

News clippings from the Manchester Enterprise
1877-1899
Related to Richard Sutton, his Family & the
Iron Creek Neighborhood

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11703 Noggles Road - Grant Sutton family about 1902
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IRON CREEK.

The Ladies Social of the First Free-will Baptist Church, of Manchester, was organized at the residence of Mr. John Rushton, Wednesday evening, the 10th inst., by the church and general society, for the purpose of benefiting and entertaining the old and young of the surrounding country.

The house was called to order by S. W. Door. Mrs. John G. English was appointed President pro tem. The following officers were elected for two months: President—Mrs. John Rushton; Vice-President—Mrs. Wright Miller; Treasurer—Miss Martha Taylor; Secretary—Miss Mary Sutton. The next social will be held January 24th, at the residence of William Johnson.

We learn that Rev. E. B. Sutton, son of Rev. B. Sutton, of this township, is meeting with grand success as a minister of the gospel. He is on the Blissfield circuit and converted 78 during the month of September.

Rev. R. Sutton, of this town, came to market on Saturday, with thirty bushels of wheat, and as he was driving along Exchange Place, the front axle of his wagon broke down. The wagon was a Studebaker, and had only been run two years. Kimble, the agent, put in a new axle, without charge. The Studebakers should use better timber.

FROM IRON CREEK

FROM IRON CREEK.

Our neighborhood was startled by an alarm of fire on Thursday noon, Feb. 6. The fire originated in the back part of the dwelling house of Richard Sutton, which would have been totally destroyed had it not been for the timely arrival of Mr. Samuel Ancliff and schoolboys, for whose services the family return their sincere thanks. Mr. Sutton was absent from home. The house was insured in the Southern Washtenaw.

Now is your time to get Scribner's

The following are the names of those who contributed to the relief fund at the Nicholas school house, District No. 3:

John Waters.....	\$ 5 00	Fred Bagshaw.....	\$ 5 00
William Beach.....	5 00	James Braman....	5 00
Sam. Ancliff.....	5 00	Joseph Hoxie....	5 00
Mr. M. Wellwood..	5 00	John Ancliff....	5 00
Chas. Beach.....	5 00	James Moore, Jr..	2 00
Stephen Wynant..	2 00	Chris. Walker....	2 00
Ernest Still.....	2 00	A. Ayleworth....	2 00
Alasco Sutton....	2 00	Mrs. Jane Waters	2 00
Thomas Rushton..	2 00	Charles Read....	2 00
William Waters..	2 00	Rev. R. Sutton..	1 00
George Sutton....	1 00	Jos. Myers.....	1 00
Tim Wellwood....	1 00	M. H. Reynolds..	1 00
C. Whiston.....	1 00	P. Millard.....	1 00
W. Ayers.....	1 00	J. Moore.....	1 00
Richard Giddens	1 00	Thos. Beach....	1 00
Mrs. E. Ayleworth	1 00	Charles Braman..	1 00
W. Cunningham..	75	Mrs. T. S. Allen..	50
John Sawyer.....	50	Mrs. Mary Ladd..	50
Peter Gash.....	50	Ella Wellwood..	25
Mrs. J. Moore....	25	Mrs. M. Withers..	25
Mrs. W. Harris....	25	Mrs. P. Mattoon..	25

Died.

SUTTON—In Manchester, on Thursday, Nov. 20th, 1884, of heart disease Rev. Richard Sutton, aged 72 years.

Was born in England, on the 13th day of March, 1812. Converted to God in his 18th year; he began preaching at once. Came to America when 19 years of age, and continued his labors under the auspices of the M. E. church until 1842, then united with the Wesleyan Methodist church, in which he has been an ordained elder two score of years.

He was an earnest worker in the abolition movement for the liberation of the slave; voting almost alone for years, and uttering no uncertain sound from the pulpit against the great crime of slavery. In his later years he espoused the cause of the temperance reform in the same earnest spirit, the last public act of his life being to vote the prohibition ticket for St. John & Daniels.

He was in usual health on the day of his death, and dropped dead while at his work, on Nov. 20th, 1884, aged 72 years 8 months and 7 days, leaving a wife, 10 children, 13 grandchildren, also three brothers and one sister. A good husband, a kind father, a faithful minister, an obliging neighbor, a true friend, has suddenly been called home to the Father's house on high; let us be also ready for we know not the moment when we shall also be called.

The funeral was at the Iron Creek church at 11 o'clock A. M., Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 1884, Rev. D. R. Shier officiating.

Grant Sutton who lives in the south part of this township claims to have raised 485 bushels of corn on three acres of ground. 145 bushels to the acre is a big yield.

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IRON CREEK.

Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Mattison have for the last two weeks been visiting the New Orleans exposition and other places of interest in the south.

V. B. Van Winkle's family have recently moved into their new house, built the past summer by Augustus Van Winkle and son, of Tecumseh. Geo. Wright, of Brooklyn, did the painting and graining in fines tyle.

The aspiring people in the vicinity of the Nichols district have organized a lyceum with Ella Wellwood president and Ben Sutton vice president. They meet Tuesday evenings and considerable interest is taken in this new project.

IRON CREEK.

The next social will be held at Mr. John G. English's Friday evening, the 22nd.

Mr. Robert Bower and Miss Luella Van Valkenburg were married last Thursday.

Rev. Van Winkle, of Manchester, preaches next Sunday at the church at 10:30 a. m.

The free will baptist woman's missionary society will hold a meeting at the church Saturday evening, the 30th. There will be an interesting program given and a good attendance is desired.

We were misinformed in regard to the officers elected at the lyceum held at the Nichols school house. A. J. Waters is president; Ben G. Sutton, vice president and Ella Wellwood, secretary. At their next meeting, Tuesday evening, the subject for debate will be, "Resolved that the liquor traffic has caused more misery than slavery."

IRON CREEK.

Don't fail to attend the oyster supper tomorrow evening at the church.

There will be preaching at the church next Sunday by Rev. W. A. Putman, of Hillsdale.

We learn that Richard Green and Geo. Grossman will each build a barn the coming summer.

There was a lyceum at the Evans Lake school house last Tuesday evening. The subject for debate was, "Resolved that the Church has more influence than has money." Those on the affirmative were: T. H. Rush-ton, Clyde Holden and A. J. Waters and on the negative, Ben Sutton, T. P. Wellwood and A. H. English.

IRON CREEK.

Miss. Hattie Osborn of Sharon visited at this place Saturday and Sunday.

The social club will hold its next meeting at Mrs. Ann Sutton's on Friday evening of this week.

Nearly all the corn hereabouts is husked and is reported to be very poor both in yield and quality.

Prof. Ashmun T. Salley of Hillsdale college delivered an able discourse at the F. B. church last Sunday, to which an appreciative audience listened.

The ordination of Myron D. Mack as a minister of the gospel took place last Sunday. Revs. A. B. Salley, H.M. Ford, C. H. Myers and J. W. Haggarty took part in the exercises.

A meeting of the young people of the neighborhood to organize a society with a good and noble object will be held at the residence of Albert D. English next Saturday evening.

The following named scholars attendant at the fall term of school in Dist. No. 8, received cards of honor for being neither absent nor tardy during the term: Emma Gall, Charles Stringham, Byron Lamson. Number enrolled 17, average attendance 13.

Married.

CURTIS—CURTIS.—At Litchfield on Tuesday Dec. 24, 1889, Mr. Booth N. Curtis and Miss Libbie L. Curtis, both of Litchfield.

SUTTON—BOWINS.—At Cayuga, Ont., on Wednesday Dec. 25, 1889, Mr. Grant R. Sutton of Manchester, and Miss Jennie S. Bowins of Cayuga.

NASH—BAKER.—In Mattoon, Ill., on Saturday Dec. 14th 1889 by Rev. Mr. Johnson, Mr. Francis M. Nash and Miss Addie Baker, all of Mattoon.

BALDWIN—BOACH.—At East Riverside, Cal., on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1889, Mr. Cren M. Baldwin of Colton, Cal., and Miss Edith Roach of East Riverside.

WIDMEYER—GIESKE.—At the residence of Lambert Gieske, the brides father, on Wednesday Jany. 1st 1890, by Rev. Mr. Voelker, Mr. Geo. Widmeyer and Miss Christina Gieske.

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The funeral of the three-months-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Grant Sutton of Iron Creek was held at the Iron Creek church on Tuesday, Rev Cope of this village officiating. Interment was at Oak Grove cemetery.

IRON CREEK.

Farmers are sowing oats this week.

School began in the Palmes-district last Monday.

Miles A. Martin will move upon his new place this week.

The Holms brothers are making preparations to build a cider mill.

Charles, Ambrose, Laverne and Esther Kirk have gone to Chicago to live.

Miss Maud E. Lapham spent Sunday in Sharon with Miss Hattie Osborn.

Wheat fields present a very green appearance and there is promise of a good hay crop also.

Oswill Curtis of Ballston, N. Y., was a visitor at L. M. Baldwin's the fore part of the week.

The newly elected finance committee of F. B. church society are J. R. Holmes, B. F. Mattison and A. D. English.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the church of this place Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3, Revs. H. M. Ford and J. K. Moury are expected to preach.

The social last Friday evening at W. E. Pease's was not very well attended, probably owing to the inclement weather. There was a short programme and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The next meeting of the S. W. farmers' club will be held at "Elba Farm," residence of Frank Spalard, on Friday afternoon May 1st. There will be a programme of literary exercises and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The rural schools of the township have nearly all begun for the spring term and following is a list of teachers and their respective positions: Allie Lazell, No. 4; Ida Sloat, No. 5; Mary Schaffer, No. 6; Ellen Rushton, No. 8; Miriam Renshaw, No. 9; Maud Lapham, No. 2, fractional; Jessie B. Allen, No. 4 fractional.

Sunday school was reorganized last Sunday and the following officers were chosen:

Superintendent—B. F. Mattison.
 Ass't Supt.—Miss Jessie Allen.
 Secretary—Mrs. Jennie Sutton.
 Treasurer—Mrs. Wm. B. Rushton.
 Librarian—C. D. McNahon.
 Ass't Librarian—Miss Saisie Johnson.

IRON CREEK.

School closed in district number 8 Friday of last week.

Robert Wellwood went to Ann Arbor Monday to serve as juryman.

Miss Esther Matthews of Clinton visited friends in town the latter part of last week.

Sunday school was reorganized Sunday with the following list of officers:

- Superintendent--B. F. Matteson,
- Ass't Superintendent--Mrs. J. R. Holmes,
- Secretary--Miss Georgia Rushton,
- Treasurer--Miss Stella English,
- Librarian--Miss Lou M. Payne,
- Organist--Mrs. Jennie Sutton.

Bulk oysters direct from Baltimore every Thursday at N. Senger's east side grocery store.

New spring stock now open at Anderson & Co's.

IRON CREEK.

Rev. Roynton preaches once in two weeks at the Nichols school house.

Owing to the quarterly meeting to be held at Macon Saturday and Sunday, there will be no preaching at the church here Sunday morning.

John Horning and George Green of Norvell, Corick Dorr and Henry Mellenkamp of Sharon and their wives spent Thursday last at A. A. Stringham's.

At the covenant meeting Saturday the following delegates were chosen to attend the S. M. at Macon: Messrs. J. R. Holmes, J. G. English, George Payne, and Mrs. Ann Sutton.

The young people meet at the church on Sunday to organize a society to hold meetings every two weeks, similar to the christian endeavor and Epworth league meetings. All the young people are requested to be present at this first meeting.

A goodly number attended the mission meeting Sunday evening to listen to an excellent programme consisting of a recitation by Miss Mamie Payne, an essay by Miss Ida Pilbeam, select readings by Miss Flora Herman, Miss Lucy English and Mrs. George Bowins, remarks by Rev. Boynton, music and the usual opening exercises. The object is principally to collect funds to support a Zenana teacher in India.

Born.

SUTTON.—In Seattle, Washington, on Wednesday, Aug. 24, 1892, to Mr. & Mrs. E. B. Sutton an eight pound daughter.

IRON CREEK.

Miss Lucy English is still on the sick list.

Rev. Lewis of Hilledale preached here last Sunday.

Miss Nona Webb of Hudson is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Porter Bower.

Miss Flora Hartman spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Filber, in Bridgewater.

Sheldon E. Mattison of Grass Lake visited friends in this vicinity last Wednesday.

Mrs. Ruth Patchin of Traverse City has been visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Watkins.

The item last week concerning the present to Mrs. Sutton by the choir, should rather have conveyed the idea that it was presented by members and friends of the church.

Plowing for oats is occupying the farmer's attention for the present. They should heat their oats in a hot water preparation and get rid of the much-dreaded smut. Information on this subject may be had by writing the secretary of the agricultural college.

IRON CREEK.

Henry Fox of Uniontown, Pa., spent Sunday with his friend Fred Hall.

Rev. A. J. Davis remains among his parishioners here for a visit this week.

Many in this vicinity are suffering from the prevailing epidemic of coughs and sore throat.

Miss Libbie Hant, who visited friends here last week, went to Newburg Monday to remain the balance of the winter.

Miss Ida Silkworth resumed teaching in the Zimmerman district on Monday. Miss Belle Hardy had taught in her absence.

There will be no services at the church Sunday owing to the quarterly meeting at Macon being held Saturday and Sunday.

The following delegates were chosen to represent our church at the quarterly meeting at Macon: Mrs. Ann Sutton, Mrs. Geo. Bowins, J. G. English and Byron Hunt.

Miss Swift, formerly of Eaton Rapids, now engaged in mission work, visited the past week at her aunt's, Mrs. John Waters, and her uncles, G. R. and Grant Sutton.

Born.

SUTTON.—In Manchester on Wednesday Oct. 24, 1894, to Mr. & Mrs. Grant Sutton, a son.

CONKLIN.—In this village on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1894, to Dr. & Mrs. A. B. Conklin, a daughter.

BURKHARDT.—In Freedom on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 1894, to Mr. & Mrs. George Burkhardt, a daughter.

Died.

SCHNEIDER.—In Freedom on Friday, Oct. 19, 1894, of hernia, Mr. John Conrad Schneider, aged 53 years.

GIESKE.—In Sharon on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1894, of inflammation of the bowels, Emma daughter of Geo. J. Gieske, aged 12 years.

The funeral was held at the Rowe's corner church on Tuesday forenoon.

NEWS IN OTHER TOWNS

For the past Week chronicled in brief FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.

IRON CREEK.

G. R. Sutton has set out a large peach orchard this spring.

Fishing parties are quite numerous at the lake these May days.

J. G. English has begun preparations for the erection of a new house.

Mr. & Mrs. L. M. Baldwin visited near Ypsilanti during the past week.

The new officers of the W. F. M. society are, Mrs. Payne, president; Mrs. Holmes, secretary and treasurer.

The election of church trustees is announced for May 12. J. W. Wellwood and A. D. English are the trustees whose terms expire.

Quite a number from about here attended the farmers' club meeting at Geo. S. Rawson's in Bridgewater, Friday afternoon.

The time of holding church services has been changed to 10:30 a. m. The Sunday school is now fully organized under the superintendence of B. F. Matteson.

Among those in attendance at the meetings Saturday and Sunday were: Rev. J. W. Cooper and A. B. Tuttle of Temperance, Mr. & Mrs. G. F. Harmon and S. C. Morgan of Macon, Rev. B. H. Pelton and Mrs. Alice S. Hulce of Hillsdale.

April 18, 1895 page 3, column 1 under the heading: Local News Galore

Highway Commissioner Sutton has been out looking after the roads and bridges.

May 30, 1895 page 3, column 3 under Iron Creek heading

Highway commissioner Sutton is distributing road warrants among the country districts.

June 27, 1895 page 3, column 3, under Iron Creek heading

Highway Commissioner Sutton has repaired the road at the sink hole in Holmes' neighborhood.

IRON CREEK.

G. Stockinger was in Ann Arbor Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Belvia Waters is teaching in the Dorr district.

Patrick Murphy of Cleveland visited in town last week.

Mrs. G. R. Sutton is visiting at her old home in Cayuga, Canada.

Vincent Green went to Jackson Monday and from there he starts for California.

Arthur Bradley of Franklin teaches the fall term of school in the Nichols district.

Mrs. J. D. Bauer and Mr. & Mrs. C. F. Bauer spent Sunday with friends in Norvell.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1895.

S. W. Farmers' Club.

Friday Nov. 1st was a very pleasant day, both without and within, at Lyman Baldwin's, for the farmers' club congregated there in goodly numbers and the kind host and hostess were very busy making their guests happy. The dinner tables fairly groaned with their loads of good things, and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

President English called the meeting to order. After a piano solo the secretary's report was read and approved. Motion was made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to draft resolutions of respect on the death of David Rose of Sharon, who was a charter member and the first president of the club. S. M. Merrithew, Frank Spafard and J. G. English were appointed.

Mrs. Sutton read a selection entitled "Out from home," describing the impressions of a farmer and his wife who visited the empire state.

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Rev. Ben Sutton of Plainwell was in town Monday night.

IRON CREEK.

Miss Jessie Allen is home from Lyons for the summer vacation.

Mrs. J. B. Buffum and daughter Blanche, of Hillsdale have been visiting friends here the past week.

Mrs. Hannah VanGieson of Clinton county has been the guest of Mrs. A. A. Stringham the past week.

Dr. & Mrs. Zell Baldwin of Lawrence arrived in town last Friday and visited his parents until Tuesday.

The A. C. F. society at its semi-annual meeting Sunday evening elected officers for the next term as follows: President, Albert D. English; vice-president, Mrs. J. F. Holmes; secretary, A. E. Bowins; treasurer, Byron Hunt.

There was a large turnout to children's day exercises last Sunday and the occasion proved a pleasant and profitable one. There were recitations by Dena VanWinkle, Olive Sutton, Maggie Wellwood, Gladys Matteson, Mabel Austin, Ida Hudson, Ruth Herman, Ella McMahan, Fred Bellmore, Richard Sutton, Albert Sutton, Randall Cooley, and Johnnie Loucks; singing by the church choir and by a quartette composed of Misses Dorr, Palmer, Clark and Payne; recitations also by Miss Matie Clark and Mrs. A. E. Bowins, and an address by Rev. Buffum.

IRON CREEK.

There has been a great deal of sickness in this vicinity for some time past.

Liela, Bertha and Louise Grossman spent Sunday at Henry Wolff's in Sharon.

The next social will be at Grant B. Sutton's. Wednesday evening March 4.

Miss Belvia Waters completes her second term of school in the Dorr district this week.

Friends and relatives of Peter Miller are helping him celebrate his 80th birthday today.

The election of a finance committee by the church society will take place next Sunday.

The A. C. F. society had a merry party at the residence of John G. English, Tuesday evening.

Ernest and Fred Stockinger went to Ann Arbor Saturday to spend a week visiting relatives.

Society hereabout is all astir over the announcement of a social event next week,

—the wedding of a bachelor young and maiden fair.

The social at George M. Sutton's last Thursday evening was well attended considering the frigid state of the weather.

The literary programme was one of the best

There was a large attendance at the social at Grant Sutton's last Wednesday evening and an enjoyable time was the result. The usual programme was not carried out but some fine music was called into requisition.

IRON CREEK.

Miss Grace Nelson visited her sister at Jackson last week.

Mrs. Libbie Curtiss and niece, Miss Nina Curtiss, of Litchfield are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Misses Martha Taylor and Georgie Rush-ton went to Hastings yesterday to visit Dr. & Mrs. Geo. Johnson.

Mr. & Mrs. Byron Hunt and Miss Love-day Payne attended quarterly meeting at Dover, Saturday and Sunday.

There was an interesting programme pre-sented at the mission meeting Sunday. The best the society has ever prepared.

Miss Matilda Grossman went to Toledo Monday afternoon to work, but has subscribed for the ENTERPRISE in order to get the news.

The new officers of the woman's mission society are: President, Mrs. S. M. Payne; vice-president, Miss Susie Johnson; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Douglass Baldwin.

Mrs. Emil Filber of Jackson, who has been ill at her father's, L. Herman, since last October, has so far recovered that she was able to go home on Tuesday, where she will spend a week or more and will then return here.

The church is to undergo some repairs this summer and will be re-papered. The matter is in the hands of a committee con-sisting of Rev. I. B. Buffum, Mrs. G. R. Sutton, Mrs. Byron Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. C. D. McMahon, G. M. Sutton and A. D. English.

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IRON CREEK.

F. A. Miller of Franklin was here Sun-day.

The next social will be with Mrs. J. B. Holmes, Thursday afternoon, June 10.

Mrs. Douglass Baldwin has been visiting at Oakley, Saginaw county, the past week.

Highway Commissioner Sutton was out Friday and Saturday distributing his road warrants.

Highway Commissioner Sutton has had the bridge, over Iron Creek near the Clark place, repaired the abutment walls having fallen down.

G. R. Sutton makes daily trips to Clinton, drawing milk to the Allen creamery.

~~A. F. Freeman, F. M. Freeman, A. J. Waters, J. H. Kingsley, T. J. Farrell, Frank Spaford, T. B. Bailey, A. D. English, T. F. Rushton, Herbert Watkins, F. Steinkohl, Grant Sutton were delegates to the republican convention.~~

Sept 22, 1898 page 3, column 3

IRON CREEK.

~~James Eagan was in Jackson Monday on business.~~

~~Christian Bowers is seriously ill with pneumonia.~~

~~Miss Achie Hall went to Toledo Wednesday to visit friends two weeks.~~

~~Mrs. J. Howe of Phelps, N. Y. is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. R. Holmes.~~

~~Miss Lizzie Moody of Hillsdale visited her friend Miss Lucy English the past week.~~

~~Frank Hall, Porter Brower and Grant Sutton are among the delegates to the republican representative convention at Saline next week.~~

IRON CREEK.

Lee Bolster of Blissfield, was here over Sunday.

John Lemm of North Sharon spent Sunday here.

Miss Lucy Kirk of Clinton, is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Elizabeth Noone of Jackson, was the guest of Mrs. Michael Fahey, Friday and Saturday.

The A. C. F. society hold a social at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. R. Holmes, Friday evening, Feb. 17.

Mrs. John Bowins of Cayuga, Canada, is visiting her sons, G. R. and A. E. Bowins, and her daughter, Mrs. G. R. Sutton.

~~James Eagan entertained a number of friends at his home, Wednesday evening. Cards and dancing were indulged in and an enjoyable time was had by all.~~

~~While erecting a scaffolding Saturday in one of the out buildings belonging to John Smith, Leonard Smith fell, cutting his leg and injuring himself quite seriously.~~

June 29, 1899 page 3, column 1

Richard, the 13-year-old son of Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Sutton of Iron Creek, came very near his death Monday morning.

While driving a mowing machine the horses ran away with him and he was thrown directly in front of the cutter bar. Under the circumstances it would seem that he could not escape being mangled and torn, if not killed outright. Very fortunately, however, and in some way that cannot be explained, the machine was thrown out of gear when the lad fell and thus, though he is badly injured, he still lives. Dr. Kapp was called to attend him and found one rib broken and his body and head badly bruised and his back injured. He is now as comfortable as could be expected.