

always belonged to a military organization, and was generally an officer. He was commissioned Major of the Second Battalion, First Regiment of the Morris Brigade, on the 31st of Oct., 1834, and acted as Major Commanding until he removed to Michigan in 1841.

He was an ardent patriot, and held it a duty to attend the celebration of Independence Day.

The young woman whom he married was the oldest child of Capt. Ephraim Sanders, and was born December 23rd, 1792, in the village of Mendham, where her father was living and working at blacksmithing. Having a natural taste for learning, and good opportunities for attending the district schools of those days, she became very proficient in reading, writing and spelling, with a slight knowledge of arithmetic. When 15 years of age she went into a tailor's shop in Morristown, where she learned the trade in all its branches. After leaving the shop she worked in the families of the community in which she lived, cutting and making men's clothing of all kinds, her work being always in demand.

She continued to follow her trade until March, 1812, on the 29th of which month she was married to Samuel L. Axtell. From that time until his death, June 21st, 1855, her goings and comings are narrated in his biography, except that on the 30th of Aug., 1821, she started from the Jersey settlement, Licking Co., Ohio, in company with a Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, to visit her parents in N. J. The journey was made in a one-horse covered wagon, with a led horse which Mr. Johnson was taking east to sell. A great part of the distance she rode the extra horse. She returned with the Johnsons, arriving at home October 28th, 1821.

After moving to Michigan she visited New Jersey three times: in 1843; in 1849 to assist in nursing her sick father in his last illness, returning in the summer of 1850; and again in the spring and summer of 1853.

After the death of her husband, in 1855, she made her home with her son-in-law, Jonathan Welts, husband of Nancy K. Axtell, until his death in Feb., 1875, after which she continued to reside with his widow until October, 1881, when, after Nancy K.'s re-marriage, she went to Mt. Clemens to live with her daughter, Martha D. Hayes. She was now in her 89th year and never had been a very robust woman, but her health and strength was good for one of her age. Soon after changing her residence her health began to fail, and towards the last of November she was considered dangerously ill, and on the 4th of December, 1881, after an illness of nine days, soon after noon she expired in the possession of all her faculties, aged 88 years and 11 months.

On the seventh of December she was buried by the side of her husband, being followed to the cemetery by seven of her eight living children. She had outlived by several years all her brothers and sisters. Of her immediate descendants she left eight children, twenty-four grand-children and nineteen great-grand-children.

In religion she was a Presbyterian. In the prime of life she was a trifle over five feet in height, of rather full habit, weighing,