Solomon Ankrom, Sr., son of William and Lydia Ankrom was born in Vinton County, Ohio, November 20, 1817 and died at the home of his son, Solomon Ankrom, Jr., five miles west of Portland, Sept. 27, 1905, aged 57 years, 10 months and 7 days. In the year 1832 he was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda Wine and to this union were born 14 children, two of whom, Dale and Mary A., died while in youth. The other 12 children still survive him.

His companion died some 43 years ago, leaving him with the care and responsibility of this large family of children; but he did nobly in keeping the family together and providing for them until they were all grown. There are left besides his 12 children, 36 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Of his father's family he is the last of 3 sisters and 2 brothers having preceded him.

The funeral services were conducted from the home by Rev. Charles J. Roberts of the U.B. Church. Burial in the Reed Cemetery.

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