

## A BIT OF PIONEER HISTORY

In your issue of the 6<sup>th</sup> of January was an article headed 'Takes an Exception', by 'RIX' undoubtedly referring to an article appearing in THE ERA of December 22 1881, entitled 'He Alone Survives'. In the article by 'RIX' I agree, and with your permission I will give you the names by families from the year 1817 to the close of 1825.

Of all the family of the Grahams living is Mrs. Mary Graham, wife of the late John Shippey, daughter of Alexander Graham, the first settler of Avon, or of Oakland Co, March 17, 1817; of George Postle family living are Geo. W. Postle of Avon, Mrs. Sarah Ransford of Avon, and Rhoda Trowbridge of Troy; emigrated in 1818. Of the John Hershey family, James A. Hershey of Oakland; emigrated 1818. Of the Roger Sprague family, Roger Sprague of Avon, Ashael Sprague of Saginaw, Thomas Sprague of California; emigrated 1821. Of the Cyrus Chipman family, Cyrus A. of Avon, Samuel F., John and William, all of Wisconsin; emigrated in 1821. Of the Stephen Shippey family, Smith Shippey of Avon, Mrs. Abigail Brooks of Genesee Co, Mrs. Caroline Cook of Ill., Edward and Nicholas of Lapeer Co.; emigrated 1822. Of William Burbank's family, Mrs. Esther Greene of Avon; emigrated 1823. Col. John Frank, 1823. Of the Sturgis family Benjamin Sturgis of Troy, how many others living I cannot tell; 1823. Of the Nathaniel Millard family, Orestus of Avon, and Charles of Arkansas; emigrated 1823. Of the Michard Vanwagner family, Nave and Lorenzo of Oxford; emigrated 1824. Of the James Green family, Champton and Chauncy of Farmington, and Calvin A. of Avon. Of the Cornelius Decker family, Elizabeth of Kent Co. Of the Benjamin Horton family is Christian Z. of Avon, George of California, Jesse M. of Grand Traverse, Hugh A. of Ill., and Mrs. Elsie of Avon, emigrated 1823. Of the Ebenezer Knight family, Nathan of Bay Co., Potter of Bloomfield, Peter of Avon; emigrated 1825. Of the Levi LeRoy's family, Henry H. of Detroit, Peter F. of Avon, Daniel of Genesee Co., and Abraham of Pontiac; emigrated 1825.

All of the above the writer was personally acquainted with before the close of the year 1825. There are others if I had the time to make inquires of their names and residences. Mr. Lyman Willcox came to Michigan in 1824, in Troy in 1825 and Rochester in 1827.

This is not gotten up for criticism, still am willing to be criticized as to date and facts.

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