

SOPHIA STAHL, was born in Ensberg, Wurtemberg Germany, on the 26th., day of October, 1828, and came to America in 1853 and settled in Philadelphia, Pa. Here at the age of 25 years she was united in marriage to Christian Franzki, on the 24th day of August 1854. They lived in Philadelphia one year, when they moved to Myerstown, Pa., where they resided some 10 years. In 1865 immediately after the close of the war of the Rebellion, they emigrated to Ohio, and have since lived in Shelby. Seven children were born to them, three of whom have preceded their mother to the land beyond; two having died in Pennsylvania and one in Shelby. Deceased has been ill for more than a year and suffered untold agony a great part of the time. Kind hands have ministered while medical science has been taxed for her relief. She died at the home of her daughter Anna, on April 5th 1895, at 2:30 P. M., aged 66 years, 5 months and 10 days. The aged husband, four daughters, and nine grand-children remain to mourn her loss and revere her memory. She was a woman of striking characteristics, strong, even to the danger line, in the bent of her effort. She was one to lead not follow, to direct rather than to imitate. Hers was one of those positive characters such as meet with opposition, hence one could not but feel the force of her will. During those awful years of the Rebellion, when her husband stood in line with the famous "Pennsylvania Bucktails," and fought for his adopted country under the stars and stripes, his devoted wife, not less a patriot, was bending every energy to care for the family at home and lay away the paltry \$13.00 per month allowed her husband as a soldier on the tented field. All praise to the heroine. All honor to the wife in her devotion to the country she had adopted as her own. Deceased was reared a Lutheran, but was too independent in her methods of thinking to subscribe, exclusively, to any creed, holding the Bible to be of private interpretation, she was indeed a law unto herself. The funeral was held at the M. E. Church on Sabbath P. M., April 7th. Re. H. Place officiating. *