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A PIONEER GONE

John King, Sen., was born March the 21st, 1820, in Tuscarawas county, Ohio and died Nov. 18, 1891, aged 71 years, 7 months and 21 days. He came to this county in October 1839, when but few white men lived here. After he had been here a short time he made a trip to Cincinnati, for salt and it took thirty days to make the journey. January 31st, 1841, he married Sarah Lenhart. To this marriage there was born nine children, six of whom, with the widow survive him to mourn their loss. When he first came to this county he worked around for awhile, then formed a partnership with his brother, Jacob, as blacksmith which lasted about ten years. He then returned to his father's farm, where he built a small shop and worked for awhile. Leaving this business he went to teaming from here to Fort Wayne, which he followed until the G.R. & I. Railroad was built. After that he moved to town and bought grain for Jesse Niblick & Son where he continued until his sickness - from which he never recovered. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Smith at the Baptist church last Thursday. The remains were taken to the Alpha graveyard for interment.