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#### DEATH OF JOHN STURM

Death has again visited our neighborhood and last Sunday night at 7:50 o'clock laid his icy hand on John STURM, who was the last surviving member of the first family that came to make their home in Green township, Shelby county. John STURM was born Jan. 31, 1813, on Sturm's Creek, Clark county, Ohio, and died October 19, 1881, aged 71 years, 8 months and 19 days. He was a son of Henry and Elizabeth STURM, who with their families moved on Mosquito Creek in 1815, and commenced to clear out a farm on a section of land then in the wilderness and four years before Shelby county was laid out. Henry STURM was successful in his effort in making a home on which he raised his large family of children, and managed to see them all comfortably situated before he died, which occurred June 11, 1832, at the age of 73 years. George and John STURM who were twin brothers and were the youngest of the family of fourteen children, took care of their aged mother, and managed to buy 134 acres of their father's farm, which they worked together for many years in perfect harmony as they were twins, and more alike, up to the meridian of their lives, than any two men I ever knew, about which time George STURM sold his interest in the farm to John STURM and moved to Illinois where he lived but a few months when he moved back to Ohio and bought his father-in-law's (Isaac STOUT) farm in Perry township, this county, where he lived up to his death Sept. 28, 1883. John STURM was married to Rachel BARBEE July 30, 1834, by which union they have had seven children, one of which died in early life; there are six yet living, viz: Elias B. STURM, Julia A. COMER, John F. STURM, David I. STURM, Mary E. JACKSON, and Eliza J. FIDDLER. There are 18 grandchildren. The death of John STURM is a clamity: not only to his devoted wife and beloved children, but to the entire community in which he lived, as he was a man, who to know, was to respect, for his industry, his integrity, his christian life was above reproach, and as a neighbor and citizen he had no peers, --on last Friday night--he was taken ill with a heart afflection prompted by indigestion. Dr. J.C. LEEDOM was called, who gave him medical treatment, which for some time gave him relief, as on Saturday he rested well, and that night slept well up to 4 o'clock on Sunday morning when he was again taken with a severe pain in the left side. The doctor was promptly summoned, and spent the greater part of Sunday at his bedside, but before noon, Mr. STURM had sunk into a collapsed condition from which he never rallied. He told his wife that morning that he must go, that he had a home in Heaven.

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#### CEDAR POINT CEMETERY

The Cedar Point Cemetery at Pasco (Perry Township, Shelby County) was organized in 1885. An old table, still in use & apparently used in the original office, was recently found to have these words written on the underside of the middle drawer:

"Geo. W. Mitchell was Sexton at Cedar Point Ending Mar. 1, 1896"  
Mr. Mitchell (b1837; d 1908) is buried in Section A in Cedar Point Cemetery.