

## JOHN B. MARTZ

Last Saturday night the 5<sup>th</sup> Inst. John B. Martz passed quietly away at the ripe old age of 83 years.

Deceased was born in Chittisquaque Township, Northumberland Co., Pa, Sept. 6, 1809 and came to Michigan June 24, 1832, settling in Farmington. On the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1832, himself and Miss Mary Ann Cook, were married. During the year of 1840 he removed to Rochester with his family, where he spent the remainder of his life. Six children were born to him – one son and five daughters – three daughters survive him, Mrs. Parmelia Comstock, Mary E. and Frances M. In the earlier days of Rochester Mr. Martz was a man of some prominence here having been postmaster, besides holding an office of trust. The writer remembers hearing him relate many pleasing incidents connected with those days. He was a member of a fine brass band to which also belonged Almon Mack, George Niles, Chas. Cook and several others who have joined the majority, but whose names are well remembered by our older citizens. During a certain early day gubernatorial campaign the services of this band were required in different portions of the state, including Detroit, Ann Arbor and other than small sized towns, so famous had this band become.

About the year 1863 Mr. Martz, then quite an old man, offered his services to his country, was accepted and immediately marched to the front. Shortly after he was wounded in his shoulder and was assigned to an invalid corps stationed at Pontiac where he did guard duty until the close of the war.

He was a quiet, unobtrusive man, always attending to his own business and not meddling with that of his neighbor. He was a tailor by trade and a good one, as may of our old time citizens can attest. Of late years he had been afflicted with a lameness which kept him confined most of the time to his home.

His funeral was attended from the house last Wednesday afternoon, Rev. P. Schermerhorn officiating.

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