

## MAHALA COPNER SPARKS

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Mrs. Mahala Copner Sparks, of near Alamo, who knew "Uncle Joe" Cannon when the latter was a small boy, has just celebrated her 95th birthday anniversary. Mrs. Sparks lives near Alamo, in Montgomery County, but last week visited her son, Dr. J.T. Sparks, and wife of Yeddo.

Despite her advanced age she still retains her faculties and her recollections of early days in Indiana is very good. She well remembers Uncle Joe Cannon, Danville stateman. The congressman and an older brother when boys would come to Clark's Mill on Sugar Creek, and while the older brother stopped at the Copner home to talk to Mahala, Little Joe would be sent on to the mill with the grist.

She married Philip Sparks, who live don a farm adjoining the Copner farm, and she had lived continuously on the same farm where she now resides. John W. Copner, once a prominent attorney of Covington, was a brother of Mrs. Sparks. She was one of the early school teachers of the community - *thanks so much to Linda Bakos for this one.*