): 49–50. “Wife of Rev. Samuel Wallace, died at Richmond, July 31st, 1888, in her sixty-seventh year. She was born in the state of Kentucky, and at the age of twenty-two was married to Mr. Wallace and with him went to the Indian Territory where he labored as a missionary for a number of years. She was his helpful companion also during the various pastorates in Ohio which he filled, and we have reason to believe that she was important to his happiness and usefulness. For several years she

was an invalid, but amid her distresses she was developed in the graces of the Gospel and died the better for having toiled and suffered here below.”

**Walter**, Washington (1892): 35. “Was born in Columbus Co., Ohio, May 29th, 1832. At nineteen years of age he became a christian and united with the Methodist church but becoming a Baptist he joined the Baptist church at New Corydon, Ind. In 1854 he was married to Jane Herrold and was licensed to preach in 1860. He served about three years in the war and on his return worked during the week and preached on Sundays. He was pastor at different times of six churches in the Salamonie Association. Failing health compelled him to give up preaching some three years before his death. On Friday, November 3d, 1891, while crossing the railroad he was struck by an engine and instantly killed. Six children and his second wife survive to mourn the loss of a father and a husband. A marked characteristic of Bro. Walter’s life was faithfulness in all things.”

**Walterhouse**, Thomas S. (1882): 42. “A life member, died in Muncie, October 21, aged about 56 years.”

**Wanee**, Dea. W. C. E. (1896): 51. “Died July 10, 1896. He was born in Butler County, Ohio, August 10, 1832. While a young man he professed faith in Jesus Christ. In the fall of 1852 he moved to Indiana, and soon identified himself with the Fairland Baptist Church, of which he was deacon and an active, aggressive worker. His work was broader than his church, and his influence went farther than the man. He was respected and loved, and his death is lamented by all who knew him. Far distant is the day when his influence shall cease to be a power in the church community and the State. He rests from his labors, but his works do follow him.”

**Ward**, Rev. B. R. (1900): 57. “Was born in Rush County, Ind., in 1824, and died in Kokomo, Ind., February 21, 1900, in his seventy-sixth year. He served many churches as pastor. He was one of that noble class of preachers who never became jealous of their fellows and was faithful to his church and spiritual vows until the last. He was moderator of Judson Association for seventeen years and lived within the associational bounds through fifty years of this ministry. No man ever served in the Association that was more highly esteemed. The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. G. Shouse, his pastor, assisted by Rev. P. McDade and Rev. O. M. Merrick.”

**Waters**, Eld. A. (1854): 20. “For some years a faithful missionary of this Board, departed this life on the 11th of July, 1854, after an illness of six months. No one has labored with more fidelity and success. Our loss was his gain, for he died as he lived, in hope of an immortal crown.”

**Webb**, E. H. (1871): 7, 14. [p. 7] “While we recount the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father over us, we have to mourn the loss of one of our [board] members. Bro. Webb, of Cambridge City, died suddenly at his home in July last. Though cut off in the midst of his days, his end was peaceful. The Savior, whom he trusted in life, was present to comfort and support in death.”

[p. 14] “This earnest worker in the vineyard, after having commenced his work as a member of the Board of the Convention, was called suddenly home by the Master, to the serious affliction of his family, the Church of which he was a member, and the Board with which he was harmoniously and earnestly operating. His removal calls unmistakably

to all of us in the language of God's word: 'Whatsoever thy hand finds to do, do it with thy might.'"

**Weeks, Mrs. Sallie (1896):** 51. "Wife of Rev. J. L. Weeks, died July 24, 1896. Mrs. Weeks was born May 8, 1866. She was married to J. L. Weeks April 17, 1882. She was the mother of five children, one of whom passed over before her. After a sickness of several months she passed away, leaving a husband, four children and a host of friends to mourn their loss. She was a devoted mother, a loving wife and an esteemed and beautiful Christian character, whom to know was to love."

**West, Mrs. Charles F. (1899):** 67. "Wife of Rev. C. F. West, died in Indianapolis, October 9, 1899. Owing to her death to-day, the closing day for making the report, we are unable to give any account of Sister West's life, and can only commend our sorrowing brother to the Master's loving care."

**West, David A. (1890):** 38. "Was born in Jefferson county, Ind., April 23d, 1861, and died April 14th, 1890, in his 29th year. He joined the New Prospect Baptist Church at its organization in 1879, and was licensed to preach in 1880. His education was obtained at College Hill and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and was ordained by the Flora Baptist Church, Carroll county, Ind., March 20th, 1887."

**Whitman, Rev. L. M. (1872):** 13. "This Brother deceased Dec. 15, 1871. He was born in Western New York, in 1818. In 1841 he was hopefully converted, and joined the church. In 1854 he gave himself to the work of the ministry. His active ministerial life was spent in Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa. In 1863 he removed to Indianapolis, where failing health

compelled him to turn his attention to secular pursuits. He died in fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, December last.”

**Wilder**, Rev. Lyman (1877): 20. “Died at his home near Columbia City, October 6, aged sixty-seven.

He studied for the ministry at Hamilton, New York, and came to Ohio at an early day, and labored in the vicinity of Cleveland. Thence he removed to this state, and spent most of his subsequent life at the place of his death.

Brother Wilder was for a time in the employ of the American Baptist Home Mission Society as missionary, and afterward served the American Bible Union as agent. He was a man of much intelligence, and, in his prime, a most effective preacher. But during his later years clouds were upon his mind much of the time, and he gave evidence of some mental derangement. At times he was much depressed, and did but little preaching during the past ten years. But at the last he was peaceful and trustful.

His highest interest seemed to be in the progress of the Redeemer’s kingdom, and he was glad to labor in any manner for it.”

**Williams**, Mrs. Ann M. F. (1884): 51. “Died in Indianapolis, July 5, 1884, in her eighty-fourth year. She was born in Cornish, N. H., April 11, 1801; was the widow of Rev. Gibbon Williams, a Baptist minister well known in Indiana twenty-five years ago; and in all of her husband’s labors as agent of the General Association (now State Convention), and more especially as an active promoter of the educational interests at Ladoga and Indianapolis, her sympathy for him was deep and abiding, while she shared with him the burdens and pleasures of the work so dear to her heart. Her heart and home were open to

her friends, and she was noted for her generous hospitality. At the age of fourteen, after patient study of the New Testament, she became a member of the Baptist fold, and for three score and ten years she maintained an unswerving fidelity to the cause she espoused.”

**Williams, Eliphalet** (1888): 47–48. “One of the very oldest ministers in the State, entered upon his eternal rest on the first day of July last aged eighty-four years. He was born in Ashford, Mass, and came West in the service of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in 1833. He settled in Shelby Co., and was ordained in the Hanover Church on Blue River and assumed the pastoral care of that and of the Franklin Church. We afterward find him in Southern Indiana, in proximity to, and sympathy with, the Eleucterian [Eleutherian] College, an institution that faced the prejudices of the time, and labored for the elevation of the colored race. Such a situation was suited to his nature and it doubtless contributed to the confirmation of his mind in favor of right and in opposition to wrong. Thus, while an amiable Christian, he was ever a pronounced foe of evil, wherever and however appearing. He took an active part in the affairs of Franklin College, having been one of its founders and the last of them to pass away. For many years just past, he was known simply as a private, a worn out soldier awaiting his discharge. He removed to Lebanon in 1881 and there, with his aged wife, among his children and in the bosom of the church, he passed his closing days serene and trustful.”

**Williams, Bro. G.** (1866): 22. “During the session at Greencastle last year, Brother Williams was attacked with disease which hurried him home to his rest, where his works will doubtless follow him. Perhaps few members of this body are more widely known as the friend and

earnest advocate of all our denominational enterprises, and a pure Christianity which would develop all the powers and resources of the church. If in any one thing has zeal excelled, it was his earnest advocacy of a thorough education for all, and especially as necessary to a successful ministry. His acquaintance with men and things, his love for Bible truth, and a heart of tender susceptibilities, filled with love for Jesus, rendered him a wise counsellor, a sound theologian, and a warm friend. We miss him now, we feel the void.”

**Williams**, Mrs. Mary A. (1890): 37. “Wife of Rev. Eliphalet Williams. Sister Williams was born near Palmyra, N. Y., June 11th, 1814, and died at Lebanon, Ind., Jan. 27th, 1890, at the age of 75 years. She moved to Indiana with her parents in 1820, and was married to Rev. Eliphalet Williams in 1836. She survived her husband only one year and one-half, and left seven children worthy of her memory and of their noble father’s useful life. She became a christian woman early in life, and lived to see all her children earnest christian workers. Her husband was one of the founders of Franklin College to which her childrens’ children are now coming for the strength and culture of christian education.”

**Williamson**, Austin J. (1881): 29. “Died at his home, near Rockfield, Ind., February 8, 1881, in his fifty-sixth year. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio; united with the Baptist church of Camden, Ind., in July, 1843, and was ordained November 13, 1873. For some years he had not been actively engaged in the work of the ministry.”

**Willmore**, Willis C. (1888): 48. “Died near Winchester, Ind., July 25th, 1888, aged eighty-seven years and five months. He was born in Virginia. In 1821 he became a member of a Baptist church; in 1822 came to Ross County, O, afterward removed Gallia Co., and in



1825 was licensed to preach. In 1829, he removed to Wayne Co., Ind., and in 1830 was ordained to the ministry. In 1848 he removed his family to Sugar Creek, three miles from Winchester, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his long life. A physical ailment which came upon him many years ago, prevented him from preaching from that time on, but he was a close student of the Bible and possessed a remarkable insight into the truths of the word of God. For several years he was unable to attend the services held in the house of God, but frequently enjoyed public worship held at his own home. His was a remarkable case of longevity attended with helplessness, of business thrift with only mental activity in its promotion and of christian fidelity when apart from the influences usually deemed necessary to it. Upon his couch he studied work; and meditated upon God in the night watches. He grew in grace and in the knowledge of the truth with an humble mind, he submitted to the divine discipline, and with an unwavering trust he awaited the divine pleasure until called to go over to the land where inhabitant never says: 'I am sick.'"

**Wilson, Hattie M.** (1897): 50. "Wife of Rev. H. E. Wilson, pastor of Ebenezer church, died May 30, 1897, aged 34 years, 4 months and 27 days. She was born near Sparta, Ind., Jan. 3, 1863. She became a child of God in February, 1880, and was baptized into the fellowship of that church. She was married to Bro. Wilson Feb. 22, 1885. Three children were born to them, of whom two survive to mourn the unspeakable loss of a mother. 'Sister Wilson was of a sweet Christian spirit, and devoted to her husband's work. She was a good, true woman, and was respected and loved by all.' The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. E. Davies, at the Ebenezer church."

**Winans**, Hannah (1886): 47. “Wife of Rev. J. H. Winans, pastor at Warsaw, died November 5, 1885, in her thirty-eighth year. She was born in Germany, March 17, 1848, came to this country when about five years of age, and was married October 20, 1870. From her fifteenth year she was a faithful servant of Christ, and, from 1872, a useful member of the Baptist Church. She had been ill a long time, including the entire period of her husband’s ministry at Warsaw, and had learned submission to the divine will. She left five children, and sad hearts in many homes. Her departure creates more than the anguish of ‘home without a mother,’ in that her home is broken up, her little ones scattered; yet may we hope that the impress of her hand in her quietness and retirement will testify that she did not live in vain.”

**Winans**, William (1890): 37. “Was born in Ohio, Dec. 19th, 1822, and died at Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 1st, 1889, almost 67 years of age. He was ordained at the age of 27, in Putman Co., Ind., and was in the active work of ministry for 33 years. One has said of him, ‘He was a hard working, humble pioneer preacher, a faithful and good man, a patient sufferer, and a man of most excellent and uncomplaining spirit.’”

**Wollerman**, N. E. (1889): 40. “Was a young man of great worth, had been licensed to preach but not ordained, and was preparing himself for the work. He had spent two years at Franklin College and was a faithful student. The church at Edwardsport, the College, the Association and the State, lost a promising young man, who had great prospects for usefulness, when Bro. Wollerman died.”

**Woodruff**, Eld. Seth (1852): 12. “One of your Board, a venerable ‘Father in Israel,’ Elder Seth Woodruff, of New Albany, has fallen. It is believed he has left no one behind him who

knows so much of the early religious history of Indiana. It is to be feared much valuable information to the future historian of our State has been lost to us, by the death of this aged Father in the Ministry. His was an active and eventful life. Truly the ‘faithful fail from among the children of men.’”

**Woodsmall, Harrison** (1888): 44–45. “(familiarily called ‘Harry’), was born in Owen Co., Ind., June 9, 1841, and died in Memphis, Tenn., February 27th, 1888, aged nearly 47 years. This brother, of small stature, yet great in soul, was one of the most striking and memorable of Indiana Baptists. Reared on a farm, educated in part at the State University, and for the legal profession at Ann Arbor, Mich., and serving as private and officer in the war for the Union, he was well drilled in the preparatives to the career on which he finally entered. While on an army furlough he was converted and became a member of Little Mount Church. At the close of the war he studied and practiced law; led by the spirit into Christian work—Sunday-school and temperance work especially—he gradually became convinced that he ought to give himself wholly to it and entered the Southern Seminary, then at Greenville, S.C., to obtain preparation. His sympathetic heart readily led him to espouse the cause of the Freedmen who now were present to this view, and he undertook the amelioration of their condition under appointment, first of the Georgia Baptist Convention and later of the American Baptist Publication Society and the American Baptist Home Mission Society successively. He held meetings with them, instructing, advising, lifting them up; laid the foundation for and largely built the Selma Institution for general and theological training; afterward organized a system of instruction by district institutes at Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis, Tenn. Literally, he

was abundant in labors. The cause of the Freedmen was the cause of his heart and nothing but the clearest case of inability could deter him from pushing it on; in fact, he wrought under circumstances which would have driven a less determined man out of the field. The want of local sympathy and the obstacles met in the vices of the colored people themselves, were calculated to deeply dishearten him, if not to destroy what he built. With broken health and amid this prostrate race, he continued the abiding friend of the oppressed, the tireless guide of the blind, the modest, steady, earnest, devoted exemplar of the doctrines of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ. His privations have scarcely been told, for he scarcely ever complained. His mind was clear, his method concise, his purpose steady, his loyalty sublime. In his was found the very finest type of moral courage combined with humanity. Some in this afflicted presence knew him well and loved him much, and no more fragrant memory was ever offered for our regard. He died at his post, yet loving hands bore his body to the lovely cemetery at Franklin, where it rests in hope.”

**Wright, Brinton** (1892): 35. “Was born January 17th, 1826, in Putnam county, Ind. He was married to Jane Brinton, January 26, 1847. To them seven sons were born of whom six survive to mourn the loss of a father. He professed conversion January 24, 1850, and united with the New Providence Baptist church. Soon after his baptism he felt that he was called to preach, and the church recognizing his fitness set him apart to the work of preaching. He died September 11th, 1892, aged 66 years, 7 months and 24 days.”

**Yowell, Rev. M. S.** (1899): 66. “Was born in Mercer County, Ky., June 22, 1832, and died

June 5, 1899, aged 66 years, 11 months and 13 days. He came to Indiana with his parents at the age of three years. He joined the Baptist Church, February 14, 1851, and was ordained a minister of the gospel about thirty years ago. He lived within the bounds of the Freedom Association during his entire ministry. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Mt. Etna Church. ‘He was noted for going to destitute places where he thought the gospel should be preached.’ In his dying hour he said: ‘The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.’ The funeral services were held at Friendly Grove Church, June 6, conducted by W. T. Cuppy.”

#### **APPENDIX: BAPTIST TITLES AND TITLE ABBREVIATIONS**

**Brother (Bro.) or Sister (Sis.):** Customary designation for laypeople.

**Deacon (Dea.):** Layperson ordained to give spiritual leadership and assist the pastor in a congregation.

**Doctor of Divinity (DD):** Honorary academic degree granted by a college or university to recognize years of excellent service in the ministry and, usually, in that institution. Most nineteenth-century Baptist pastors with a doctorate possessed this degree.

**Doctor of Theology (ThD):** Four-year academic degree granted by a seminary or university; largely replaced today by Doctor of Ministry (DMin) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

**Elder (Eld.):** Ordained ministers or pastors; generally synonymous with Reverend (Rev.), although Primitive Baptists used the title of Elder exclusively.

**Licentiate (Lic.):** Individual in a preparatory stage to ordination.

**Messenger:** Individual appointed to represent his home church in an associational meeting (hence the church that a messenger is listed with in associational meeting minutes is his home church).

**Missionary:** Individual appointed to serve as pastor, evangelist, and/or to start new churches. If serving as pastor, church records list individual as such, and missionary status is discerned from missionary and executive board reports and denominational proceeding minutes.

**Pastor:** Individual who serves a local church by preaching, administration, and/or counseling. Before 1900 most pastors served one to four churches simultaneously, and their services were usually limited to preaching.

**Supply Preacher:** An individual who preached or “supplied” for a local church when they were without a regular pastor. Before 1900 it was not unusual for a minister to both pastor and supply different congregations simultaneously.