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IN MEMORIAM.

The following list includes all the deceased members of the North Indiana Conference since the division of the north half of the state into two Conferences—North Indiana, and the North-West Indiana—in 1852. From 1852 to 1854, the North Indiana Conference comprised the north half of the state.

This list is made up from the printed minutes. It is to be regretted that greater care has not been observed in the preparation of the Memoirs, several of which fail even to furnish the items necessary to complete the columns below.

Deceased Members of the North Indiana Conference.

"They rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

CHERISHED NAMES.	TIME OF DEATH.	AGE.	YEARS IN TRAVELING MINISTRY.
James Huffaker.....	July 27, 1852	46	23
Francis Richmond.....	..... 1853	50	17
Charles Ketcham.....	October 16, 1854	40	3
John S. Robinson.....	July 11, 1855	35	3
Samuel C. Cooper.....	July 19, 1856	57	29
Samuel Brenton.....	March 29, 1856	46	19
Sam H. Metts.....	January 20, 1857	29	6
James A. Stallard.....	October 16, 1856	42	2
John Clark.....	October 16, 1857	29	2
James J. Elrod.....	March 12, 1858	34	9
..... R. Downey*.....	..... 1859	...	2
..... Sandford.....	..... 1861	30	2
..... R. Edmondson.....	November 17, 1864	...	11
..... James Hoyer.....	July 13, 1864	...	3
..... J. P. Boyden.....	August 22, 1865	46	22
..... James Colclazer.....	September 26, 1865	55	14
..... Palmer.....	..... 1868?	...	16?
..... F. Timmons.....	..... 1869	42	8
..... Augustus Eddy.....	February 9, 1870	71	46
..... James Black.....	September 7, 1870	65	17
..... John B. Birt.....	April 24, 1870	64	33
..... Henry Andrew.....	July 19, 1870	45	16
..... James W. Miller.....	April 8, 1872	55	31
..... James Comstock.....	June 17, 1872	43	14
..... Brock.....	..... 1873	46	20
..... James B. Beers.....	May 7, 1873	63	37
..... James W. Brown.....	March 2, 1874	24	4
..... George S. Jenkins.....	October 27, 1874	43	8
..... James Comstock.....	December 11, 1875	43	9
..... James P. Baker.....	October 18, 1875	40	9
..... James C. Jordan.....	August 12, 1876	26	4
..... Samuel Lamb.....	November 8, 1876	68	33
..... James R. Davis.....	May 17, 1877	65	32
..... Albert Burns.....	October 2, 1877	33	51
..... James M. Brown.....	January 20, 1878	43	7
..... James M. Bell.....	September 2, 1878	46	9
..... James C. Beeks.....	October 23, 1878	70	32
..... Francis A. Sale.....	February 12, 1879	62	28
..... James F. Pierce.....	May 18, 1879	44	20
..... James H. Goode.....	December 16, 1879	72	43
..... Samuel Hall.....	March 29, 1880	56	33
..... James W. Bradshaw.....	May 17, 1880	71	39
..... James M. Beamer.....	June 27, 1880	58	33
..... James P. Hartman.....	August 13, 1880	64	25
..... James T. Stout.....	December 23, 1880	58	34

*Missionary to India.

†No Memoir.

"There is no death! What seems so is transition;
This life of mortal breath
Is but a suburb of the life elysian
Whose portals we call death."

MEMOIRS.

Rev. John Wairen Bradshaw.

Rev. John Wairen Bradshaw was born December 28th, 1808, in Fairfield Co., Connecticut, and died in DeWitt, Iowa, May 17th, 1880, aged 71 years, 4 months and 19 days.

But very few details can be given of his early life, but we know that at an early day he removed to the west. He was converted in 1824, and at once united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1836 he received license to preach. He was received on trial in the Indiana Conference in 1841, and at the same time was ordained a Local Deacon. He was admitted in full connection and ordained Elder in 1843.

Bro. Bradshaw was one of the pioneer preachers of Methodism in Indiana, and in his time did noble service for the Master. His first appointment was to a three weeks circuit of twenty appointments.

The list of his appointments are as follows:

Anderson, Portland, Hagerstown, Winchester, Lebanon, Allamo, Crawfordsville, Hartford City, Warren, Granville, Summerset, Paw Paw, Columbia City, North Manchester, Baugo, New Paris, Leesburg, Bourbon, and Webster. In 1869 he finally superannuated, and remained in that relation until his death. But, whenever he was able, he was always ready and willing to supply any vacancy.

Our brother was a sound, logical preacher, always interesting, and frequently rising to powerful flights of eloquence. He was a faithful, earnest preacher of the New Testament, who won many souls for Christ in his long ministry.

He was married to Miss Mary Ferrel, April 13th, 1827, in Green Co., Pennsylvania, who died Nov. 2d, 1874. Two sons and two daughters are, yet living, who were the children of this marriage. Soon after the death of his wife, our brother removed to DeWitt, Iowa, where he was married to Mrs. Wallace, with whom he passed the few remaining years of his life in great happiness. Although feeble, he preached whenever it was desired and by his Christian walk and uniform kindness won the respect and love of all the community.

The Master sent him a token that his work was done on the 3d of May last, when he was taken sick with pneumonia. He lingered until the 17th, suffering much, but always patient and triumphant. His faith was very strong. Whenever he was asked if Jesus was precious, he would say,

"O yes, blessed Jesus, how precious!" At one time when he thought he was going to depart immediately, he looked up into the face of his wife with a beautiful smile and said, "I did not think it would be so glorious." His only desire for life was for the sake of his wife, but otherwise he desired to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. During all his sickness he was tenderly cared for by his brethren of the fraternity of Odd Fellows.

He passed peacefully away on the 17th. On the evening after his death, his pastor, Rev. Wm. Ferris, conducted the services at the house, a large number attending, and the remains were taken to the midnight train, and carried to Warsaw, Ind., where they await the resurrection morn.

"One family we dwell in Him,
One church above, beneath,
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream, of death.

One army of the living God,
To his command we bow;
Part of his host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now."

C. G. HUDSON.

Rev. Valentine M. Beamer.

Rev. Valentine M. Beamer was born in Clark County, Ohio, December 14th, 1821, and died at Jerome, Howard County, Indiana, June 27th, 1880, aged 58 years, 5 months and 17 days.

His father was a farmer, and until he was 21 years old he labored on the farm, and had such educational advantages as the district schools of that time afforded.

On the 7th day of February next after he reached his majority he was converted, and in the fall of 1845 he was received on trial in the Ohio Conference. He traveled in the Ohio Conference five years, three years of that time being spent in the Kanawa District in West Virginia, which was then in the Ohio Conference. The charges he served in the Ohio Conference were North Lewisburg and Washington Circuits in Ohio, and Wayne and Coal River Circuits in West Virginia, the latter two years.

On the 13th of September, 1847, he was married in Clark County, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Gard.

In the fall of 1849, he located, and in September 1851, he was readmitted into the Traveling Connection in the North Indiana Conference. His appointments in the North Indiana Conference were as follows: 1851, Knightstown Circuit; 1852, Logansport Station; 1853, New Castle Circuit; 1854, Agent of the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; 1855, Muncie Station; 1856, New Castle Circuit; 1857, Richmond Station; 1858, Pendleton Circuit; 1859, Berry Street, Fort Wayne, two years; 1861, Main Street Station, Peru; 1862, Miami Circuit, two years; 1864, Elkhart Station, two years; 1866, Supernumerary; 1867, Mexico Circuit; 1868,

Kokomo Station, two years; 1870, Logansport District, four years; 1874, Noblesville Station; 1875 and 1876, Supernumerary; 1877, Xenia Circuit, two years; 1879, Alto Circuit; 1880, Jerome Circuit.

On the third day of June, 1879, he was married to Mrs. Kerrella D. Brown, widow of Rev. Samuel Brown, late of the Cincinnati Conference.

Brother Beamer has left a widow and two children (a son and a daughter) to mourn his loss.

He was ordained Deacon Sept. 5, 1847, by Bishop Janes, at Columbus, Ohio, and Elder Sept. 25, 1853, by Bishop Ames, at Richmond, Indiana.

He possessed a more than ordinary share of native talent, and his sermons were always interesting and instructive; and sometimes his eloquence was of a very high order. Had his educational advantages been sufficiently great, he would have taken rank with the foremost men in our ministry. His ministry was generally successful in winning souls to Christ. In several of his charges there were, during his pastorates, extensive and powerful revivals, and many souls were saved. In all the relations of life he was faithful and true to his convictions of duty. He loved the church and the ministry, and was ready at all times to make any reasonable sacrifice for the good of the church and the glory of God.

He was taken sick on the 7th of June, and died on the 27th day of the same month. Those who were with him in his last sickness say that his sufferings were very great, but he bore them with Christian fortitude and resignation. From the first week of his sickness he was perfectly resigned to the will of God whether for life or death. When asked how it was with him, he answered, "O it is all right now, I am trusting in Jesus; He will keep me and take me through all right." On the morning of the day he died, Rev. A. H. Currie visited him and prayed with him, and he responded with much feeling. He knew that the end had come, and, by grace, he was prepared to meet it.

At his special request Rev. Thomas Williams, an aged and eloquent local elder, preached his funeral at Vermont Church, in Jerome Circuit, and his remains were buried in Crown Point Cemetery at Kokomo, Indiana.

M. MAHIN.

Rev. David P. Hartman.

Rev. David P. Hartman was born in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Oct. 5th 1815, and died in Petoskey, Mich., Aug. 13th, 1880, aged 64 years, 9 months and 28 days.

His parents emigrated from Westlar, Germany, in the year 1804. He was the youngest of a large family. At an early age he was deprived of his mother, but her rare virtue and earnest piety seemed to descend upon her youngest born; for at the early age of twelve years he was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church.

When still a young man Brother Hartman joined the brave band of