

TIMOTHY EHRHART

Timothy Ehrhart, son of David and Margaret Ehrhart, was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, January 24, 1825 where he grew to manhood. In 1846, he was married to Mary Purnal Finch, and to this union were born three sons and six daughters. In the order of their birth they were Elizabeth Ann, Susan Minerva, John Thomas, Mary Catherine, Rebecca Jane, Timothy Madison, Emerette, Minnie Viola, and a son who died in infancy and was never named. The surviving children are Susan Minerva, wife of William Jellison, of Antioch; Timothy Madison, at whose home he died, and Emerette, of Portland, Ind. In 1853, when he was 28 years old, he moved to Madison township, Jay county, Indiana, which he ever since has claimed at his home.

He was a veteran of the Civil war.

In November, 1886, he became a member of the Christian church in Salamonia, under the ministrations of Elder G. W. Hill, of Bowling Green, Ohio, and continued his faithful connection with that congregation until called to his eternal reward.

He was bereft of his wife January 17, 1902, and started out to fight the remaining days of his earthly pilgrimage alone in the world.

For more than a quarter of a century he was seriously afflicted with rheumatism and lameness of his lower limbs, which eventually made him helpless. This coupled with his dullness of hearing practically shut him in from the world from every point of view.

He was a man of deep and abiding convictions, scrupulously honest, and with an ultra abhorrence for sham or pretense. He loved his friends passionately and never betrayed confidence.

About 7 p.m. March 28, he laid the armor down and crossed the Jordan of death at the ripe age of 95 years, 2 months and 4 days. He leaves to mourn, one son, two daughters, 24 grandchildren and 55 great grandchildren, and many friends and loved ones.

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