

MRS. MARY JENKINS, 93, DIES

ONE OF CITY'S VERY FIRST SETTLERS PASSES AWAY.

Came to Fort Wayne From Maine in 1835—Descendent of Historic King-Fairfield Family.

Mrs. Mary King Fairfield Jenkins died at her late residence, 415 East Wayne street, at 6 o'clock this morning at the age of 93 years. With the passing of Mrs. Jenkins goes one of the city's oldest residents, a pioneer of beautiful character, whose memory was rich with the experience and tradition of the days when Fort Wayne contained a few little log huts and many Indians. Mrs. Jenkins, though steadily growing weaker for the last twelve months, was as well as usual Friday, and the nurse found her resting easy at midnight. But at 6 o'clock this morning she slept peacefully away without a struggle.

Mrs. Jenkins was born Sept. 8, 1823, at Kenneybunkport, Me. In June, 1835, she came to Fort Wayne with her father, Captain Oliver Fairfield, making the trip slowly by the rude means of transportation then available, using stage coaches, river craft and walking part of the distance.

After arriving in this city Mrs. Jenkins, with her father, settled in a little log cabin in Columbia street, between Clinton and Barr streets, the most available place and within the

protection of the old fort for a shield against the Indians. The family later purchased the home on the south side of Berry street, between Barr and Lafayette streets, now the residence of Dr. G. N. M. Bowei.

On Feb. 2, 1843, she was united in marriage to James B. Hanna, the eldest son of Honorable Samuel Hanna. The husband died Aug. 21, 1851. Mrs. Jenkins later married Barnett Jenkins, Oct. 4, 1859. They then lived in Lafayette until the death of Mr. Jenkins, in 1887, when the deceased returned to Fort Wayne and made her home with her daughter, with whom she had resided for the past twenty years and at whose home death occurred.

The deceased was a member of the First Presbyterian church and was so affiliated when the congregation held services in the court room on the southeast corner of the square for want of a church building. Those were in the days when Rev. Alexander T. Rankins, who subsequently united Mrs. Jenkins in marriage, was pastor.

Mrs. Jenkins was the immediate descendent of a family whose name has often appeared on the pages of history. Both Fairfields and Kings have served as governors of states, and among Mrs. Jenkins' direct ancestors have been a vice-president of the United States, a governor of New York, a president of Columbia college, General Charles King, the present-day novelist, is a member of the family.

A son and daughter of the first marriage survive Mrs. Jenkins—Oliver Samuel Hanna and Miss W. L. Cannahan. A son, James Thomas Hanna, is deceased. There are nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.