

HESTER ANNA MENAGH WILSON

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Monday, September 4, was the 80th birthday of Mrs. Stephen L. Wilson and her husband treated her to a surprise party in inviting a number of old ladies to be her guests for the afternoon. Mr. Wilson brought her down town on a shopping errand and when she returned home shortly after 2 o'clock she found a number of friends gathered there to help her celebrate the event. It was a complete surprise and as she walked into her home and right among the ladies there assembled, she exclaimed, "What does this all mean? and looked to Mr. Wilson as if to ask him why he had not told her about the company coming. It was a happy event for both Mrs. Wilson and her guests and every one there were happy to have been an invited guest. Refreshments of brick ice cream, pink and white cake and nabiscos were served. The company numbered 15, including Mrs. Wilson and the combined ages totaled 1104 years. Mrs. Ellen Rarey of Valparaiso was the oldest person present, being nearly 83; Mrs. Elizabeth Ebrite being second in the number of her years. Those present were: Mrs. W.C. Davisson; Mrs. Job Westfall; Mrs. Jemima Detchon; Mrs. Elizabeth Ebrite; Mrs. Maggie Terrill; Mrs. Matilda Beaver; Mrs. Ellen Rarey; Mrs. Jennie Campbell; Mrs. J.L. McNeil; Mrs. J.B. Franklin; Mrs. George C. Livingston; Mrs. Lucy Flaughner and Miss Sue Davisson. Mrs. Stephen L. Wilson whose maiden name was Anna Menagh, was born September 4, 1836 in Adams County, Ohio. She came to Indiana about 1858, and has ever since made her home in Montgomery and Tippecanoe Counties. She was united in marriage to Stephen L. Wilson September 28, 1865; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson having celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last September. Mr. Wilson will be 80 year old on May 7 next year. -- *kbz*