

marriage. The children by this marriage are *Aaron Edward* born in 1848, living in this county; he married *Hannah King* in 1875. *Jane Hardin*, another child married *James M. Thomason*, September 1877 and reside in this county. The other children are, *W. M. D.*, died in infancy; *F.*, born in 1855 residing at home; *Viola*, who died aged about one year.

We have thus given as correct an account as we can of the family of this old settler. *John Hardin* has resided within about two miles of the same place since 1817. He has held several offices of trust and profit. He was elected constable in 1820 and served continuously for four years. He was assessor of Posey township, almost all the time up to the new division of townships, and was assessor and justice of the peace for about eighteen years. In 1841 he was appointed county assessor. In 1852 he was elected auditor of the county, and by a decision of the supreme court, he did not hold the office two years. He was elected justice of the peace in Vernon {township} and served for two or three years. He was elected assessor of Madison township in 1858 and has held it ever since. He ran as independent candidate for auditor against *William Williams* in 1856 and was beaten {by} twenty-six votes. His first vote for president was given to Andrew Jackson and in the old Democrat faith he has ever believed. He never has missed an election since he was old enough to vote. In November 1820 he in company with *John* and *Benjamin Simmons* took a hunt in what was then the wilderness, now Dubois county, and secured lots of game. *Hardin* killed a bear and when he got to Paoli sold it.

We have thus given a brief statement of the life of our old friend. His days are drawing to a close, his step becomes feebler as the seasons come and ere many winters shall come and go he will be numbered with the pale nations of the dead.

We give in this paper a short sketch of another old citizen, that of *Castilia Wilcox*. Her maiden name was *Castilia Hattabough* and she was born January 15th, 1802 in Mason county, Kentucky. At eight years of age she removed to Louisville, Kentucky, with her mother who was then a widow. In 1811 she came to Washington County on a visit to her relative *Jacob Hattabough*. The Indian troubles breaking out he took her on a horse behind him back to her home and then he returned to assist in building the forts for the protection of the settlers. In 1812 or '13 her mother removed to Salem where *Castilia* remained until 1816 and she married *A. L. Badger* at the early age of fourteen years. In 1818 she and her husband removed to Warrington, Mississippi, ten miles below Vicksburg, where they lived two years and returned to Salem. They then went to Columbus, Indiana, and remained two years, when on account of its unhealthiness they returned to Salem where they resided until the death of *Badger* in 1827. There were two children by this marriage, *Aphelia* and *Felix D. Badger*, the latter a merchant for many years at Saltillo. *Aphelia* married *Dr. Williamson Dunn* and she has been dead many years.

During *Mrs. Badger's* widowhood she resided at Salem and kept a millinery shop. Millinery shops were not in those days like the present ones, for milliners made the entire bonnet, not hat, or inserted wash pan, scoop-shovel, or some other outlandish, vulgar looking thing.

In 1835 *Mrs. Badger* married *Asher Wilcox*, the father of *Hiram* and *Alonzo* by a former marriage. They then lived at Bono, Indiana, and she lived there until the death of *Asher Wilcox* in 1840. There was one son and he was named *Asher* and is now a resident of

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