

FORMER EDITOR WRITES FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Youngstown, Ohio, December 27, 1930. Editor of the Vermontville Echo,

Dear Sir: The death of John N. Barningham at Vermontville came as a matter of profound sorrow to me, although I realized that for two years his health was failing rapidly.

An adopted son of Mrs. Barningham's parents, I went to Vermontville from Detroit with the family in 1892. I feel sure that John Barningham possessed a heart full of honesty, Christian charity and exceptional generosity. Going to Eaton county amongst total strangers, apparently antagonistic, not understanding his magnificent character, all of the time his mind was on helping the native farmers and experimenting for their benefit. Not used to sharp practices and compelled at times and even in his trading both in land and otherwise, he learned Yankee ways and Yankee customs until that time perfectly strange to him. At times he was shocked and in other moods satisfied and patient.

First coming to this city, Youngstown, Ohio, in the eighties a mere youngster, he was the best all-around equipped young man it has ever been my fortune to meet. He was a number one butcher, veterinary surgeon, could prepare meats in all manner of forms at that time unknown to me. His pickling and preserving of meats was a trait without parallel. Taught by his mother in the preparation of kitchen estables, he was the best cook I ever saw. I am yet to behold his equal.

In Darlington, England, Barningham Bros. steel manufacturers were known throughout the kingdom. Two uncles were the largest manufacturers in Great Britain. A brother, Thomas was a leading attorney of northern England. Another brother, William, a

bachelor uncle was a millionaire. So eminent was the family that a sister, Anna married into the nobility.

John Barningham besides his many other qualifications mentioned was skilled toll turner on first arrival in America and secured employment at the Mahoning Valley works in Youngstown, where he remained until he was transferred to Detroit to the steel and axel works.

...the largest in farm... sessions of him. He was... farm in Vermont... located there in 1892. His... works are best known to the people of Eaton county, where his family, those remaining, still reside.

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NORTH VERMONTVILLE

Mrs. Peter Kender and son Arlo visited the former's daughter, Mrs. Winifred James, and family in Battle Creek Saturday night and Sunday.

Rolla Viele and family visited friends at Prairieville Sunday.

P. J. Welch was thrashing beans in this neighborhood Monday.

Walter Rugh is the new scholar at the Lake school.

Frank Pugh spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Harry Wells.

Ira Hager was a Sunday afternoon visitor at Harry Wells.

W. L. Freeman shot three fox squirrels during the hunting season.

pretty good for 88 years old.

Sixty-six years ago, October 29 last, W. L. took his first hunt in Michigan woods, moving in with his parents from Loraine county, Ohio.

the day before, invited to come and have a turkey hunt by Jake Lake.

W. L. and Harrison went the next day. Mr. Lake taking the lead when the hunt was over.

two turkeys—the rest were ready shot at. Since that time W. L. added 50 more turkeys and 52 deer besides other things that inhabit Michigan.

We hope to hear from some other kid.

In 1881 W. L. found some bees in a very large elm tree in Ay Grant's woods and concluded he could shoot the limb off cheaper than he could cut the tree, so taking his 40-60 Marlin rifle and 100 cartridges, commenced the job and the 45th shot limb came crashing to the ground and the honey was secured. He will remember the time.

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