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"Black Creek" Item -- Friends and relatives gathered at the residence of John Groenendyke on the 12th inst to celebrate the 80th birthday of his mother. She was born in Fandolph Co NC in 1804 came to Wayne Co, this state in 1810. Was married to Peter Grovendyke (sic) June 20, 1820, came to Montgomery County in 1825. She is a sister of the late John Beard, is the mother of 11 children, bu t three living, one son and two daughters, 9 of her children lived to be grown. Number of grandchildren 44, number living 28, number of great grandchildren, 44. Her husband died August 20, 1854. She has been a member of the ME Church for many years. Her health is good for a woman of her age. The day was spent in social talk, those present enjoyed it very much, many more friends would have been present if the weather had not been so disagreeable.

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- On last Friday the friends and relatives of John Groendyke met at his residence to celebrate the 80th anniversary of his mother's birth. Mrs. Groendyke was born in Randolph County, NC in 1804; came to Wayne County, Indiana in 1810 and was married to Peter Groendyke June 20, 1820 and came to Montgomery in 1825. She is a sister of the late John Beard and is the mother of 11 children, but 3 of whom are living. Nine of her children lived to be grown grandchildren, 44 in number of those living 28; number of great grandchildren 44 and some counties not heard from. Her husband died August 20, 1854. She has been a member of the ME Church for many years. The day was spent very enjoyably by all, and by none more than the worthy woman in whose honor the feast was given.

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