

Eliza Jane (Allen) Finch was born in Preble County, Ohio, August 30, 1840, and departed this life January 28, 1908, aged 67 years, 4 months and 28 days. In her infancy her parents, Ebenezer and Margaret Allen moved to Wayne Township, Jay County, where she grew to womanhood. She was united in marriage to A. H. Finch November 22, 1868. To this union were born two children, Lillia, wife of Oliver Jackson, and Selma Finch both of whom lived near their mother. Joseph R. Finch was adopted into the family when a child and grew to manhood under her care and instruction.

At an early age she was converted and joined the Salamonia Christian church. Although in her later years she was not able to take an active part in church work her life was an example of true christian patience and love. She was a devoted and loving mother, always anxious for the welfare of her family.

She with her family moved to Collett in 1889 and lived there until her death. Although she had been in failing health for some time her last sickness was of short duration and her suffering intense. She bore up bravely and was patient until the last. She leaves a husband, three children, four grandchildren, two brothers, three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, January 30, 1908, by Rev. Fred Stovenour. Interment at Green Park Cemetery.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends for their kindness during the sickness and death of our wife and mother.

A. H. Finch and Children

Editorial note: Joseph Riley Finch (b. 1892) had been adopted from an orphan train that came from the Boston area, probably around 1890. Riley was his family name. He operated the grocery at College Corner in the '50's and '60's. I would love to know if there are newspaper accounts of the orphan train's arrival in Portland.

A. H.'s grandchildren included Selma's children Mary and Sharon (my father.)

H. and his brothers built the store at Collett, where I grew up.

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