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J. J. CAREY. Farmersville, April 4, 1887. 3.18

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THE OLDEST MASON. John Jamieson, Who Died Recently at Batavia, Ohio. There died recently one of the two last survivors of the war of 1812, John Jamieson, of Batavia, O. Mr. Jamieson was born at Lexington, Ky., on the 25th of October, 1783, and was, consequently, in his 96th year at the time of his death. His father kept a hotel at Cynthiana, Ky. In 1807 the hotel was burned and shortly afterwards John Jamieson was left an orphan.



RICHARD HOLMES.

From a photograph taken about 17 years ago. It is a good representation of his appearance to-day, excepting that he has a more patriarchal look.

A CENTURY OF LIFE.

THE ONE-HUNDRETH BIRTHDAY OF A FREEMASON.—A GRAND CELEBRATION OF THE UNIQUE EVENT.

THE CELEBRATION.

The Masonic fraternity of this section have just cause to feel proud of the result of their efforts to pay a fitting tribute of respect to one whom we believe to be the oldest Mason in Canada, if not in the world. At high twelve the brethren of the different Masonic lodges present met at the lodge room here, and made the final arrangements, and at about one a start was made for the residence of Mr. Holmes, situated about four miles north of the village. On our arrival we found fully seventy-five vehicles in the yards, and there must have been fully three hundred persons present.

At 2 p.m. the Masons were admitted to the room where the venerable patriarch and the programme was commenced by Bro. Wm. M. Johnston, M.A., reading the address presented by the members of Rising Sun Lodge No. 85, which was as follows:—

"FARMERSVILLE, April, 27, A. L. 5887. "Respected and Venerable Brother—

"The present occasion is one of very rare occurrence. Seldom are men called upon to welcome the completion of the one-hundredth year of a fellow mortal.

"More unusual still is the celebration of such an event among Masons. It is our inexpressible pleasure to discharge this duty to-day towards one who has been an active member of society since the beginning of the present century, and a Mason for seventy-three years. In the name of the Great Architect of the Universe we greet you! In the name of the Great Geometrician we salute you! In the name of the Most High we welcome you! Last surviving landmark of primitive Masonry in Canada, we extend to you the hand of fellowship and brotherly love, trusting that you may yet for some time be spared to do honor to the Craft, and that when it pleases the Master to call you from this earthly Lodge of labor you may become an earnest worker in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever."

(Signed on behalf of the Farmersville brethren by W. M. Johnston, M. A., I. C. Algire, Sala Blancher, Jas. Ross.)

Bro. Dr. Sinclair, of Delta, then stepped forward and presented the address from Harmony Lodge, No. 370, of which the following is a copy:—

"The members of Harmony Lodge, No. 370, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., cheerfully embrace this opportunity of congratulating you, our dear brother, upon this the centenary of your birth. We, the members of Young Harmony, congratulate you upon the noble superstructure reared by you on the corner-stone laid in the north-east corner of Old Harmony, more than three score and ten years ago.

"When with pardonable pride we reflect that your Masonic life has been an indeed more than the allotted years of man, we can but conclude, in accordance with the principle enunciated by the Patriarch Jacob in the Court of Pharaoh, that the days of your pilgrimage have not been filled with evil, but that the present uprightness of your stature is an emblem of the rectitude of your mind and actions, and that your wonderful longevity may, in some measure, be fairly attributed to you having through all your century regulated your life and actions according to the Masonic line and rule.

"Your upright life and square conduct we assure you shall be a model for your brethren, whose prayer shall be that the Great Architect of the Universe may so encompass you with the arms of His love, that the remainder of your days, to they many or few, may not be dimmed by bodily and patiently away the sound of the gavel from above, and be ended with that power which will enable you to trumpet the King of Terrors beneath your feet, and ascend in triumph to the Grand Lodge where the World's Great Architect reigns for ever."

(Signed on behalf of the Lodge by Omer Brown, W. M., Holmes Eyre, A. S. Alyn, John M. Sinclair, M.D., Walter Beatty, M.M.)

After the reading of the addresses, the venerable old gentleman, who was much moved by the evidences of fraternal love and respect which he saw and heard, made an extempore reply, the delivery of which showed him to be in possession of his mental faculties

to a degree quite extraordinary in one of his years. He said he was almost unable to find words to express his feelings and to thank the brethren and friends for their visit. The events of the day emphasized to him the truth of the quotation "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." He related many interesting reminiscences of his past life, which were very interesting and told in graphic style. He exhorted his visitors to a consideration of the revelations of the Great Master, his remarks on this subject being eloquent and earnest. He referred to his joining the Methodist Church in 1803, a fact which shows that he has been connected with the Christian Church for more than four score years. He also mentioned with pardonable pride that he had never used profane language in his life and had been a total abstainer from intoxicants. He thanked all present from the bottom of his heart for their hearty participation in the celebration, and concluded by asking as a favor that his brethren would attend as far as possible the last rites in the not far distant event of his being laid to rest with his fathers.

At the close of Bro. Holmes' remarks a large number of those present, including the prominent Masons of Farmersville, Delta, and Mallorytown, were severally introduced to him by W. Master Johnston. During the introductions it was pleasing to note the warmth with which he greeted those whose names were familiar to him, and the quickness with which he detected non-members of the Masonic fraternity. After a few parting pieces from the Farmersville Band (who kindly gave their services to assist in making the affair a success) the party dispersed.

celebrated to-day, taught school for a number of years, and on the 27th of March, 1827, settled down on his home farm, on which he has resided ever since. In 1813 he was made a Mason in a Lodge which was organized by Orange Risdien, and which met in Thos. Howe's barn. This barn is still standing a few rods from Lake Elzoida. Mr. Holmes has had a family of twelve children, ten of whom are still living. Hiram, the eldest of those living, resides in Farmersville. Three daughters live in the house with their father and one son lives near by. Another lives near Brockville, one in Clinton, one in Madoc and one in Michigan.

(We are pleased to be able to announce that next week we shall publish a number of reminiscences of Mr. Holmes, extending back over a period of more than seventy years. We feel assured they will be perused with interest by our readers. These reminiscences will be verbatim reports of incidents as related by Mr. Holmes.)

County News.

Algire's Corners. The trustees are preparing to repair the woodshed of S.S. No. 7.

Mr. Mallory has sold a horse to his brother, of Colbourg. Price \$200.

Mr. A. M. Ferguson, inspector of D. M. McPherson's cheese factories, has left for Huntingdon, Que. We wish him success.

The team of Mr. Chas. Johnson attached to a lumber wagon ran from his sugar house home, causing slight damage.

One day last week two railroads obtained a rig from a Farmersville livery man and drove to Brockville. On returning with a load of whiskey on board, they turned the corner here a little too sharp, and found themselves in the ditch. The buggy and harness were badly broken and most of their precious fluid spilt.

C. J. Gilroy's cheese factory is in full blast. It started on the 15th inst., with Mr. Parker Seaman as manager, and young Mr. Killeard as helper. Mr. G. has spared no pains to bring his factory up to an A. No. 1 condition, and with a first-class cheesemaker expects to turn out a fine article.

Two Americans stayed at Mr. John Sturgeon's over Sunday, with a drove of cattle. Before leaving they supplied some of the neighbors with very good cows. And still the exhibition goes on.

Mr. O. F. Ballis passed around the neighborhood and collected ten gallons of maple syrup and sixty pounds of very nice sugar, for presentation to the Rev. J. B. Richardson. Will other appointments on the circuit do likewise?

Mr. Henry Lee sold a few days ago a very nice pair of black geldings, for \$350. When the logs fall it takes Henry to make both ends meet.

Mr. Alven Orton is making some improvement around his house, by leveling the ground in front in preparation for a very nice lawn. He will further beautify the place by a handsome new picket fence.

Front of Yonge. Hugelboom's Corner last Saturday was all alive, and the stores and business quarters were well patronized by gentlemen farmers, their sons and daughters.

Miss Bowser, who teaches the Caintown school, is very popular and spares no pains in the advancement of her pupils. Her father is a well-to-do farmer of Bastard, near Delta.

Gennant & Co. are manufacturing, among other things too numerous to mention, a large quantity of cheese boxes, which are all made by contract for the season.

If the Scott Act was as well enforced in all the counties in which it has been carried as it has been up to the present in the District of Brockville and South Leeds, temperance would cover the land as the waters cover the mighty deep.

We visited the beautiful residence of Mr. D. D. Tennant last week, and found said gentleman busily engaged in making sugar. Mr. Tennant makes a first class sugar. We also visited the ladies' department, where everything was being done to set the splendid residence in order.

A MAIDEN SPEECH. Recently Delivered by a Budding Farmersville Orator.

At the request of a large number of Mr. W. Connor's friends, we publish the following *verbatim et literatim* report of the speech delivered by him at an entertainment in the Methodist Church.

Mr. Chairman.—Ladies and Gentlemen.—I suppose your curiosity is excited—you wonder what you are going to hear and why I assume this position. For honor, popularity, or levity? No; my theme is not designed simply to propagate, but I might just say simply expiatory, and that were I your heritage as loquacious, as mechanical,

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