

Pearce used to hold meetings. The names of different ministers of the M. E. church who have officiated as circuit preachers in Franklin are: "Father" Rounds, King Elwell, McRandall and Blackman, who preached here over forty years ago; Cooper, George Porter, Boswell, Dean, "Father" Davy, John D. Safford, John Mulkey, C. E. Taylor, Chubbuck, S. S. Kennedy, A. S. Shoemaker, Bronson, Olaf Morse, S. W. Weiss, Kellog D. Persons, Henry Wheeler, J. G. Eckman, P. Holbrook, J. S. Lewis, Isaac Austin, A. J. Arnold, S. E. Walworth, William Shelp and the present minister, Isaac Austin, who was formerly on the charge. C. E. Rice was also on this circuit, and George Greenfield.

Taylor D. Swartz was on this charge in 1864, and in August of that year, when the Franklin and Exeter boys rallied to the call of their country by raising a company, he enlisted as a soldier among them, leaving his pastoral charge to be supplied by another. Being a universal favorite with all, he was soon promoted chaplain of the regiment. He died of typhoid fever in March, 1865, at City Point, Virginia. His death was supposed to have been caused by his making too great exertions in building a chapel in camp. His remains were taken to Moscow, his early home, for interment. His age was 29 years.

THE OLDEST INHABITANTS.

Among the people have died at an advanced age in Franklin, Mrs. Mary Besteder died at the house of her son-in-law, John Culver, in 1861, in her 92nd year. Her maiden name was Mary Schuyler, and she was a near relative of General Schuyler of the Revolution. She lived in New Jersey when a child, and said she remembered hearing the roar of the cannon at the battle of Princeton. She had lived through the Revolution, and died just at the time when our civil war commenced. She had lived many years in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Mary Dymond died about five years ago, at the house of her son, Isaac Dymond, aged 105 years. She remembered many interesting events of the Revolution; among them, seeing General Washington and other great men. Her maiden name was Mary Lossing. She was born in New Jersey, but had lived many years in Pennsylvania. These old ladies retained the powers of intellect until they died.

The oldest man in the township is James Hadsall, whose 94th birthday occurred on the 20th of March, 1880. He is the son of Edward Hadsall, whose father James was killed by the Indians in 1778, just a little way down Sutton creek below where Mr. Hadsall now lives. He has spent most of his life in Exeter, but has lived in Franklin about thirty years. His wife is some years his junior. They have been married more than seventy years.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The first justice of the peace was Benjamin Newberry, who came with the early settlers and located where James Casterlin now lives. The following is a list of the justices

who have been elected (the elections of 1875 and 1880 in March, the others in April):

John R. Moore, 1844, 1853; Henry B. Howell, 1845; Ira Hallock, 1849; Eli R. Hallock, 1851; Charles Durland, 1851, 1856; James E. Durland, 1855; Milton Good, 1856, 1861; Palmer Harding, 1859; Daniel Davenport, 1864; Moses D. Ketcham, 1867, 1875; A. V. Snell, 1872, 1877; William Chandler, 1872; Walter Bodle, 1880.

M. D. Ketcham moved to Nebraska, and Walter Bodle was elected to finish his term of office.

FRANKLIN DURING THE REBELLION.

Franklin township did her share toward putting down the Rebellion. A number of young men enlisted in the beginning of the war. There were drafts in 1862, 1863 and 1865. To prevent the draft in 1864 the township raised by subscription over \$2,000, which was paid as a bounty to volunteers. There was a war tax in Franklin, which amounted to \$3,000. The news of the draft of 1865 came about the time that peace was declared. The following are the names of the soldiers who went from Franklin:

Joseph Hess, Coe Durland, Samuel B. Snell, Winfield Snell, James Smith, Simeon Lewis, Jephtha Lewis, William Reisler, Richard Waters, George Waring, John Morris, Martin Anthony, John Anthony, Ruslin Ketcham, Oliver Smith, Samuel Smith, Isaac Howell, Charles Dymond, Mallery Williams, Matthew Pemberton, William Winters, Homer Ferry, Charles Hadsall, Isaac Hadsall, Adelbert Lord.

Of these soldiers Joseph Hess was killed on the day that his term of service expired. George Waring, Oliver Smith and Adelbert Lord died in the service. Mallery Williams was a while in Libby prison. Samuel B. Snell was wounded on the 1st of July, 1863, at Gettysburg, by a ball which entered his cheek and remained in his head until the following Christmas morning, when in coughing the ball came out of his mouth.

Dr. J. B. Culver enlisted in 1862 at Shickshinny, with a company that afterward formed a part of the 149th Bucktail brigade. He was taken sick and discharged, but served as a surgeon until the close of the war, when he returned to Franklin, his former home. So far as is known, all of those soldiers who returned are yet living.

John Price, of Franklin, enlisted in Wilkes-Barre in 1872, with a recruiting officer, and went out to fight the Indians. He served five years and returned to his home.

Although Franklin was in the main loyal, there were some persons who were said to be in sympathy with the Rebellion. On this supposition, perhaps, a party of that class of people from some of the other townships came into Orange and entered a hotel, and began to hurrah for Jeff Davis. As it happened a party of loyal young men were present, among whom were Rasselas and Myron Brown, Dr. J. B. and D. O. Culver, Chandler and Mallery Williams and Calvin Dymond. These young men soon cleared the room of the friends of Jeff Davis, besides whipping two or three of them soundly. Myron Brown and Calvin Dymond especially distinguished themselves. The party left, not as they came, in defiant mood, but glad to escape without broken bones.