

home-made linen and wool cloth is in possession of her daughter, Mrs. Malin.

The families of Copleys and Malins settled near the Warrens, Maria Copley married David Malin, who died young, leaving her with a large family, but with the help of her older boys she kept her home and had the sympathy of all who knew her. She lived to be old and died with her only daughter in Painesville.

Almira Felton, born in Erie county, N. Y., wife of Isaac ~~Booth~~, died in Thompson, leaving three boys and two little girls. He afterwards married Sarah Pike Copley, a widow, who cared for the children as if they were her own. While a widow she studied and commenced the practice of medicine, continuing until age with its infirmities longer prevented. She attended patients in fourteen towns.

Mercy Pike married Phillip Fredabaugh, of Pennsylvania. They were poor, depending upon their work for a livelihood; she spinning and taking her pay in milk, butter, etc., he threshing with a flail for his neighbors and receiving pay in grain, then after his day's work carried it on his back to the river mill, brought the grist home, and worked again the next day as usual. They had nine children, which were a great help to them in later years.

The family of Pikes came from Maine with an ox team; were almost an entire season on the road.

Welthy Rodgers, wife of Israel Comestock, was a pioneer in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and very eloquent in prayer.

Ellen McKinstry Daniels was a quiet woman, whose husband was drowned on Lake Erie on his way home from a visit to the East.

Moses Murphy and wife left New York State for the West, not knowing where they would locate, and only brought what could be loaded in one wagon. A good locality for hunting and fishing was his ideal. Arriving in Thompson he decided this was the spot for hunting, while Grand River being near was the place for fish. She was a great spinner; also wove coverlets. The first apple tree grown in Thompson was on their farm, from seeds they brought. At a reunion of the Murphys last year

#### FIFTY DESCENDANTS

were present.

Jane Morse, of a pioneer family of Perry, O., married Enoch Scott in 1820. Together they commenced life in a log house in the west part of town. With little to begin with, her spinning wheel

and loom soon abundantly supplied the family with bedding and clothing. They labored and prayed for the upbuilding of the church in this place.

Roxey Montgomery, whose parents were among the first settlers of the Reserve, married Abiel Scott. They had their share of pioneer life, and lived to see the grand old woods fall before the pioneers' ax. A son served in the civil war, as did many other boys of these pioneer mothers, of whom we would be glad to speak.

Freedom Pomeroy, wife of Chester Gee, was eminent for her piety, always praying with her face toward Jerusalem. She reared a large family in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. A daughter, Fidella, was among the early school teachers. Later she spent several years in Utah, as a missionary, and is now living in Painesville. She brought a young girl from a Mormon family, and educated her in the ladies' seminary at Painesville.

Mrs. Daniel Mathews, whose maiden name was Benson, was a pioneer mother whose place is hard to fill. Squire Goodrich, a brother-in-law, was the first shoemaker in town. He was usually paid for making and mending boots and shoes in pork and beef.

Ruth Packard came with her parents from Vermont, married Luman Stockwell, son of the first couple married in Thompson, and is now living in Painesville, and can tell many stories of pioneer life. A good deal of their property was made from an ashery. I think they built the first two-story house in town. It was painted white, with green blinds.

Mrs. Uri Blakeslee (Lucy Brooks, from New Malbro, Mass.) would often compose poetry while at her work. She was well educated, and a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Almina Blakeslee Webster and family settled near our present village, coming from Massachusetts. She lived to be very old.

Lydia Peck, of Mad River, O., wife of Ettrimer Warren, was mother of a sweet little girl with curly hair named Martha. With her twin brother she walked three miles to Sunday school, wearing a striped blue and white linen dress made by her mother. Later she married Henry Hulbert, and now is one of the few pioneer mothers living. She is great-grandmother of the eight children of the sixth generation of Burtletts and Hulburts.

In 1838 came the Sacketts, Austins, Arnolds, and Grahams from New Jersey, and settled in the west part of town—all good citizens. The Austin women were weavers, and had plenty