

A mid-wife of the Berne region.

Christena, daughter of Michael and Catharine Byers, was born in Bushendorf, Bavaria, Germany, October 27, 1834, and died at her home in Adams county, Ind., January 19, 1892. In 1846 with her parents she crossed the ocean, came to Ohio and settled in Butler county. In 1851 the family settled in Adams county. In 1854 she joined the M.E. church, being one of over forty who composed the charter members of Duck Creek Society, now on Willshire charge, of these more than forty, only two remain viz: Alex. Counterman and wife. In 1855 Mrs. Johnson was married to Amos Foreman, he died Feb. 2, 1862, of this union there were born four children of whom all are dead. On April 9, 1865, she was married to James Johnson. He at this time was the father of five children and it is due the memory of Mrs. Johnson to say that these children mourn their loss deeply. To Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were born five children, one has died four remain to mourn the loss of a sainted mother. Mr. Johnson's three score and ten years have weakened his body and he weeps in keen sorrow over his shattered hopes and stricken children. Mrs. Johnson was universally loved as a friend, respected as a neighbor and revered as a Christian. Much of her time was spent comforting the stricken ones of earth. Her presence was a benediction, her prayer a balm, her counsels encouragement. She died very suddenly, but the day before her death she bore cheering testimony of God's favor. A large gathering of friends and neighbors followed her remains to the cemetery, and loving hands laid her remains in the tomb to await the voice of the arch angel and the trump of God when she will be raised and made alive unto her glorious Master.

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