

(RANKS) DETWILER

1942 Feb.13 Wed. In London Ont.
Mrs. Jane (Allan) Ranks, age 101
st year formerly of Warwick Twp.
Predeceased by her husband,
George Ranks, 1837-1924 age 87 yrs.

MRS. JANE (ALLEN) RANKS, ONE OF PIONEER SETTLERS
SAW MANY CHANGES IN WESTERN ONTARIO
IN CENTURY.

One of the few remaining links with the Western Ontario of nearly a century ago was lost yesterday with the death of Mrs. Jane Ranks, were pioneer residents of Lambton County. Mrs. Ranks, was born 21 May 1839, in Dublin Ireland, and with her parents and brothers and sisters, came to Quebec 97 years ago. After a short stay in the East, the family came to Brantford, thence through London, then a place with one hotel, and settled in Warwick Twp. where the sons and daughters of the family helped to "log" the land.

Hardship in those times was the order of the day. Mrs. Ranks, mother often walked to Adelaide Village for provisions, and at times even walked all the way to Brantford for family needs. As a girl, Mrs. Ranks, learned to spin, and hired herself out to neighbors for the sum of 50 cents a week, spinning all through the daylight hours and at night helping her employers with the cooking and caring for the babies.

These were wild days in Western Ontario, and courage was needed by anyone who walked through the woods of Warwick Township. Mrs. Ranks, went on many errands of mercy to the neighbors, protected only from wolves by a flaming torch of pine wood, and she saw wolves every night lurking in the shadows.

For many years Mr. and Mrs. Ranks, lived at Arkona, and Mr. Ranks died (1837-1924 age 87 years), shortly after they moved to London, 16 years ago. Mrs. Jane Ranks, is survived by 2 daughters Mrs. Mary Ann Lee, of Wellandport Ont. and Mrs. Rebecca (David) Detwiler, of London, a son John Ranks, of Makinak, Man. and 10 grandchildren 19 great grandchildren.

The remains are resting at her daughter's home, 8 Cynthia St. and the funeral will be held from there tomorrow at 2 pm.

Burial Arkona Cemetery.

Born 1864 Mar. 10

" MY RELATIVES "