

Philip Shadle Died Sunday Evening Aged 93
Chester Township Pioneer Had Been Resident Of County 70 Years

Philip Shadle, who was in his ninety third year, and who had been a resident of Wells County for 70 years, passed away about 7 o'clock Sunday evening, at the home of his son Samuel, in Chester township, two miles south and one-half mile east of Mt. Zion. His death was due to the infirmities of age, the direct and immediate cause being assigned to hardening of the arteries.

The decedent, Philip Shadle, was born in Lebanon County, Pa., on April 14, 1820[sic-1825], and would have been 94 years of age on the 14th of next month. He was a son of Philip and Mary (McGlade) Shadle, and moved with his parents to Wayne County, Ohio, in 1836, and one year later they moved to Holmes County, Ohio, and resided there until 1847, at which time the elder Shadle traded his farm in Ohio for 110 acres of land in Chester township, this county, and moved to this county with his wife. The following year Philip Shadle, the son, the pioneer whose death occurred Sunday evening, also came to Wells County with his wife, having claimed as his bride Miss Margaret Donnelly, in a ceremony that took place August 7, 1845, in Wayne County, Ohio. The latter couple lived the first year they spent in this county on the farm with his parents but the following year they moved into a house of their own, built by the sturdy pioneer. His mother died in 1855[sic-1853] and his father in 1874.

To Philip Shadle the second and his wife were born fifteen children, of whom eight are living, as follows: Samuel, John, Newton, Eli, Reason, and William Shadle, all of this county, Mrs. Lucretta Godfrey, wife of John Godfrey, living near Liberty Center, and Mrs. Ada Starr, wife of Frank Starr, living near Poneto.

Philip Shadle and his wife were among the organizers of the United Presbyterian church at Warren. She preceded him in death, having passed away two years ago.

Mr. Shadle had always been prominent in the various walks of life in his township, and served six years as trustee of the township.

The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the Mt. Zion U. B. church, and burial will be in the Snow Cemetery.

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