

Family Record.

MARRIAGES.

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Margaret Johnson
m.
George Foster

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BIRTHS.

Jacob Johnson
Was Born November
the 26th Day 1801

John Johnson Was Born
March the 3rd Day 1803

Fanny Johnson
Was Born October
the 6th Day 1804

Daniel Johnson Was
Born August the 1st
Day 1806

Samuel Johnson
Was Born May
the 2nd Day 1808

BIRTHS.

Ezekiel Johnson
Was Born the 25th
Day of February 1810

Wilson Johnson Was
Born January the
20th Day 1812

Joseph Johnson Was
Born November the
12th Day 1814

Sarah Johnson
Was Born January
29th Day 1818

Isaac Johnson Was
Born January the
22nd Day 1820

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Margaret Johnson
was born August
the 15th Day 1822

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DEATHS.

Samuel Johnson
Dyed August the 17

1835

John Johnson Dyed
July the 23rd 1844
Aged Sixty two years five
month and seven Days

Annalia Johnson Died
May 17th 1864 Aged 81
years 2 months and 10
days.

Peter Johnson Died June
Twenty Ninth 1862

DEATHS.

John & Annellia Johnson
The grandparents of our writer were natives of Virginia came to Berrien County in 1824 with his family of 11 children, the youngest ^{of the family} ~~was~~ ^{was} the mother of the writer. ^{John Johnson} ~~When they landed in Niles, Tenn~~ ^{was just a fort.} He had three comrades who also made their first settlement in Berrien County. These four mentioned families were the first white men to venture into the forest regions and to make a permanent settlement. They purchased from the government the following places, Kiehl, Geo Adams, Fred Emmert & Horace Adams. ^{Kiehl}
Their home was where Mr Kiehl lives. At that time ^{there were} no churches so every two weeks on Saturday & Sunday they held church at their homes. They were Free Will Baptists. ^{John Johnson} He gave the ground for the burying.

His property was then divided between his children which they kept awhile, some real were residents of the county others went west.

ground known as the Johnson cemetery, he intended also to build a church there but was called home. One son had a general store at the Geo Adams home, his patrons were mostly Indians. Another son was the first shoe maker in the county, he being the father of Mrs William Shields. Deer were plentiful & the writer's mother had only Indian children to play with as the ground was cleared the Indians moved on. The writer has in her possession the grand father's Bible with birth & death records kept by them.

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published in 1831

1822 - came to Michigan in 1824
Grandma's

The writers mother came here from
Virginia when barely 3 years old
she being born in Portugal came to
Michigan with the family in 1824.

She being the youngest in family
they were only white families
here in Mills township they purchased
from the government the plot on which
their home was where Neill now lives
they held church in their home
every two weeks in their home
they followed the faith of the Methodist
he gave the ground for the ground
known as the Johnson cemetery, he
expected to build a church there
before his plans were carried out
he was called home, she has in
her possession her grandfather's
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my mother had no white children to
play with, she played with Indian
children. Grandfather owned at that
time the Mill property, Fred Commons
House & Wood property.

My father was located on
the old George Adams place, he
conducted a store, who for his
patrons were Indians. One made
the first shoes. These farms were
all owned before by children of
the original

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