

The happy pair have the undivided thanks of the "Standard."

DIED

At the residence of Daniel Hoffman in the Town of Jackson, on Wednesday, May 31st 1854, the Hon. JOHN JAMES, aged 82 years.

The deceased was born in New London county, Connecticut June 14th 1772, and emigrated to this State and landed at Fort Harmar in 1788, (his father and family came the year following, and settled on James' Island about two miles above Parkersburg Va., on the Ohio river.)— During his residence at Harmar and at Parkersburgh his name is intimately associated with the Pioneers of that day in the trials, difficulties, suffering and danger of a Pioneer life and at all times when necessary, was an active and vigilant spy against the Indians, and in that capacity traversed most of the Counties of Southern Ohio and Western Virginia. In 1790 he visited the Spanish Settlements on the Mississippi as a trader, his goods were seized and confiscated by the authorities, and he and his companions were compelled to travel on foot from Kaskaskia to Parkersburgh through a wilderness country, inhabited only by tribes of Indians, then at war with our people. On his return he organized a second expedition for the same purpose; and in crossing the falls of Ohio, one of his boats were sunk and those on board perished.

On the 16th February, 1798, he married Nancy Cook, a daughter of John Cook, of Parkersburg Va., she died May 31st 1849, aged 74.

In 1807 he came to this county, where he resided until his death, during which time he was elected to the Senate and House of Representatives in the State of Ohio, and associate Judge of Jackson county. The deceased was a member of the Methodist Church over 40 years, and was a zealous and enthusiastic supporter of the religion of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in his last sickness during which he suffered much and long (being confined several months,) his confidence in the Savior appeared to grow stronger as he became near his time of departure and but a few hours before his death he sang with all his usual warmth his favorite hymn,

"A charge to keep I have
A God to glorify,
A never dying soul to save
And fit for the sky,"

He is gone to the Christian's home, and his large and stalwart frame, and his kind and benevolent face so familiar to us for years will be no longer seen among us.— He was an affectionate husband and kind father, a sincere Christian, benevolent to the poor, and a true hearted friend, and he leaves a large number of children, grand children, great grand children and a large circle of relations and friends to mourn his loss; but those of us who were with him during his sickness and at his side during the hour of his death, know

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