

Rachel (Wilkinson) Simmons, mother of Isaac Simmons, of this city, was born in Harrison county, Virginia, Sept. 10th, 1797, and when 12 years of age removed to Champaign county, Ohio, with her parents, who located on a farm that had no improvements, but there was an Indian hut, constructed of Cottonwood. In 1816, the family removed to Shelby county, O., where Mrs. Simmons was married to Charles Simmons, of Miami county, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1831, and moved to Jay county, Indiana, in 1849, where she resided until the date of her death, July 21st, 1889, aged 91 years, 10 months and 11 days. She lived a consistent christain life, having been a member of the M. E. church for over 65 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Disbro, of the M. E. church of this city, at Pleasant Hill church, Randolph county, Tuesday, July 23rd, 1889. The text used for the occasion was one selected by the deceased, taken from Rev. 14th chapter and 13th verse. Interment in the Pleasant Hill cemetery. She leaves a large circle of friends and relatives, who mourn their loss. She was one of the early pioneers of this county and shared in its hardships and privations; and her labors being ended, has gone Home.

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