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Biographical Sketch of Dr. P. Wright

Dr. Philo Wright, a son of Deacon Elizur and Rhoda (Hanmer) Wright, and was born in South Canaan Litchfield County, Conn Feb. 3rd, 1790. His father having exchanged his farm in Canaan Ct with the Brace Company for land in Town 2 Range 10 on the Western Reserve. His father came to Ohio in the fall of 1809 to see the land he had purchased. He was so well pleased with the country that he made up his mind that he would on his land, and that the town of Tallmadge should be his future home.

He accordingly made his arrangements, and left his native state with his family in May 1810 arriving in Tallmadge in June 30th, Philo being 20 years of age came to Ohio with his father. His father being a graduate of Yale College was capable of aiding his family in obtaining a superior education, of which Dr. Philo availed himself. Having made up his mind to practice Physics, he prepared himself for that profession.

He located as a Physician in the township of Burton in the county of Geauga O, this was in the year 1812. Here he had a severe attack of the inflamatory rheumatism from which he never recovered; he was an invalid the remainder of his life.

He went to the state of Georgia to try the effect of that climate on his health, he returned to Ohio in 1818. He spent some time with his sister Mrs. Upson who at that time resided in Worthington Franklin County Ohio. About 1821 he returned to Tallmadge and remained in his fathers family, his health began to improve he, married Mrs. Sally, widow of Dr. Anson Owen of Aurora in the county of Portage.

In the Western Courier a paper printed in Revenna is the following. Married in Aurora on the 20th of June 1827 by Rev. Wm. Hanford, Dr. Philo Wright of Tallmadge to Mrs. Sally Owen of the former place.

This union formed in mutual trust,  
Cemented by their love,  
May it remain untill they must,  
From hence be called above, Com.

After his marriage he returned to Tallmadge purchasing the point of land adjoining the Center, which is now (1871) occupied by James E. Baldwin, and also the point now (1871) occupied by Homer S. Carter. Both of these points were bought of Asaph Whittlesey Esq. He afterwards bought of Mr. John C. Root, the land on the north side of the west road oposite his residence; he also owned a piece of land on the south side of the road running west of the center on which he built his house in 1831. He practiced in his profession for several years, but age and infirmities warned him that he must desist from his profession, which he did; and for several years he was not in active life. They had four children; 1st, Philo Elizur, born March 27th, 1828, resides in Detroit Mich is in comand of a steam boat on the lakes. 2nd - died in infancy. 3rd - Rhoda Hanmer, born Jan. 27th, 1831,

Married Dennis Treat, Dec. 24th, 1857, lives in Tallmadge. 4th - Amelia Hanford, born Jan. 28th, 1833, married Benjamin F. Martin. Dr. Wright made a profession of religion by joining the Cong. Church in Tallmadge Dec. 27th, 1812. His Christian life was active, for one that was always in poor health; he made great efforts to be in his seat in the Sanctuary on the Sabbath, and also the weekly prayer meetings. He was also a man of peace, of a kind heart, a good neighbor, and a consistent Christian. He was a verry intelligent man, his reading was extensive, being well versed in the various subjects that agitated the public mind, religious, moral and political. The last two years of his life, he was unable to be out but verry little being most of the time confined to the house.

He departed this life Jan. 22nd, 1870, aged 80 years.

#### Wm. C. Oviatt

William Charles Oviatt was born in Milford New Haven County, Conn. May 3rd, 1805. He served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith trade. After arriving at his majority, he intending to make a permanent location at some point, and two of his sisters having married and were living in Tallmadge, he left Conn in company with John W. Burr for Ohio destination being Tallmadge. He liking the place, he soon made arrangements for opening a shop, this I think was in July 18th, 1826, under the name of Oviatt and Burr. In the fall of 1826 Oviatt and Burr worked at the Iron work of Sock Gates on the Ohio Canal, in the town of Bath. And at this time he became acquainted with his first wife. His first shop at the Center of Tallmadge was a log house built and occupied by Mr. Norman Sackett for a dwelling. This log cabin was on or near spot where Benjamin D. Wrights house now stands. His shop was opened for country work; Mr. Oviatt being a good mechanic his mind aspired to higher things in blacksmithing than mere country work. Mr. Amos Avery comeing from Mass. had commenced the waggon making business at Tallmadge Center, Mr. Oviatt turned his attention to ironing Waggons and working in steel, making edge tools could temper steel finely. This kind of work of various descriptions being much more congenial to his taste and feeling he left horse shoeing and the like to others. His ingenuity was brought into requisition in all the various kinds of vehicles that appeased on the tapis from the east or elsewhere. Mr. Oviatt considered the first man that made eliptis springs for carriages west of the Allegany Mountains.

In 1827 Seth C. Smith bought an acre of land of Mr. Aaron Hine on which he built a small house. Mr. Smith died of apoplexy June 3rd, 1828. Mrs. Smith not wishing to keep the property after her husbands death sold it to her brother. Mr. Oviatt built a shop of Oviatt Sperry & Ritchie. Mr. Oviatt afterwards built the house in which he lived at the time of his death.

The call for light buggies and carriages becomeing so great that Mr. Amos Avery and Mr. Oviatt formed a co-partnership for the purpose of manufacturing carriages of various descriptions.

The copartnership was entered into June 8th, 1836. They erected the large shop lately occupied by Sperry & Ritchie (1871) the buildings that had been occupied by Mr. Avery were all removed from the west side of the public square up on to the ground making additions to the buildings. Isaac C, B, Robinson bought Mr. Averys interest in the carriage shop. And on the 9th of May 1839, the firm of Oviatt and Robinson commenced business. And on the 1st of Dec of the same year Wm. Smith (since deceased) and Marcus Brundige became owners in the establishment, under the name of Oviatt Robinson & Co. About 1848, Ira P. Sperry bought Mr. Brundiges interest in the firm Mr. Smith having before this disposed of his interest. The firm took the name of Oviatt & Sperry. Samuel J. Richie. When the firm was known as Oviatt, Sperry & Richey. Mr. Oviatt was a man of great industry and perseverance, prudent, cautious, honest, verry watchful of his own interests, as well as the interests of those with whom he was connected. He was also a man of peace, among the great numbers of those who have served apprenticeship in the various branches of the business and of the many journey men in the various departments all speak highly of Mr. Oviatt. He united with the Cong. Church by letter in Tallmadge March 2nd, 1828. He was married to Miss Pamilla Hale of Bath Sept. 10th, 1828. Mrs. Oviatt died Feb. 27th, 1866 of cancer. His 2nd wife was Miss Pamilla S. daughter of Andrew Hale of Bath. They were married in Bath by Rev. S. W. Segur of Tallmadge Sept. 11th, 1866.

Mr. Oviatt and his first wife, a daughter and son, who were provided for by will. Mr. Oviatt by his own labor and strict economy had accumulated a handsome property. He died suddenly of congestion Feb. 18th, 1870 aged 65 years.

MRS. AMANDA S. STONE

Mrs. Stone was the third child and second daughter of Lyman and Deborah (Newton) Sperry. She was born in Woodbridge New Haven County, Conn June 2nd, 1801. Mrs. Stone was married to Mr. Samuel M. Stone April 6th, 1819. Came to Ohio arriving in Tallmadge in Aug. 1819. Mrs. Stone experienced religion in Waterbury in a powerful revival in the first Cong. Church of which her parents were members in the winter of 1816-17. Rev. Asahel Nettleton D.D. laboring in the church as an evangelist. She made a public profession in the First Cong. Church in Waterbury then under the pastoral care of Rev. Luke Wood. Her church relations were transfered to the Cong. Church in Tallmadge June 4th, 1820.

For almost 50 years she was a member of this church leading a quiet conscientious and consistent life. A kind friend. a good neighbor ready to help in sickness and in affliction. She was a woman of great energy, verry industrious and had the faculty of doing a large amount of labor. She was the mother of twelve children. She had buiried her husband and three children who are buiried in Tallmadge. In the fall of 1869 she left her house in Tallmadge to spend the winter in the family of her daughter Julia Mrs. Burgess in St. Louis, Mo. After spending some time in St. Louis she went to Kansas to visit her sons Edwin and

William, here she was taken sick and after a short illness, she died March 1st, 1870 of congestion of the brain, aged 68. Her earnest request was to be brought to Tallmadge (to be buried) her son Alvin complied with her request, her corpse was brought back to Tallmadge and was buried by her husband.

MRS. SALOMA (GILLETT) WRIGHT

A pioneer life, is one of hardship and privation in whatever circumstances we view the subject.

And to those that first battled with the privations incident to the settlement of the Western Reserve, when the nearest mill flouring was in Ontario County, N. Y. or at least Hudson and Tappan obtained their flour and meal from there. They went from Ashtabula County to Erie Pa, to get grain ground. The first mill built on the Reserve was at Newburgh and about the same time David Abbott had his mill in operation at Chagrin, now Willoughby.

This was near the close of the year 1800. The settlers went from Hudson to these mills for their grain to be ground. In 1802 Austins Mills were built in the town of Austinburg on Grand River. In the fall of 1802 there were standing before a farm house in the town of Norfolk Litchfield County Conn, two loaded waggons and good teams. They belonged to Nathan Gillett and Hosea Wilcox. The venerable Dr. Robbins of the Cong. Church led in a fervent prayer, commending them to a covenant keeping God, through the long and perilous journey before them. They started on their long journey with their families, their destination being what at that day was called New Connecticut. After suffering much hardship arrived safely in Morgan Ashtabula County Ohio.

Among those emigrants was the subject of our biographical sketch. Saloma Gillett was the fourth child and second daughter of Nathan and Lucy (Harrison) Gillett. She was born in Torrington Con n. May 26th, 1786. On the 12th of June 1804, she was married to Mr. John Wright Jr. the Rev. Joseph Badger performing the ceremony. This marriage was in Morgan. Mrs. Wright was the mother of eleven children, viz:

Mary Ann, born in Morgan Oct. 24th, 1805. Married to Salmon Sackett, Died Feb. 16th, 1872, aged 66.

John Chester, born in Morgan May 23rd, 1807. He died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lucy A. Chapman in Middlebury, Oct. 17th, 1874, aged 67 years

Sydney Harrison, born in Morgan Nov. 8th, 1808. Married Mabel Fenn, Oct. 7th, 1832. Mrs. W. Died Oct. 21st, 1856. Mr.

S. H. Wright died at Memphis, Tenn. Oct. 6th, 1864, aged 56

Asahel Case, born Nov. 18th, 1810 in Tallmadge, died Dec. 18th, 1835, aged 25

Orestes Gillett, born Jan. 23rd, 1813, married Mary W. Camp Nov. 2nd, 1837, O. G. Wright died Oct. 3rd, 1843, aged 30

Sophia Kilbourn, born May 4th, 1815, married Wm. A. Chapman

Charles, born Feb. 26th, 1817, died Sept. 12th, 1833 aged 16

Marcus, born April 17th, 1819

Lucy Amanda, born May 5th, 1821, married Edgar Chapman

Saloma, born April 25th, 1823, died Aug. 4th, 1845, aged 22  
Fredrick Mason, born Nov. 26th, 1824

Rev. David Bacon held out such inducements to Capt. John Wright and his sons John Jr., Dr. Amos C. and Alpha to come to Tallmadge and settle and help build up a Cong. Church & Society of the true Puritan Stamp.

They came in Feb. 1809. Mr. and Mrs. Wright made profession of religion in Morgan June 10th, 1804, transferring their church relations to Tallmadge June 25, 1809, at the second communion season of the Ch. There were five admitted at that time, and Mrs. Wright was the last survivor and the eldest member at the time of her death. Mr. Wright was an active man in his day, was fond of music, and was a teacher of vocal music in this and other places, when such music of the olden time was in vogue as Schenectady, Florida, New Jerusalem, Montgomery, Bristol, Delight and others of that day. Mr. Wright sung in the choir untill about 1826. He was a quiet conscientious man through life. He died July 31st, 1844, aged 68.

Mrs. Wright was a woman of intelligence, a humble Christian, was of that class of persons that could compose and also write a fine letter, had also a retentive memory. She had long lived in the township, and had been identified with the interests of the town and church. After Mr. Wrights death the family retained the farm on which the family had lived so many years. She finally sold the farm, and the avails were loaned to a man who failed in business. And she was left in the evening of life, with but little of this worlds goods. But she did not murmur or repine, feeling that the being who rules all things knew best.

Her last days were spent with her daughter Lucy, Mrs. Chapman of Middlebury. She died May 5th, 1870, aged 84.

She was the last survivor of her fathers family, and the oldest pioneer that was head of a family at the time of coming into town, with the exception of Mr. Jotham Blakeley 2nd. Thus has passed away another pioneer of the Reserve, and also of Tallmadge living to see a howling wilderness become a fruitful field; a solitude in which wild beasts and savage men roamed. Teeming with a dense population. But she is gone, may her life, and example be followed as far as she imitated him in whom she had put her trust, and loved so well to follow.

She was buiried at the Center of Tallmadge by the side of her husband and children. Surrounded by those who were cotemporary with her who are quietly sleeping that sleep that knows no waking.

MR. ANSON ASHLEY

Mr. Ashley was a native of Sheffield Berkshire County Mass. and was the son of Oliver and Tabitha (Baker) Ashley. And was born March 27th, 1795. When he was about three years of age his parents removed from Sheffield to a place called Half Moon in Saratoga County, N. Y.

His parents returned to Mass when Anson was about 14 years of age. He went to Warren Litchfield County Conn, to Mr. Elnathan Hall as an apprentice to the tanning, currying and shoe making business.

Mr. Hall represented him as a good faithful apprentice. On arriving at his majority, he made up his mind that the west was the place for a young man with small means, and willing hands. Mr. Warren and Bradford Sturtevant were making their preparations to leave Warren with their families for the Western Reserve. This was in 1816. The Sturtevants went to Richfield. Mr. Ashley came to Tallmadge. And he lived there until his death. The first tan yard at the Center of Tallmadge was owned by Mr. George Kilbourn. This was situated on the Brook, south of the center, a few rods west of the road.

Mr. Kilbourn sold out his farm to Mr. Aaron Hine in 1817. Mr. Ashley and Hine repaired the tan works, the building was accidentally burnt and a new one was built which was occupied by Mr. Ashley for several years. Mr. Ashley in 1819 bought out Mr. Erastus Chidester who owned the land on which he lived at the time of his death. On this he built a tanery about 1830. About 1850 he gave up the tanning business. He was a successful business man, honest, and industrious, shrewd in his business calculations, a good financier was prudent in his expenditures; and in this way he had made a fine property, when he retired from business.

When he retired from active business life, he divided a portion of his property among his children; a course he regreted, for it made him some trouble, to obtain such a competency as he desired. Mr. Ashley was married to Miss Miranda, the eldest daughter of Dea Peck Fenn, March 9th, 1820, by Rev. Simeon Woodruff. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley had ten children, six are living. Mr. Ashley made a profession of religion joined the Cong. Church in Tallmadge June 10th, 1822, with 9 others all of whom are dead but one Rev. Fredrick Chapman of Prospect, Conn. Mr. Ashley was an active man in the church for many years and was Treasurer of the Benevolent Society for several years. He was a very regular attendant on the Sabbath services, on the weekly meetings of the church. His filial duty was manifested by removing his parents from Mass and providing for their wants, and ministering to their comfort while they lived. He had a parylitic shock, some years before his death from which he never fully recovered. On the morning of the 5th of July, 1870, he went out as usual to labor, went back to the house complaining of feeling unwell, he lay down on the bed, and in a few moments breathed his last. Disease apoplexy.

Aged 75 years. Another of our old men has passed away, one that has been active in his day. Republican in his politics, always going to the polls and putting his vote. He served one term as Justice of the Peace.

Mrs. H. E. Fenn

Hannah Emeline Root, wife of Mr. Wyllys Fenn died on the 20th of Dec. 1870 aged 62 years, 4 months and 2 days of heart disease. Mrs. Fenn was the daughter of Capt. Samuel and Rebecca (Pritchard) Root. And was born in Waterbury New Haven County Co Conn, Aug 11th, 1808. Her father moved from his native town of Waterbury like other emigrants of that day, with his own ox team, arriving in Tallmadge on the 5th of July, 1820.

Her father and mother were both excellent singers in their day, and Mrs. Fenn inherited a good voice for singing and was one of the prominent singers in the choir, and also at the dedication of the Meeting House in 1825.

She married Mr. Wyllys Fenn Dec. 20th, 1826. Rev. John Keyes of Tallmadge performing the ceremony. Mrs. Fenn was the mother of 10 children, a son died young several years since, the remaining 9 are living, 5 are married. She united with the Cong. Church in Tallmadge July 6th, 1834. Her Christian course was well set forth by her pastor Rev. S. W. Segur, in a discourse preached at her funeral.

"The more prominent features of her Christian character were an undeviating purpose to serve the Lord, and a high regard to the ordinances of the gospel. Her seat was never vacant at the table of the Lord unless detained by ill health. Family worship and private devotion were to her all important. She was ever calm and submissive under sickness and affliction acknowledging the Divine Hand. She was generous and sympathizing and ever ready to impart aid to every good cause.

She was distrustful of self; ever feeling that at best, she was an unprofitable servant, her only dependence was on the mercy of God, in Christ Jesus her Lord for salvation. She had an undying desire to see all her children converted and serving the Saviour.

MRS. AMELIA HANFORD

This amiable and esteemed lady was the daughter of Dea. Elizur and Mrs. Rhoda (Hanmer) Wright. She was the youngest and sixth child of Deacon Wright, by his first wife.

Mrs. Hanford was born in Canaan, Litchfield Co Conn; Feb. 2nd, 1797. Her mother died on the 27th of April 1798.

Being thus left without a mother at the age of one year and almost 3 months old. She came to Ohio in 1810 with her fathers family being 13 years of age. Tallmadge at this time was a wilderness, except here and there a few inhabitants had commenced making improvements in the south western portion of the township. Having removed into these western wilds so young, her education in some respects was imperfect.

When about 19 years of age, she lived with her brother-in-law, Rev. John Seward, at that time pastor of the Cong. Church in Aurora Portage Co Ohio. Her object being to attend to some studies that was deemed important in anticipation of her becoming the wife of a minister of the gospels.

While living in Aurora, she made a public profession of religion uniting with the church in Aurora, Feb. 11th, 1816, almost 54 years ago. She married Rev. Wm. Hanford pastor of the Cong. Church in Hudson Sept. 30th, 1817.

The marriage was solemnized by Rev. Simeon Woodruff of Tallmadge. On the 29th of Sept. 1817, Rev. Simeon Woodruff and Miss Mary Granger were married by Rev. William Hanford. Thus we see that two ministers of the Gospel, were married in Tallmadge on two successive days. Mr. Hanford was the Pastor of the Cong. Church in Hudson for years, and Mrs. Hanford was his faithful and very successful helper during his pastoral labors in Hudson, and also the 9 years of his pastoral labors in the Cong. Church in Windham, Portage County. And during the latter years of his life while he was a constant sufferer from pain and infirmity, she was the kind attentive and loving wife. Mrs. Hanford lived in Tallmadge only about 7 years in her youth. About 1840 Mr. Hanford finding disease coming on him to that extent, that he found it necessary for him to give up his Pastoral labors; and a council dissolved the pastoral relations between Mr. Hanford, and the church in Windham. He came to Tallmadge purchasing a small farm in the south west portion of the township. But the care of a farm was to much labor for him in his infirm state of health. He disposed of it and purchased of Dr. Daniel Upson, an acre or so of land, built a house on it in which he lived the remainder of his life. Mrs. Hanford transferred her church relations from Windham to the Cong. Church in Tallmadge July 3rd, 1842. Mrs. Hanford was one of those quiet unobtrusive women that are ever ready to assist the distrest, always ready to drop the sympathetic tear, with the afflicted. Her hand was always open to the needy. All the benevolent operations of the day received her attention. Not being disposed to keep house after her husbands death, she sold her place to Rev. John Seward. She has resided in several places. She went to Cuyahoga Falls, to reside with Wm. A. Hanford, a nephew of her husbands. On the 21st of Dec 1870, she walked out a short distance from the house, she was seen to fall to the ground suddenly, and soon ex-

pired in the 73 year of her age.

She was brought to the Center of Tallmadge and buiried by the side of her husband.

It is proper for me to say that I am indebted to Rev. Mr. Seward for many facts and incidents of Mrs. Hanfords life.

C. C. Bronson

The foregoing Bigraphical sketches were read by C. C. Bronson before the Tallmadge Historical Society.

#### NECROLOGY OF 1871

Read before the Tallmadge Historical Society at its Annual Meeting by C. C. Bronson

The following was copied from the Summit Beacon.

Miss Lucy M. Sutton was born in Kurtenholme, Lincolnshire Co., England March 9th, 1850. Her parents soon after sought a home in the New World, locating at New Philadelphia, O. At three years of age she became a member of the Sabbath School and gave herself to the Saviour when quite young.

When 12 years of age she made a public profession of religion, became a teacher in the Sabbath School and organist in the Church. On the 27th day of Aug 1868, she was married to Mr. William Cowan and shortly after moved to this place where by her gentle and many social qualities and consistant Christian example, she soon became endeared to the church and a large circle of friends who today mourn her loss, but not as those who have no hope, for we believe her sweet voice is now in tune with the "heavenly Choir", and that her fingers which may no more on Earth strike the notes of song, are now permitted to "Sweep the Golden Lyre" in anthems of praise to him who has redeemed and safely brought her home. she died Dan. 8th, 1871 aged 21 years.

#### R. B. TREAT

Richard Bryan Treat was the fourth son and fifth child of John and Esther (Clark) Treat, and also a lineal decendant of Maj. Robert Treat for many years Governor of Conn.

Mr. Treat was born May 1st, 1803, in the part of Milford at that time a parish called North Milford, now the town of Orange, New Haven Co, Conn. His father died Dec. 23rd, 1807, the mothers kept the family together for a while but John the oldest son thought Ohio a more congenial field for him, and he left the place of his nativity, and in May 1820, he arrived in the town of Vienna in the County of Trumbull O. His younger brother Richard the subject of our sketch, being but 17 years of age came with him. He

remained 18 months and in this time he visited Tallmadge.

His brother Andrew visited Ohio, and being pleased with the country they returned to Conn, disposed of their property and the Mother and her family came to Ohio and settled in Tallmadge in the spring of 1823. Andrew bought out Harvey Sackett, Garry bought out Daniel Beach.

Richard remained on the farm with his mother and his brother untill 1824 or 25 when he bought the farm owned by Mr. Aaron Morris. He worked this farm boarding with Mr. Seth Meacham, and part of the time occupying the log house on his farm and Susan Clark, a deaf and dumb aunt of his kept house for him. On the 26th of March 1828 he married Miss Amorett Hutchins of Vienna. Mr. Treat was a man of verry great energy, he could accomplish a great amount of labor in a short time, by this means and his close economy and his shrewd calculation, he cleared his farm, erected a house and barn. Mr. Aaron Morris, a native of Milford came to Ohio liking the country and having ample means to purchase a farm he made Mr. Treat an offer for his farm of sufficient inducement for him to sell and buy again, this was in 1834. Mr. Treat moved to Vienna, but did not remain long for in July 1835, he bought of Henry F. Tallmadge the farm in Tract 8 which had been occupied by his brother George W. Tallmadge, on this he made large improvements, in clearing the farm of timber, and in making additional buildings. In consequence of a bad title to this farm he was compelled to leave it. He then purchased of Jonathan F. Fenn his farm in Tract 4, this farm he purchased in 1843. On this farm Mr. Treat spent most of the remainder of his life. In 1844 he built the house now occupied by his son Orange S. Treat, he also built a horse barn the same year, afterwards he built a large bank barn. These buildings with about 100 acres of land of the west side of the farm he let his son Orange have. In 1859 he bought the place owned by his brother-in-law Mr. Augustus Fuller, south east of the center of Tallmadge. He still owning and occupying part of the farm in Tract 4. About Christmas 1862 he was attacked with chronic Rheumatism, he sold his place at the Center for a water cure establishment, he remaining as a boarder, hoping to be benefitted by water treatment, but failing in this, he made arrangements for having a house built on his farm. This was built by Joseph and Edward A. Richardson in 1863. Mr. Treat was a man of good judgement and close calculation both in buying and selling, seldom misjudging. He was also a man of foresight, still was cautious, and yet would embark in schemes that would to some appear hazardous. He was the first man to introduce thoroughbred short horn Durham Stock into Tallmadge.

He also was the first to introduce the first Threshing Machibe with stationary power. Mr. Treat with his cousins Henry and Elizur Clark owned and run the first threshing machine and separator in town and owned the first corn cul-

tivator in Tallmadge. He was a verry successful man in business he was capable of managing a large business. A kind and obliging neighbor ready to help anyone in time of need.

Mr. Treat made a public profession of religion by uniting with the Cong. Church in Tallmadge March 3rd, 1833.

There is some coincidences worthy of remark. He has raised a family of 8 children, 3 sons and 5 daughters, the daughters all married and settled in the township, a large number of grandchildren and Mr. Treats death was the first that occured in the family. His disease caused great suffering for 9 years, all which he bore with fortitude and Christian resignation; always expressing his willingness to depart whenever the summons should come.

His death took place on the 10th of Jan. 1871, aged 68 years.

Read before the T. H. Society Jan. 1872 by C. C. Bronson

THE FOLLOWING OBITUARY APPEARED IN THE SUMMIT BEACON

Mr. Richard B. Treat died in Tallmadge, Tuesday the 10th inst. He was the son of John and Esther Clark Treat, and was born in North Milford, Conn. the first day of May, 1803, and was consequently in the 68th year of his age. When 17 years old he came to Ohio, and resided for a time in Vienna, Trumbull County, and then he returned to Conn. In 1822 he, with his mother, returned to Ohio, and resided in Tallmadge; and with the exception of a few months has resided there ever since. In 1833 he made a public profession of religion, uniting with the Cong. Church of which he continued a worthy and valuable member till called to the "fellowship of the church above". His has been a case of most remarkable suffering. He was attacked with inflammatory rheumatism in the fall of 1861, and for more than nine years was hardly free even for a single moment from pain; much of the time his sufferings were very intense and partial relief could only be obtained by injecting morphine into his flesh. Such was the contraction of some of the muscles as to dislocate some of the joints of his limbs.

Yet during all this long period of intense suffering, Mr. Treat took a deep interest in all the affairs of the township and of the county, and kept well informed in regard to them, and was able to transact business and to give directions in reference to his own business affairs as long as he lived. His mind retained its clearness and strength to the last. His interest in the church was rather increased than abated by his afflictions, and he rejoiced greatly when learning of its prosperity and of religious interest in the community.

During his sickness he rested in simple childlike trust in











































































































































































