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OBITUARY.

We print this week an extended notice of the death of our Grandfather; LOUIS D. PALMER as it appears in the UNION MONITOR of Litchfield (Ill.) this week; hoping that the condensed history given of the family, may be of interest to the major part of our readers.

PALMER.—In Litchfield, Ill., on Tuesday, February 16th. 1869, LOUIS D. PALMER, in the 83th year of his age.

We noticed in the MONITOR, more than a year ago, an accident which had occurred to our venerable post-master, Mr. Louis D. Palmer. Going out to get some wood, he fell and dislocated his hip. From the effect of this casualty he never recovered, and last week, he was suddenly taken worse. and on Tuesday morning last he died. His advanced age precluded the probability of his living many years longer, but it is possible that, had the accident not occurred, he might have seen the hundredth anniversary of American Independence, or even the hundredth anniversary of his own birth. He was physically well-preserved. Within the last ten years we know of his having walked from this place to Carlinville and back without being unduly fatigued by the

exertion, and until disabled by the accident, he walked daily down town, and employed himself in cultivating his garden, and doing various little labors of his household. On the day before his death he was in conversation with several friends who called upon him, unusually lively and even jocose. He expressed considerable interest in the Litchfield Library, to which he desired to give a copy of Addison's Spectator, and one or two other books.

Louis D. Palmer was born in Culpepper county, Va., June 3d, 1781. His parents emigrated to Christian county, Kentucky in 1793. At the age of fourteen years, he was apprenticed to a cabinet maker in Lexington, Ky. In 1802 having attained his majority, his indentures expired, after which he worked at his trade, supporting his parents and sisters. Both of the former died at the advanced age of ninety-six years. In 1812 he enlisted in the war then pending with Great Britain, and was in Harrison's command at the battle of Raisin River. After he was mustered out he returned to Kentucky, where, in 1814, he was married to his first wife. His hatred to the institution of slavery led him in 1831 to emigrate to Illinois, where he might enjoy the blessings of a free State and be enabled to educate his children. He settled on Indian Creek, about eight miles from Alton, in Madison county. In 1832 he was married to his second wife. He subsequently removed to Jerseyville, thence to Carlinville and finally in 1854 to Litchfield. Within a month after the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln in 1861, he was appointed Post Master in

Litchfield, which office he filled till his death, though considerable effort was made to deprive him of it after the apostacy of Andrew Johnson, two years ago. In 1863 he married his third wife. He was the father of fourteen children. The eldest, the Rev. Elihu J. Palmer, is a Baptist Clergyman; the second son, General John M. Palmer, is the present Gov of the State of Illinois; the third, Winfield Scott Palmer is a well known merchant of this place; his fourth, Leroy G. Palmer is a lawyer and Circuit Judge in Iowa. Many of our citizens will remember his son Frank or L. F. Palmer, who died here in 1862. His eldest daughter married Mr. Samuel T. Mayo of Carlinville, a gentleman of marked individuality of character and eminent piety. His next son was a gold seeker with the early adventurers to California, where he died at the age of twenty-one years. His seventh son was a planter in Louisiana at the beginning of the war and suffered untold privations on account of his adherence to the Union. His second daughter, Miss Julia P. Palmer, is well known as a teacher and at present holds a position in the Bunker Hill School. His eighth son, Henry K. Palmer, is a graduate of Rush Medical College, Chicago, and is now a Missionary Physician to Southern India. The youngest child, Quincy A. Palmer, is a printer and the present foreman of the MONITOR office. Several children died in infancy. His descendants number 67 of whom 52 are now living; that is 9 children, 33 grand children and 9 great grand children.

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