

AN AGED COUPLE.
LIVED THERE FOR MANY YEARS
NOW RESIDENTS OF THE
WEST.

Herewith are shown the portraits of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor Bennett, who left Wilkes-Barre many years ago to make a home for themselves and children in the West. They now reside in Flanders, South Dakota. They are natives of Luzerne County, Mr. Bennett of Hagerstown, and Mrs. Bennett of Hagerstown. They were married in 1846. Mr. Bennett is a member of the Bennett family, noted in this valley in Revolutionary War days.

Mr. Bennett was born on the 21st of July, 1811. Mrs. Bennett on the 21st of May, 1813. They were late residents of Luzerne County, as it has been their family paper for many years.

Mr. Bennett while here was a carpenter and builder, and a number of the houses he built in this valley are still standing. He was building houses in Wilkes-Barre some six or ten years ago. He also built the Shermaker brick house in Forty Fort, opposite the cemetery.

He, assisted by his brother, Josiah Bennett, and Joseph V. Robbins and William H. Hutton of Hutton street.

MRS. J. T. BENNETT, Dakota.

J. TALOR BENNETT, Dakota.

this city, built the first church ever built in Plymouth, the M. E. Church, that was afterwards moved to Forty Fort by Hon. John B. Smith.

These aged people are still quite well, and until lately lived on their little farm and did their own work.

Mr. Bennett still writes with a bold, firm hand. In a letter recently he says: "I will pay you a five line and let you know that we are all well here, and will send you a postoffice money order to pay for our paper another year. We cannot get along without it. God bless you. We are likely to stop here for another eight or ten years, and maybe longer. Well done for people nearly a hundred years of age."

Henrietta (Shiner) Bennett and John Taylor Bennett 1903 news article

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