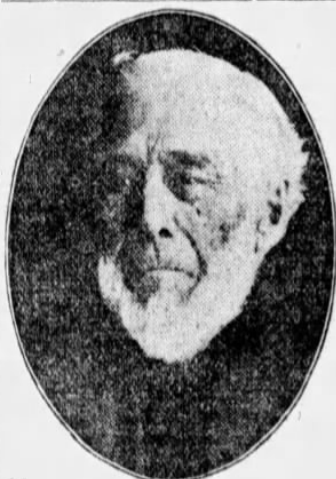


OLD RESIDENT DIES.

Expiring at Age of Nearly Ninety-Seven Years, Levi Simmons Was One of the Oldest Inhabitants of This City—He Came to This County in 1850—Funeral Is to Be Held Wednesday Afternoon.

Levi Simmons, born July 2, 1818, died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home at 1817 Oregon street. The pioneer was one of the oldest residents of the city, being well on the way to his ninety-seventh birthday when the end came.

Up to a year ago Mr. Simmons was hale and strong, his temperate life, most of it spent on the farm, carrying him to an age that few men reach. During the last year he failed grad-



Levi Simmons.

ually, being confined to his home most of that time. Two weeks ago he was forced to take to his bed, from which he never arose, but he retained full possession of every faculty up to the last three days, when he lapsed into unconsciousness, the end coming early this morning.

Mr. Simmons was born in Montgomery county, N. Y., July 2, 1818. His boyhood and young manhood were spent in the east, and he came to this county from New York city in the year 1850. Mr. Simmons settled on a farm in the town of Nekimi, on the Waupun road seven miles south of Oshkosh. He always took a leading

part in grange and neighborhood affairs, being a leader in agricultural lines, and conducting an apiary on his farm for forty years. Retiring in disposition, he never sought public office, but always took a keen interest in elections and affairs of a similar nature.

It was a matter of the greatest pride to the pioneer that he voted at every presidential election for over seventy years. Becoming of age in 1839, he cast his first ballot the following year for William Henry Harrison for president. After that he voted for the Whig and Republican candidates, at eighteen consecutive national elections, and cast his last ballot for Theodore Roosevelt, Progressive candidate, in the fall of 1912. The first election of any kind that he failed to vote in since 1840 was the election last spring.

Mr. Simmons' wife passed away sixteen years ago, and a year later he retired and came from the farm to Oshkosh to reside, on Oregon street. There are no children surviving, the nearest surviving relatives being the

following nephews and nieces. George B. Simmons of Oshkosh, Mrs. Charlotte Fischer of Nekimi, Mrs. Catherine Hyde of Berlin, William Rasmussen of Everett, Wash., Orin Rasmussen of Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Alice Berkins of Chester, Minn., Edward Lowe of Fisk, Dr. Jennie Bowen of Long Beach, Cal., D. L. Simmons of Long Beach and W. A. Simmons of Ripon.

OBITUARY.

DOWLING—The funeral of Frank H. Dowling was held at 9 o'clock this morning from St. Peter's church, Rev. M. H. Clifford officiating. The services were very largely attended, and floral tributes were especially numerous and beautiful. There was a delegation of Eagles in attendance. The pallbearers were Edward Manion, Ovid O'Brien, Charles Behler, Gus Fitzgerald, George Reardon and



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