

Obituary.

John Christian Franzki was born in Unter Eisenheim in Wurtemberg, Germany, July 5th, 1819; he came to America in 1852, and was married to Miss Sophia Stahl in Philadelphia, August 24th, 1854. The first years of their married life were spent in Philadelphia and Myers-town, Pa. In 1865 at the close of the war they moved to Shelby, O., where they built up a christian home and character, which they leave as a most precious memory to their children, grand-children and many friends. Mr. Franzki was a good soldier of the Republic, his adopted country in the time of her needs and even in his painful sickness was enthusiastic as one of the old veterans of the war when decoration day came, and was only satisfied when carried to see the boys pass by in their march to decorate the graves of their comrades in Loudonville cemetery, and then went back to bed to wait in patience his own last hour. He was not only a good soldier in war, but a good citizen in the time of peace, and greatly respected by the citizens of Shelby.

In business he was quite a skilled cabinet maker and many pieces of elegant furniture will be valued as the work of his skilled fingers which have now lost their cunning.

Physically he was a man of strong constitution and full of vital activity until his fatal sickness laid him aside at the home of his daughter Mrs. Weber whom he came to visit on the eleventh of last January and has received the loving care of Mr. and Mrs. Weber, to the last moment, as also from his other children when present to minister the filial ministries of a christian family.

Our brother has suffered all those long weeks with remarkable christian fortitude, trusting in Jesus for complete and eternal salvation. He received the calls of the pastors, and others who frequently called to see him with a good deal of pleasure and once during his sickness received the holy communion in company with some of the members of his family.

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His wife preceded him to the heavenly world April 5th, 1895, and our brother departed this life for the reunions of heaven, July 4, 1897, aged 77 years, 11 months and 29 days.

He leaves four loving daughters with their husbands and children to think of him. "Though dead, yet speaking:"

Miraculous Escapes.

Many have escaped great suffering and an untimely death by not putting off but