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The Necrology of Tallmadge, 1878. Read before the Tallmadge Historical Society Jan 22nd 1879 by C. C. Bronson

ASHBEL DEAN

Ashbel Dean was born in Litchfield County Conn in May 1794. His parents died while he was a little child, after which he lived with maternal relatives in Cornwall Conn. He received a good common school education, and he was apprenticed to the saddlers trade, but did not serve the full time of his apprenticeship for some cause. At what time Mr. Dean came to the Reserve is unknown, but Mrs. Nancy (Wright) Jones informs me that when her father built his brick house in 1816, (and this was the first brick building erected in Tallmadge), he worked for Mr. Erastus Chidister at carpenter work in 1816. Mr. Chidister was a native of Cornwall Conn and at that time a resident of Tallmadge and it would naturally be inferred that Messrs Chidister and Dean were old acquaintance in Conn. In 1818 or about that time he came to Tallmadge, where he assisted in the pioneer labors of that day. He returned to the east, and from there he went to Lake George, in the state of New York; where he had relatives and as far as we know suffered those losses of friends and property which over threw his reason. He has since been haunted by immaginary creditors and others whom he had known in the past. His insanity was of a mild form. He had no very clear and settled ideas on any subject. The last thirty years of his life he spent in Ohio and Michigan, having no near relatives, and not staying longer at any time than three years in any place. To the end of life he showed the qualities of thrift industry intelgence and refinement; which under more favorable circumstances would have made a substantial and good citizen. We believe he was a Christian though under a cloud. He bore his many troubles and trials patiently and without complaint. The joy and peace of eternal life will be the more sweet after the weariness and pain of this earthly pilgrimage. He died at the house of Mr. Treat Fenn in Tallmadge on the 16th of Jan 1878 aged 84 years. We are indebted to Miss Emily A. Fenn for the above sketch of Mr. Dean. In connecting with Mrs. Jones recollections as previously mentioned, I would add my own recollections. When my father moved his family into Tallmadge in 1819, Mr. Milo Stone had about thirty acres of improved land on his farm around his log house and log barn. He had cleared by under brushing and girdling the large timber; and in the winter of 1817 and 1818 chopped the timber clean on five acres where the house of Sydney C. Barnes now stands (1879), which was cleared and fenced, and it was chopped by Ashbel Dean. And the apple trees were set many of which are standing at this time.

And in the winter of 1818 and 1819 Mr. Dean chopped ten acres clear of timber for Dea Peck Fenn on the south east corner of the original lot owned at this time by the heirs of John C. Treat, and others. He left Tallmadge and in Sept 1823 he returned to Tallmadge, but soon left, this was the first time the writer saw him. About 30 years since he returned, and Mr. Treat Fenn

and his family gave him a shelter and kind treatment. Many anecdotes are related of his excentric habits and singular remarks.

JOHN CALVIN TREAT

He was the fourth child and eldest son of Calvin and Jane Carrothers Treat, and was born in Tallmadge June 29th, 1833. He remained at home on his fathers farm untill he came to his majority. And in the meantime, he obtained a common school and Academic education. He continued to work on the farm and taught schools winters some. He was married to Mary, daughter of Fredrick and Eliza (Gaylord) Wolcott, of Stow township; This made the necessity of a home, and as farming was his chosen occupation, he bought of Peleg Taylor lot No. 3, Tract 6 in Tallmadge 123 acres. On this farm he resided until his death which occurred May 1st, 1878, aged 45 years.

CHILDREN OF JOHN C. AND MARY W. TREAT

Mr. Treat was an exemplary man, and a good citizen and died much lamented by his fellow citizens.

THOMAS PRICE

Mr. Price was a native of Wales, and by occupation a coal miner. He united with the Cong. Church in Tallmadge April 1st, 1847 and never withdrew his connection with the church in Tallmadge. His son John Price enlisted into the _____ and was lost when the steam boat Sultana was blown up on the Mississippi River in 186 _____. Mr. Thomas Price died June 7th, 1878, aged 60 years.

CHARLES EDWARD STONE

This young man was the third child and eldest son of Alvin H. and Serena E (Treat) Stone, and was born in Tallmadge Oct. 5th, 1857. He received a good education, of quiet, industrious, and prudent habits, having no propensity to vicious practices or bad company, he was quiet, peacable, and of good report among his companions, he was one that was always in his seat in the house of God, and in his class in the Sabbath School. On the 4th of March 1877 he made a public profession of religion uniting with the Cong Church in his native town and in one year and five months he joined as we trust the church triumphant. He died Aug. 1st, 1878, aged 21 years. The funeral was attended by a large number of relatives and friends and associates of the deceased and drop the sympathetic tear with the afflicted parents brothers and sisters. There were very appropriate remarks

made by Rev. Wm. B. Marsh of Tallmadge, the remains were carried to the cemetery, and male companions lowered the coffin to its last resting place. And female companions strewed the casket with beautiful bouquets of flowers. Thanks were returned and the people left this city of the dead.

MISS FANNIE VIRGINIA WRIGHT

this lovely Christian young lady, was the only daughter of Benjamin D and Nancy A (Treat) Wright, and was born at the center of Tallmadge, Oct. 26, 1858. Her parents spared no expense in her education, to prepare her for usefulness in the church and in society, wherever in the providence of God she might be called to labor. "But man proposes, but God disposes". That fell destroyer of the human family consumption fastened upon her, and kind parents, a loving brother and skilled physicians could not arrest the disease. But hopes at the first that it could be arrested, she struggled hard to overcome the disease. But when the physicians and those of eminence too were consulted and pronounced her case hopeless, she received with composure their opinions and began to set her house in order, and to put her whole trust in that Savior, with whom she had entered into covenant with 5 years before. She united with the Cong. Church in Tallmadge, May 4th, 1873. And it can be said that she had the pleasure of sitting at the Sacramental Table, with her parents and only brother. She departed this life on the 10th of Sept. 1878, aged 20 years. Sorrowing friends followed her remains to their last resting place where she is safely sheltered beneath the "Shadow of a Great Rock."

Benjamin Harmon

His parents were from Penn , and settled in Columbiana County O, where Benjamin was born in 1818. He married and settled in New Baltimore south of the Reserve line between Randolph in Portage County, and Marlborough in Stark County, Ohio. He had three children two daughters and a son. They are respectable people, the daughters reside in Youngstown. Since the death of his wife, he has led a roving life, he has been in the western states and also in the eastern states. And when drovers were buying cattle and driving them over the mountains to Philadelphia and New York, Mr. Harmon was employed to have charge of the ox that lead the drove and in this way, he made a great many journeys over the Alleghany Mountains. He was a quiet peacable man, cheerful and sunny a man of good information, spent much time reading the newspapers. He has been a resident of the north east quarter of Tallmadge, off and on for the last twenty years; making himself a useful man in many families. He was in the Federal Army and was wounded at Port Republic, and received his discharge from the Federal Army. He spent the summer and fall at Mrs. Fanny P. Wolcotts, and died in her house on the 17th of Nov 1878, aged 60 years.

Necrology of former residents of Tallmadge in 1878

MRS. MARY WOODRUFF TREAT

OBITUARY

Died Friday morn Jan 4th, 1878 in Trinidad El Moro County, Colorado, Mrs. Mary (Woodruff) widow of Deacon Garry Treat, in the 71st year of her age. Mrs. Mary Woodruff Treat was born in Milford conn May 1807. Her father was a man respected for his integrity. He was a member of the legislature of Conn for a time and held several other positions of public trust. Her mother died when she was but eight years old (1815) and the busy part of her life commenced that early, as a sister two years older, together with an old colored servant, assumed the responsibility of her fathers household. Her education was that of the common school and Academy of those days. She lived in Milford untill at twenty she removed to Tallmadge and was married in what is known as the "Western Reserve" in northern Ohio. There she lived untill the spring of 1861, thirty years of that time she resided in one house. Her husband was an active business man, but also had time to attend wants of others. He was one of the earliest abolitionists in Northern ohio, and in that he was warmly seconded by his wife, who untill the last month of her life has shown a great interest in the welfare of the freedmen, and who always thought that she, in common with others, owed it to them, and to the country to assist in educating and elevating them. Mrs. Treat always spoke of her married life as having been as happy as any womans could be. Her husband died in the spring of 1847, when her youngest child was a few weeks old, so that she has been for more than thirty years a widow. She was the mother of eleven children, six of whom grew to maturity. Only two of her children survive her, one of whom a son lives in Nebraska, and the other in Trinidad. One of her foster children is also dead. The war-time was one of trial to her, her foster son, William Austin whom she and her husband had adopted when an infant only a few weeks old, and had made him one of the family, sending him to school, and through college, and through a law school, and whom she loved as one of her own children. He resided in New Orleans at the break of the war and nothing could be heard from him untill after its close, when it was learned that he entered the Confederate Army, and contracted disease and died. Two other sone were in the Union Army. One was wounded and a prisoner of war for nine months in the Confederate prisons of Texas. In the spring of 1861, her sons having come west, she followed to Tabor Iowa, and about five years ago joined her son Sydney Clark Treat in Colorado. Her physical constitution was excellent, and at fifty five she was active as a young woman. In 1868 while on a visit to Ohio, she slipped and fell while crossing a icy street and discloated one hip, the effect of which has been to make her a cripple ever since. That and the loss of several children broke her down. She contracted a severe cold on Sunday Dec. which induced congestion of the lungs, and that agravated by a light stroke of pyralysis caused her death. During her

painful illness not one complaining or impatient word was heard from her, but she showed the same thoughtful consideration for others that marked her whole life. On last Thursday afternoon when she could no longer speak, she shook hands with her son, and with Mrs. Gwin, her attendant, for a farewell and from this time failed rapidly, but apparently suffering no pain and early Friday morning ceased breathing without a struggle or expression of pain. Death was not terrible to her as it came to her. She was an unostentatious Christian woman. Her life has always been an inspiration to her children, and will continue to be so as long as any one of them live. One lesson of it was that of patient, and cheerful industry. She did not believe in laziness, nor in complaining, nor in gloom. We believe that there are but two of her of Mrs. Treats large family of children now living: her youngest son Charles Payson with whom she made her home, and another son in Nebraska. The above obituary was very kindly given me to copy, by Mrs. Flora I (Treat) Sackett of Tallmadge. It was copied from the Enterprise and Chronicle, a newspaper printed at Trinidad El Moro County Colorado; which is the present residence of her youngest son Charles Payson Treat. Thinking that some additional information respecting Mrs. Treat, and also her husband and family would not be out of place would say: that Mrs. Mary Treat was a resident of Tallmadge thirty four years. Her father Mr. Ichabod Woodruff was a native of Milford Conn. And he was one of the honorable men of his day; he was representative from Milford in the Legislature of Conn and also held the office of Justice of the Peace in his native town. When Esq. Woodruff had become advanced in life and his children had come west he disposed of his farm and removed to Tallmadge where he died Sept. 4th, 1854 aged 77 years. Mrs. Mary Woodruff Treat was born in that portion of the ancient town of Milford, that was set off as a society and called North Milford and is now known as the township of Orange, May 1807. In the early summer of 1827 Miss Woodruff left her native town for Ohio destination Tallmadge, making the journey by water via the Erie Canal and lake, arriving safe about the first of July 1827. And was married to Mr. Garry Treat, Jan 16th, 1828, by Rev. John Keys, Pastor of Tallmadge.

DEACON GARRY TREAT

Garry Treat was the second son and third child of John and Esther (Clark) Treat, and was born in North Milford now Orange June 19th 1799. His father died Dec. 23rd 1807, aged 52; when Garry was eight years and 6 months old. His mother was left with five sons and three daughters, the eldest nearly thirteen years, and the youngest a year old. This mother kept up the farm and gave all her children an education, and inculcated into their minds those high principles of a high standard of morality, industry and economy. In 1817 John, the eldest son, thought his younger brothers could carry on the farm and he left for the Western Reserve, arriving at his Uncle John Clarks, in Vienna, Trumbull County Ohio, where he settled. This awakened

a desire with the other sons to seek for another locality. The mother consented to dispose of the farm and move west. They sold the farm in Orange and moved west and the mother of four sons and her youngest daughter, settled in Tallmadge in the spring of 1823. Andrew Treat the next brother younger than Garry, born Dec 22nd 1800, he had bought the farm owned by Mr. Harvey Sackett, on which he resides at this time (1879) Garry Treat, he purchased the farm owned by David Beach. Garry Treat from early childhood was very sedate and quiet, never under any circumstances getting excited. A man of good judgment, and a successful man in all his business, and carried on his farm with success. He was the subject of a revival in his native parish in the winter of 1821 and 1822. And he united with the Cong. Church in North Milford now the church in Orange, at that time under the pastorate of Rev Erastus Scranton. He transferred his church relations to the Cong. Church in Tallmadge July 10th, 1825, under the pastorate of Rev John Keys. Garry Treat was ordained the fourth Deacon of Cong. Church in Tallmadge, April 9th, 1829. He acted as Deacon of the church until his death. Deacon Elizur Wright, ceased to act as deacon April 4th, 1841, and then deacon Treat was the senior deacon until his death. He being in early life by the death of his father, and only brother and sister older than himself, his services were early brought into requisition to help work the farm but to assist in supporting the family. He thus early formed habits of industry, prudence and a close application to business and being temperate in all things, kind and genial to all, a good neighbor and a man very much respected by all classes. He was a man of uniform good health, but he by taking a violent cold which did not yield to the usual remedies, he died April 13th 1847, aged 49 years, of congestion of the lungs. In the spring of 1823 Mr Beach having two log houses on the farm one was made ready for Mr Treat and his mother and sister and two younger brothers. His mother and sister had the care of his household affairs until his marriage. Mr Treat when he bought the farm of Mr Beach, there was a fine orchard, a fine frame barn, and a good many acres of land cleared for cultivation. He being prospered he was able to build a large two story frame house in 1827, I think which is now occupied (1879) by Mr James Chamberlain. Dea Treat lived in this house until his death; after his death the house was somewhat changed by the sons. The family continued to reside in the house until the spring of 1860, when Mrs Treat removed with her children to Iowa settling in Tabor, Fremont County. Mrs. Treat united by letter the Cong Church Tallmadge Nov 2nd 1828, dis May 27th 1860.

OBITUARY OF DEACON GARRY TREAT

The death of Deacon Garry Treat of Tallmadge was briefly mentioned in your paper some weeks since. His character and the circumstances of his death, seem to demand that a few particulars should be communicated to the public.

He was born July 16th, 1799 at North Milford, now Orange New

Haven Co . Conn. His father Mr. John Treat, died when Garry was about nine years of age, casting the care and education of a family of small children on a widowed mother. The duties devolved on her were successfully discharged. She had the satisfaction of seeing her children devoting themselves to the service of God, and successful in their various situations in life. Garry her second son was peculiarly affectionate and dutiful. He possessed such an amiable disposition as to render him specially beloved by the other members of the family.

In early life he became hopefully pious and connected himself with the Congl Church in Orange; of which he was an exemplary member while he remained in that place. He removed to Tallmadge in 1823, and transferred his church relations to the Congl Church in the last named place. Soon after removing to Tallmadge, he was noted for his piety; and the interest he manifested in the cause of Zion. In the Sabbath School he became a teacher and was distinguished for his success in securing the attention and interesting the children entrusted to his care. His election to the office of deacon in the church in Tallmadge took place April 9th, 1829, when he was 30 years of age. In this station he acted the part that secured to him the affections and confidence of the church and community. In the peace and prosperity of the church he took a lively interest, and was prepared to spend and be spent for their accomplishment, the more intimately he was known the more was he beloved, and the greater the confidence reposed in him. However individuals might differ from him in judgement, and as to the propriety of measures which he might propose, it is believed that none well acquainted with him, doubted the sincerity of his heart, or the goodness of his intentions. The cause of benevolence always found a place in his heart. To promote the salvation of the world he was not backward. In regulating the domestic circle he was unusually affectionate and happy. His children reposed such confidence in him and so cheerfully yielded to his wishes, that compulsory measures were seldom necessary in the government of his family. The domestic circle seemed to be governed by love. Much attention was devoted to the instruction of his children, to improve their minds to promote right affections, to train them to useful and active habits, and to benevolent efforts. To train them for usefulness and heaven. His children will long remember the sentiments he impressed on their minds, and the kind and wimring manner in which they were inculcated. He was diligent in business and successful in managing his worldly concerns. Most men with the amount of his worldly business would have been worldly minded. With him, however, it appeared otherwise. His thoughts seemed to be so much associated with higher objects, as to be prepared at almost any time to engage at a moments warning, in conversation which entered into the vitals of Christianity. It is believed that the pressure of worldly business seldom prevented him from paying suitable attention to the spiritual

interests of the family and the claims of the church, especially in the latter years of his life. His character corresponded with the direction of inspiration, "not slothful fervent in spirit serving the Lord". He endeavored to render happy, all within the circle of his influence and to do good unto all as he had opportunity; especially the poor and afflicted. How much such esteemed him could easily be ascertained from many living witnesses. The loss of such a man, in the meridian of life, is greatly felt, in the family circle, the church and community. May the Lord raise up faithful and devoted men to fill his place. The death of Dea. Treat was remarkably sudden and unexpected. He had been absent from home several days and returned but two days before his death. On his return and the day following, he was in his usual health. He arose on the morning of the day of his death as usual, attended to the concerns of the family and then went into the field to labor. No one then knew nor has anyone since learned that he was not well. About ten o'clock in the forenoon he returned to the house, complained that he was very chilly, efforts were made without success to produce perspiration. He complained of no pain in his head but appeared apprehensive that he was attacked by cholera morbus, a difficulty to which he had been occasionally subject. He manifested no inclination for conversation, but remarked that he was afraid he was going to be very sick. When the physician arrived, Dea Treat had become helpless and to a great degree insensible. He continued to sink under the power of the disease and at ten o'clock in the evening he ceased to breathe. A solemn warning to all to be ready for we know not the day nor the hour when the Lord will call for us to depart. Copied from the Ohio Observer of June 9th 1847, by C.C. Bronson

WILLIAM CLARK

He was a son of Leverett Clark and was born in Watertown Conn in 1802. He was educated in the district schools of his native state; and at the age 14 he was apprenticed to learn the carpenter and joiners trade in the town of New Milford Conn. Before he was out of his apprenticeship expired, his father sold his farm in Watertown, and with his family moved to the Western Reserve, settled in Twinsburg. And William removed to Twinsburg, and lived a good many years working at his trade, and raised a family of children. He came to Tallmadge, and built a house and barn on the lot that was purchased where he lived a few years. He worked at his trade in Tallmadge, until age and its many infirmities admonished to desist. He moved from Tallmadge to the west to live with his sons, and his sister Mrs Phila (Clark) of Twinsburg, their children and numerous friends were contemplating celebrating the golden wedding of Mr and Mrs Herrick and he was invited to come and be a participant of the festivities of the occasion. He came on to Twinsburg to attend the fiftieth anniversary of his sisters marriage. He arrived at his brothers in feeble health and was laid on a bed of sickness; and on the day of the Golden Wedding was not able to be

present. He died in Twinsburg on the 17th of April 1878, aged 75 years. Mr. Clark was respectable and good citizen, a worthy active member of the M. E. Church for more than half a century.

MRS SYLVIA (NEAL) CHAPMAN

She was the daughter of William and Abigail (Denison) Neal, and was born in New Hartford Oneida county N. Y. in 1796. She came to Ohio and married Dea Richard Chapman. She united with the Cong. Church in Tallmadge July 5th, 1829 by letter. She and her husband were both dismissed to the Presbyterian Church in Middlebury, Dec. 12th, 1831. Mrs Sylvia N Chapman died in Hudson Lenawee Co Mich June 1878, aged 83.

DENNIS A HINE

Died suddenly at his residence in Middlebury, July 27th, 1878 aged 70 years. He was the son of Abraham and Abigail (Elton) Hine and was born in North Milford now Orange New Haven County Conn, April 11th, 1808. When Dennis was 12 years old, his father sold his place in Conn and with an ox team moved with his family to Ohio; their destination Tallmadge. As chopping and the clearing of land and farming was not his choice, he obtained a situation as clerk in the store of John H Cleveland at that time a merchant in Middlebury. Then he opened a store with M. L. Sherman in company under the firm name of Hine and Sherman. This firm was dissolved and in 1832 he had charge of a store of goods at the center of Tallmadge. Philo C Stone having disposed of his farm in Tallmadge, he and Mr Hine entered into a co-partnership and opened a store and did business under the firm of Stone and Hine. And carried on the mercantile business in the village of Middlebury for a time. He then went into the nursery business with Dr Mendall Jewett, under the firm of Hine and Jewett. And they were successful in their business. Mr. Hine was enabled by his success to build a fine residence and pleasant surroundings. He was married to Miss Lucy Ann Smith, Dec 29th 1831, by Rev John Keys of Tallmadge. Mr. Hine was a man very much respected and honored for his honorable and upright dealings with his fellow men.

MRS. CHLOE MARIA (UPSON) COLLINS

Mrs. Collins was the seventh child and fourth daughter of Reuben and Hannah (Richardson) Upson; and was born May 23rd, 1813, in the second log house built in the township of Tallmadge. This house was well known by the pioneers as the residence of Rev David Bacon. This house is noted for being the place where was the first reading of the scriptures the first prayer and family devotion. And in this house the first sermon was preached, the first prayer offered in public worship, the first singing of psalms and hymns to the praise of God. In this house the first Cong. Church was organized Jan 22nd, 1809. And in this house the first administration of the Lords Supper, and also the first administration of the ordinance of baptism. Surely the people

