

Susannah McClellan Smith was born in Lancaster, Pa., August 28, 1812, died May 6, 1891, aged 78 years 8 months and 8 days. While quite young, she emigrated with her parents to Fayette County, Ohio, and in 1832 was married to Zachariah Smith, a native of the same county. They lived in Ohio about three years after their marriage, and in 1836 moved to Adams county, Indiana, and settled in St. Marys Township. Her husband was drowned in the St. Marys River July 7, 1844. He left a family of nine children the youngest of which was seven months old. All but one survive the mother. She has sixty-two grandchildren and forty-six great grandchildren, forty-seven of the grandchildren are still living. The mother was left in the wilderness with a large family to care for, but with tireless hands she went bravely on. Acre by acre was cleared until their farm was under good cultivation. Her success has been noble, as is attested by the esteem in which she is held in the county. The subject was converted to the Christian life quite early in life and has since been an earnest worker in the M.E. Church and it was with great regret to her that she had not been able to attend church the past three years. Her labors have been crowned with glory; her hands have held the distaff, and the reward awaits her at the gate.