

Thomson Jr b July 28-1891 3 Edward Jr. b Sept 22-1864. 4
Sophia, b Apr 24-1867.

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Priscilla Delano,

AN EVENTFUL LIFE OF NEARLY 104 YEARS.

KENT'S OLDEST CITIZEN.

Born December 11th, 1793, at Plymouth, Mass.

Died July 9th, 1897, at Kent, Ohio.

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It was a sad message that the "Courier" carried to the public last Friday—that Grandma Spooner was no more.

During the past few weeks this venerable lady had been growing weaker.

It was a peaceful sleeping away. The supposition is that she died about three o'clock.

For years Mrs. Spooner was one of the most noted persons in Northern Ohio. Her birthday was always the object of much interest. That one could live to such an age and still retain all their faculties seemed miraculous.

She passed her one-hundredth birthday anniversary and started on her second century, bright, cheerful and happy. This event was celebrated in the Universalist church, of which the deceased was a member, with due *eclat*. Hundreds came to grasp the hand of the centenarian and wish her many more years of life. For each one she had a kind word of greeting or advice.

She was an honest Christian woman whose life was full of kind acts to all with whom she was connected. She had passed through joys and sorrows, triumphs and failures. She lived twenty-six years before Queen Victoria was born. During her life time great inventors, famous statesmen and noted writers have come and gone.

The place where we now live was at the time of her birth beyond the borders of civilization. She lived before the steamboat, the telegraph or the telephone were known.

Born while Washington was President, she has lived under the administration of every President of the United States.

Priscilla Delano Sanford Spooner was born in Plymouth, Mass., daughter of Captain Judah Delano. When she was a small child her father moved to Portland, Maine. He owned and was captain of a passenger packet plying between Portland and Boston.

Captain Delano often took one of his children with him on these trips. During one of them Priscilla took a deep interest in some object in the water and while gazing intently upon it she fell overboard. There was excitement on the boat and it was supposed that Priscilla's life was lost. While looking for his child the father saw her long hair floating on the water. He caught the hair with his hands and pulled the nigh-drowned child from the water. It was some time before she fully recovered from her startling experience.

At the time of Washington's death in 1799, there was a parade in Portland. Priscilla's older brother and sister were in the parade