

Lewis Joseph Bell, son of Simeon and Mary Bell was born in Quiet Dell, Harrison County, West Virginia on December 12, 1822 and departed this life at his home in Pike Township, May 2, 1904, aged 81 years, 4 months and 20 days.

He was left an orphan at an early age. His mother died when he was a small boy and his father brought the three children, Lewis and an older brother and sister, to friends in Warren County, Ohio. The father, being a physician, went to Cincinnati to doctor during an epidemic of cholera and he himself fell a victim and died of the disease, leaving his children orphans.

He was united in marriage July 20, 1844 with Elizabeth Bosworth, daughter of Dr. Jacob Bosworth. Unto them were born fourteen children, nine of whom, with their mother survive him to mourn the loss.

He enlisted in the Army September 12, 1864 and was discharged July 11, 1865, after losing his health, which he never fully recovered.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. Stovenour at the Salamonia Christian Church.

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