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The subject of this obituary was born September 24, 1822, in Colchester, Vermont, being the son of Brooks and Abigail Watson. He was of a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters.

The family removed in 1837 to Butler County, Ohio and in 1849, they came to Jay County, Indiana.

Charles Watson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Topping in 1857. To them were born four children, two of whom, Frank and Flora, with a widowed mother, survived.

Charles commenced life in his direct and self dependent interests with the struggles incident to pioneer days. In all his efforts, he shared the often inhospitable conditions of those early days with others – neighbors and friends, courage and perseverance enabled him to overcome, and he succeeded in gaining a respectable competence. His faithful companion shared heroically all the inconsistencies of his life, and is now left with many others to bore the departure of husband, friend and father.

Mr. Watson was generous in spirit, contributing to the building and improvement of public property, churches, and schools. His religious views were liberal in the main; though somewhat pronounce. The influence of his mother, who was a lifelong and devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was predominant in the religious impressions upon the now deceased son. Mr. Watson was an advocate of temperance. His life was more moral to a worthy degree.

He will be remembered by his family and his multitude of friends as a cordial, kindhearted, friendly spirited man. He will be missed by all who knew him and particularly in the home circle in which his presence was so long known.

He died in Portland, Indiana, on July 15, 1900; age 77 years, 10 months and 21 days; Funeral services were held in the Methodist Church, Portland, conducted by the Pastor, Rev. M. A. Harlan, on Monday, July 16 at 2:30 PM. The Scripture lesson was Ecclesiastics third chapter. The funeral sermon was from Psalms 89th chapter and 48th verse. A large concourse of neighbors and friends attended the services and followed his remains to the place of internment – beautiful Green Park Cemetery.

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