

[Williams, Henry D.]

ORLEANS'S OLDEST PIONEER RESIDENT
Henry D. Williams Dead in Farm Home at 88.

Albion, Dec. 12.—Henry D. Williams, aged 88 years, Orleans county's oldest pioneer resident died last night in his farm home on the Ridge road four miles northwest of this village where he has always lived.

Mr. Williams was a prominent retired farmer and two years ago was awarded the gold medal of the Orleans County Pioneer Association for being the oldest native resident of the county. He was one of the founders of the Universalist Church in the town of Gaines, and a life member of the Orleans County Agricultural Society.

Mr. Williams has been engaged in an active commercial life as well as farming. He leaves his wife, Mrs. Sarah Williams and one daughter, Mrs. Elmer E. [Theda] Thompson, both of Childs, and one sister, Mrs. Charles Vandekar, of this village. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, Rev. Edwin P. Wood, pastsor of the Pullman Memorial Universalist Church officiating. Interment will be in Mount Albion cemetery.

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