

- Moses Battiest to Fanny Stout, L, 12-7-1807.
 Eli Scotton to Isabella McElvy, L, 12-26-1807.
 John Norris to Rebecca Skinner, L, 4-11-1808.
 Jacob Bullock to Betsy Edwards, L, 12-1-1809.
 William Simmons to Nancy Kyger, L, 1-10-1810.
 Benoni Richards to Ruth Adair, L, 4-14-1810.
 Asa Rollf to Celany Eads, L, 5-28-1810, M, 6-7-1810.
 William Fred to Abigail Rockaffer, L, 10-30-1810, M, 10-31-1810.
 Samuel Johnston to Betsy Farran, L, 11-6-1810, M, 11-8-1810.
 James Wiley to Elizabeth Williams, L, 4-6-1811, M, 4-7-1811.
 Henry Myers to Lucinda Munday, L, 10-29-1812, M, 11-6-1812.
 (All of the above licenses were issued by Samuel C. Vance, Clerk.)
 James Hardin to Catharine Cloud, L, 9-15-1813, M, 9-16-1813.
 James Terrell Cornelius to Jane Cloud, L, 10-30-1813, M, 11-25-1813.
 James Gauloigne to Charlotte Marchant, L, 5-10-1814, M, 6-9-1814.
 by William Major, Justice of the Peace.
 Simeon Razor to Polly Allensworth, L, 10-29-1814, M, 11-10-1814.
 David Garey to Prudence White, L, 12-17-1814, M, 12-22-1814, by
 William Major.
 Warren Tibbs to Elizabeth Ashby, L, 1-26-1815, M, 1-29-1815, by
 William Major.
 Michael Farrand to Sarah Fowler, L, 2-10-1815, M, 2-23-1815, by
 William Major.
 Joseph Parks to Sarah Johnston, L, 3-22-1815, M, 4-27-1815, by
 William Major.
 William Allen to Elizabeth Eades, L, 9-5-1815, M, 9-7-1815, by
 William Major.
 (All of the above licenses were issued by James Dill, Clerk).

OBITUARIES IN THE WESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

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The Genealogical Records Committee of the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Indianapolis, is abstracting the obituaries and marriages from the *Western Christian Advocate*, a Methodist newspaper which has been published weekly at Cincinnati since May 2, 1834. The bound volumes were borrowed through the Indiana State Library from the DePauw University Library, one of the few libraries in the United States which has an almost complete file. Although a Methodist paper, some obituaries and marriages of persons of other denominations are included. In the case of the obituaries of Methodists, the church affiliation of the parents is sometimes given; this information is included in the abstracts as it may

be helpful to genealogists in finding baptismal or other church records.

Most of the obituaries, especially the earlier ones, are full of the religious history of the deceased and his family. Some quite lengthy accounts furnish little of a genealogical nature while others, perhaps much shorter, have a wealth of information. Unfortunately for descendants, the persons writing the obituaries often failed to give information available at the time which would be invaluable now. Following are two sample abstracts, picked at random, to show the type of information which may be found:

IRENA MITCHELL, b. Sep. 2, 1791, Chesterfield, N.H.; d. Jan. 15, 1845, Pekin, Ill.; dau. of Mr. Bigelow; m. Mar. 1813, Joseph Mitchell, Jr.; son of late Rev. Joseph Mitchell. Issue: 10 children (7 dead). Sister of late Rev. Russell Bigelow of Ohio Conference; family to Ohio in 1813. Vol. 12, p. 8 (April 25, 1845).

GEORGE WILL, d. Mar. 27, 1845, in 72d year, Adelphi, Ohio; m. about 1795. Number of children not given. In Gen. Wayne's Army in 1794; wounded in battle of Maumee; in 1796-97 to Scioto Valley, 12 to 15 miles N. E. of Chillicothe, O.; in War of 1812; 1st lt. 26th regt., U. S. inf.; in 1815 to Adelphi, O.; postmaster; Ohio legislature. Vol. 12, p. 8 (April 25, 1845).

Most of the obituaries tell about the family migrations; this information is included in the abstracts as a help to tracing families through census records or land entries. Some obituaries are merely death notices and contain no genealogical helps at all—not even the exact date or place of death. These are included, however, as they will give an approximate idea of the time and place of death. The earlier obituaries were usually signed with the name of the writer, his place of residence, and the date of writing. Too much reliance cannot be placed on locating a person by such clues, however, for one of the writer's great-great-grandmothers died in Coshocton County, Ohio, and her obituary was written and signed by a Hancock County, Indiana, minister who knew the family.

Not many marriages are listed. The earlier volumes have one or two per year. Later volumes give only marriages of ministers; some volumes have none at all. Up to January 1, 1945, nine volumes have been completed covering the years between 1834 and 1847. Volumes for some of these years are not available. The abstracted material (covering about 3,700 deaths and 450 marriages) is being typed and bound. One copy will be placed in the Genealogy Room, Indiana State Library.