

WILLSHIRE NEWS---UNCLE FRED ROOP, father of Mrs. Dr. Shaffner of this town, is dead of complications of ills, paralysis, heart trouble and dropsy predominating. He was 75 years old and a pioneer of this county. Mr. Roop died Thursday morning.

A WORTHY MAN DIES - A Christian's Tribute to the Memory of a Christian Man

Frederick Roop was born June 15th, 1827, in Richland Co, OH. He died March 10th, 1904, being 76 years, 8 months, and 25 days old. At the age of ten he removed with his parents from Richland county, to Seneca county, from there he moved to Adams Co, IN, and later to, Van Wert, Ohio, where he resided until his death. He was married the first time to Elizabeth Thatcher, in 1854, and to them were born two children, both of whom are still living. The wife of his youth was soon taken from him. In 1860 he was again married. his second wife was a sister to the first. To them were born five sons and three daughters, two daughters and one son with their mother entered the other world before him. March 4th, 1891, he was married to Louisa Allen, who remains to mourn his departure. Early in middle life he sought the Lord for the pardon of his sins and the regeneration of his heart. This he found on March 29th, 1867, and ever after he could freely and clearly refer to this date as the time of being "born again." His conversion was a remarkable one, as is always the case when the repentance and surrender to the Lord is complete. he was baptized and received into the Methodist Episcopal church. he held responsible positions in the church and faithfully served in whatever capacity he was called to act. He gave constantly and liberally to the support of the cause of his master. He took great delight in attending all the public means of grace and always took an active part. Many have been greatly helped by his words of encouragement and exhortation as he could testify to the goodness of God. He was always happy and like the psalmist, "Praised the Lord from his soul," always saying, "Oh, I am so happy - It is well with my soul." He, like the great Apostle, would often refer to how the Lord convicted him of sin and how wonderfully he converted him. Though he had a bright conversion, and was full of good works, his greatest comfort was in a present and all-sufficient Saviour who taketh away the sins of the world. It is this that now gives those who mourn such comfort and the abiding assurance that if they make his God their God and serve him, that they shall meet him again where there are no infirmities of mind or body. His children and grandchildren can never say they did not hear father pray or that he did not encourage and exhort them to a devoted christian life. The last public service he attended at the church he loved so well, was the occasion of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, Sabbath, November 22nd. He was then still very much affected by a paralytic stroke of some weeks before, but he said: "I am so glad I can be here once more. I am so happy. It is all right, all right. I only wish I could tell you how happy I am, but I can not." To his pastor he said shortly before, "It is all right with my soul, I am waiting for the dear Lord to take me home." O, would that we all could say the same to-day. He never sang a great deal but he had a few favorite hymns, one was No. 747, in the Methodist Hymnal. His last hours were hours of great peace. In his death the community loses an honored and loyal citizen, the church a faithful and devoted member, the family a conscientious, tender and true husband and father. Good

bye, husband, father, brother, until we meet around the throne of God where that happiness of which you so often spoke will be without alloy. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon, March 12, (the end)

FAMILY BIBLE OWNED BY DENISE KENNEDY--daughter of Barbara J. Keller Harb, who is the daughter of Ruth Schaffner Keller, daughter of Dr. John and Nancy Jane Roop Schaffner; sent to Sharon Schaffner by Agnes Lotter Bastian, daughter of Esther Schaffner Lotter, Daughter of Dr. John and Nancy Jane Roop Schaffner.

Frederick Roop and Elizabeth Thatcher Married 30 Sept 1854, she died December 7, 1858

Frederick Roop and Margaret Ann Thatcher, married 1860, she died May 27 1881

Frederick Roop and Louisa June Allen, married March 4 1891

Frederick b. June 15 1827, d. March 10 1904

Children of Fred and Elizabeth:

Amanda b. Sept 30, 1854; Nancy Jane b. August 4, 1857

Children of Fred and Margaret:

George W. b. October 18, 1862; James Melvin, b. January 20, 1865; Mary L., b. November 10 1868;

Clara E., b. May 14 1870; Ida or Idea, b. May 4 1872; John W., b. August 7 1875; Joseph F., b. May 18, 1878; Charley E., b. May 1 1881

All contributed by Sharon Schaffner