

BISMARCK

Ben. Porter was buried Sunday from the home, after many years of illness.

Benjamin L. Porter

Early on Friday morning, March 14, Benjamin L. Porter, an old resident of Bismarck, passed away. Mr. Porter was born in Canada in 1859 and came with his parents when about 15 years of age to Ionia county where his young manhood was spent and where he married. In the spring of 1898 he moved with his family on to the Lomis farm which he operated successfully for eleven years until they purchased the Charlotte Andrews farm north of the church where the family home has been made for twenty-three years. Some twelve years ago he fell from a roof and sustained severe injuries. This was followed by rheumatism and four strokes. During all these years he has been a constant sufferer. The funeral service was held at the farm home on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Hoffman, former pastor from Sebeva, spoke consoling words. Interment was made in the Sunfield cemetery. The widow, one daughter, Mrs. Ethel Hager and a son Calvin, and grandchildren together with the host of friends mourn the passing of husband, father, neighbor and friend.

PIONEER RESIDENT 1930 OF SUNFIELD DIES

Amrose Freemire, 70, pioneer resident of Sunfield, died Sunday at the home of his son, LeGrand Freemire, 1108 East Kalamazoo street, Lansing. He had moved here three months ago from Sunfield. He is survived by four children, Harry, of Detroit, George, Kalamazoo, LeGrand, Lansing, and Mrs. Edna Porter, Lansing, and one brother, Vellar, Sunfield. The body was removed to the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral home, where funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, the Rev. Karl Keefer, Pottersville, officiating. Burial will be in Deepdale cemetery.

And, the brave author

Mrs. Mattie Kenworth Clark, aged about 40, daughter of Will Kenworthy, and wife of L. C. Clark of Jackson, passed away last Wednesday night following a stroke of apoplexy. She is survived by her husband. They had no children. Funeral was held Saturday at the Free Methodist Church at Spring Arbor, and was attended by several relatives from Vermontville.

WASHINGTON BARNUM

Washington Barnum, only son of Lewis and Harriet Edgel Barnum, was born on the Barnum homestead at Shaytown, Eaton County, Michigan, June 5, 1849, and departed from this life at his home near Sunfield January 17, 1931, at the age of 81 years, 7 months and 12 days.

He was united in marriage to Ann Eliza Bale of Vermontville February 1, 1869 at Sunfield.

They cleared the land and built a home near Shaytown where he resided until the death of his mother. He moved to his present home May 12, 1897 where he resided until his death excepting five years in Vermontville.

Early in life he became a member of the church at Shaytown, and gave it his loyal support ever after.

He leaves the aged wife, one sister, Mrs. Nettie Bale of Shaytown, four foster sons, Wm. of Vermontville, Bert of Monroe, Fay of Mulliken, Benjamin of Sunfield, one foster daughter, Mrs. Ena Myers of Grand Rapids, eighteen grandchildren, also many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 2:00 o'clock, Rev. Thompson officiated. Burial in the Welsh cemetery.

Sad and sudden was the call, Of our loved one, loved by all; Our loss was great, the shock severe, We little thought, his death so near. We know not why, we cannot tell, But Jesus knows and all is well.

VERMONTVILLE CASHIER, W. C. ALSOVER, IS DEAD

Special to The State Journal: 1930 CHARLOTTE, Dec. 16—William C. Alsover, 69, who had been cashier of the Barber State bank of Vermontville for over 44 years, died Monday from an attack of angina pectoris. He was born in Montgomery, Ala., and is survived by the widow, Mrs. Elizabeth H. Alsover, and a son, Ben B. Alsover, of 1217 Colorado avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids, who formerly was cashier of the Eaton County Savings bank of Charlotte for many years and now holds a similar position with a Grand Rapids bank.

The funeral service has been set for Tuesday from the residence at 10:30 a. m., the Rev. C. C. Mitchell of Quincy, Mich. to officiate at the rites. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery, Vermontville.