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A SUDDEN DEATH - Mrs. Lucinda McConnell Succumbed to a Stroke of Apoplexy

RIPE OLD AGE - One of Adams County's Most Respected Women and Pioneers

While recovering from the effects of a fall sustained two weeks ago, and apparently enjoying good health, Mrs. Lucinda McDonnell succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy and died a few minutes past two o'clock this afternoon. She seemed better today than since the accident mentioned, and joked with the family of Frank McDonnell, at whose home she has lived for many years. She was a most devoted mother and has lived a long and useful life, the most of it in Adams County, where she was widely known and always highly respected. Her maiden name was Lucinda McDermeit, being born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1822. In 1838 she came with her parents to this county, they settling in Monroe township, she later marrying John McConnell, then a prominent citizen, he having served the county in many prominent positions, being county commissioner, auditor, clerk of the courts, township trustee and a member of the legislature, being elected to the latter position in 1872. He died some thirty years ago. Six children were born to them, they being Mark, Margaret, Joseph, George, Mary and Frank, at whose home she died this afternoon, and where she has always received the attention and care of a son to a mother. She is eighty-six years, eleven months, four days and during the last two years has been practically blind and to a degree helpless but during it all has been courageous and got much good out of life.

The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

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