

## LAKE COUNTY'S OLDEST RESIDENT PASSES AWAY

### MRS. BRAND DIES TUESDAY

Funeral to be Held Today at Two  
O'clock at the Ebenezer  
Church. Interment  
at Northfield

Mrs. Salome M. Brand, better known to this community, as Grandma Brand, Lake County's oldest resident, passed away at the home of her son, Orson B. Brand, Tuesday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock at the age of 96 years.

She was born in Alsace, France, September 14, 1825, coming to America with her parents in the summer of 1830, settling in Pennsylvania, and migrating from there to Lake county by team in 1837, where she has lived continuously within ten miles of where her people first located.

In 1844 she was married to Philip Brand and to them eight children were born, five of whom survive her. They are: George L., W. Enoch, Jacob J., Orson B., of this city and Mrs. Mary Wessling of Deerfield. Her husband



died in 1893. Silas P. Brand and Lavinia Brand died several years ago while Mrs. Sarah Wessling passed away last month.

When Mr. Brand first settled at Brand's corners on the Mill road west of Deerfield the Indians were still numerous, in fact one of her neighbors was an Indian by the name of Ancient Clark, whose first wife was an Indian and his second wife a Chicago white girl. The nearest post office 85 years ago was Chicago and it took three days to make the trip there by ox teams on the old Indian trail now known as Milwaukee ave.

On Nov. 7th, 1916, Mrs. Brand had the pleasure of casting her first ballot.

Mrs. Brand for the past 30 years has made her home in this city, residing in the little cottage on N. Second St. It was only a about a year ago that she became unable to look after the little home and she went to live with her daughter in Deerfield where she remained until the holidays when she was brought here to spend Christmas.

Grandma Brand was a woman who was greatly admired and loved by all who knew or came in contact with her. She had a most cheerful disposition and always looked on the bright side of life. She was a most devout Christian and attended Sunday school and church regularly until about four years ago when it became difficult for her to get around. She was Lake county's oldest Sunday school member. One of Mrs. Brand's chief delights was to talk over the past and many intensely interesting facts concerning the early days were related by her.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Ebenezer church, with burial in Northfield cemetery.

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### Mrs. Mary Salome Ott Brand.

Mrs. Mary Salome Ott Brand was born September 14, 1825, in Alsace, and died January 11, 1921, at the age of 95 years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ott, who came to this country when Mrs. Brand was six years old. They came to this township from Warren, Pa., in the summer of 1836. She was married to Philip Brand in 1844. There were eight children—Orson, George, Enoch and Jacob, all of Highland Park, and Mrs. Mary Brand Wessling of Deerfield. Two daughters, Lavinia and Mrs. Sarah Brand Wessling and one son, Silas, are dead. Their old homestead is now occupied by the Miller family, west of town.

Mr. Brand passed away thirty-six years ago.

She is survived by five children, nineteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren. Laura Wessling of Deerfield is the oldest grandchild, and Laurel Stryker the oldest great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Thursday at 1:30 p. m. from the Orson Brand home, and the Ebenezer church of Highland Park.

Burial took place at Northfield.

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