

# Obituary

**SPEIDEL**—Another of Black Rock's oldest settlers has gone to join the great majority on the other side of Jordan, Joseph Speidel; was one of the pioneers of Black Rock, and has lived to see the place grow from a wilderness to what it is at the present time. But his call came Monday at 5p. m., and he passed peacefully away at his residence, 232 Dearborn street. Six weeks before his daughter Lena died, and this seemed to affect him considerably, as he pined away gradually since that time, and three weeks ago took to his bed. At the time of his death he was aged 75 years, 5 months and 10 days. Joseph Speidel was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, but came to Black Rock over 54 years ago, when there was very, little civilization here and before there was, any church. He was married in the old St. Louis' church on Main street Sept. 8, 1846. Some years ago he kept a blacksmith shop where Striker's jewelry store now is on Niagara street, between Hamilton and Amherst streets. When St-Francis Xavier's church was built he was one of the leading spirits in the work, and he was a charter member and helped to organize the St. Francis Xavier Aid Society. He leaves to mourn his loss a widow, six sons, and three daughters. One son, Joseph, and two daughters are in California and the other daughter in St, Louis, Mo. The others reside in Black Rock and Buffilo. **The** funeral took place Thursday, morning, the remains being laid away in the River Road burying ground,